



African Evaluation Association
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12th AfrEA Conference

MARRAKECH, MOROCCO
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PROPOSALS

Open June 24, 2026

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The African Evaluation Association (AfrEA), in partnership with the Moroccan Evaluation Association, is pleased to invite submissions for the 12th AfrEA International Conference. The conference will be held in Marrakech, Morocco between November 23-27, 2026.

In the past, various participants from Africa and around the world have submitted and presented papers and posters, chaired panels, and facilitated professional development workshops. The conference serves as a platform to promote and support AfrEA's **"Made in Africa Evaluation"** approach, and enables sharing of knowledge, collaboration, and networking with a diverse range of international organizations and individuals.

With a theme titled

Evaluation in the Era of the Polycrisis: The Role of Evaluation in Support of African Sovereignty and Resilience in the Face of Global Disruptions,

the 12th AfrEA
conference aims to:

- Analyze the implications of the multiple crises on development trajectories in Africa and examine the role of evaluation in developing resilient, adaptive, and transformative responses.
- Explore African approaches to evaluation grounded in endogenous knowledge, the decolonization of evaluation practices, and the strengthening of community participation.
- Examine the opportunities and challenges associated with integrating information technology and artificial intelligence to enhance the agility, quality, and use of evaluations in complex contexts.
- Promote inclusive evaluation approaches that integrate priorities related to youth, gender, and climate change, in accordance with the principle of "leaving no one behind."
- Strengthen exchanges and networking among researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and development partners to stimulate innovation, knowledge sharing, and collaborations in evaluation in Africa.

Call for abstracts

Proposals for Papers, Workshops, Panels, Roundtables and Exhibitions are welcome in any of the following 4 conference strands:

Rethinking Development Paradigms in the Era of the Polycrisis: What Transformative Role Can Evaluation Play in Strengthening Resilience in Africa?



Decolonizing Evaluation Practices: Toward African Approaches Rooted in Indigenous Knowledge and Community Participation in a Changing Global Context



Information technology and artificial intelligence: what levers can drive adaptive and innovative evaluation in the face of the dynamics of the polycrisis?



Leaving no one behind" in the era of the polycrisis: promoting evaluation that is sensitive to the challenges of youth inclusion, gender, and climate change adaptation in Africa.



Deadlines for abstract submissions

Submission Opens:

Online Abstract Submission Opens June 24, 2026

Submission deadline for abstracts:

Abstracts should be submitted electronically no later than July 30, 2026 at 17hrs 00GMT

Notification of acceptance of abstracts:

All applications will be informed whether their abstracts have been selected for the conference by September 10, 2026

The deadline for receipt of full papers:

AfrEA needs to receive all full papers no later than September 30, 2026 at 17hrs 00 GMT

Submit all abstracts electronically via the AfrEA website

Paper presentations

Written papers engage a debate in evaluation, report critically on completed evaluation, aim to clarify issues in evaluation theory and propose new and innovative evaluation paradigms. Paper submissions entail a written paper in final form by 27 July 2026 and an oral presentation during the conference where the presentation time is divided equally between the PowerPoint presentation and questions from the floor, for response by the presenter.

Paper proposals should indicate:

1. Title of the paper, clearly indicating it as is on the paper presentation
2. Name/s, title/s and institutional affiliation/s of author
3. Name and title of presenting author
4. Email and telephone contact details of presenting author
5. A 300 to 500 words abstract must be included and contain information on the context, overview of the content of the presentation and a summary of the results and conclusions that will be presented
6. Abstracts must be submitted on the AfrEA conference website. [Abstracts that are accepted will be included in the conference programme as they stand, and authors are required to ensure that they are adequately proof-read before submission]



In addition, please note that:

- Submitted papers may be considered for publication in the African Evaluation Journal. Authors are required to sign a statement indicating whether their paper has been previously published, in which journal, or in what format
- Abstracts speaking to the theme would be favorably considered

Roundtable presentations

Roundtables usually entail evaluation work-in-progress. During such sessions, authors make available a manuscript for debate to clarify, strengthen argumentation and consider next steps. Sessions aim to assist the author to complete the manuscript with the view to publish. We encourage participants to bring draft or in-progress reports about interesting initiatives for brainstorming and advice. Abstracts for a Roundtable should be 300 to 500 words and should be submitted in Microsoft Word format. Please note that a hard copy of the written manuscript in progress, with issues for discussion, should be made available in sufficient numbers to attendees at the presentation.



Poster presentations

Poster presentations entail a poster size presentation with images as well as text. Posters usually depict an evaluation study including questions asked in the study through methodology, data, findings and conclusions. Posters will be displayed during the conference, and presenters need to be available to respond to questions about the poster on display. Abstracts for Poster displays should be no longer than 300 to 500 words and must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document. Accepted Poster presentations will be displayed in the exhibition hall for the duration of the conference. Posters should measure approximately 95 cm in width and 1.5 m in height.



Exhibition presentations

Exhibition presentations should indicate:

1. The title of the exhibition
2. The name of the member association or organisation
3. The contact details (including e-mail address)
4. Should be accompanied by a half- to one page description of the exhibition stating the materials required and the language (French or English)



Workshops and training sessions

The organisers invite African and international M&E experts, donors, foundations, individual consultants, universities, and other African government organisations, private sector training providers and NGOs to submit proposals to facilitate professional development workshops during the initial two and a half days of the conference.

Workshops Proposals should list:

1. Workshop Title
2. Facilitator name/s, background, qualifications and affiliation
3. Description of experience in training in the field and history of the workshop or course
4. Contact details of the presenting entity or facilitator
5. Course length: half/1/2 days
6. Target participants: beginner, intermediate or advanced participants?
7. Workshop description/programme of activities (including learner outcomes, key themes, training methodology)
8. Accreditation
9. Ideal and maximum number of participants
10. Special requirements
11. Description of course materials
12. Language in which workshop will take place (French or English)

Workshop and training proposals must be submitted online via the AfrEA conference portal. All proposals will be considered and during the selection of workshops preference will be given to accredited courses, to (non-accredited) scarce-skills development courses and workshops offered by presenters with substantial international experience in M&E training.