

UGANDA ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

CALL FOR EXHIBITION PROPOSALS

ABOUT THE UGANDA ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Seeking to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, Uganda's sustainable development aspirations are delivered through a number of interlinked strategies and plans, including the UN-Level 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the African Union Agenda 2063 and Uganda's own National Development Plans and other strategies. Partners and stakeholders all generally agree on the need to continually and regularly follow up and review these frameworks to ensure that the country, both at national and at subnational levels, is on track to achieve sustainable development.

It is against this backdrop that the Government of Uganda proposes a national level annual forum that brings together different partners with interest in sustainable development, to foster mutual learning and help both state and non-state actors to accelerate implementation of the various frameworks. This Platform shall hereafter be referred to as the Uganda Annual Sustainable Development Conference (ASDC-UG). This demonstrates that while the forum will be coordinated by the SDG Secretariat in the Office of the Prime Minister and therefore will focus greatly on Uganda's progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), there may be forums that are intended to tackle other related but broader sustainable development issues and topics. The initial forum, however, will look closely at the SDGs.

As a means of accelerating the implementation of the new SDG roadmap, building a strong leadership culture and popularizing the SDGs, the Government of Uganda, through coordination by the Office of the Prime Minister has initiated a domestic platform – the Uganda Annual Sustainable Development Goals Conference – for expedited follow-up, review and validation of progress made on the SDGs and the African Union Agenda 2063, as well as on all commitments and recommendations in the country's second Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report.

It is expected that the annual conference will facilitate sharing of ideas and good practices at local and national level, and catalyze actions to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the associated SDGs. The planned SDG annual event will also facilitate sharing and analyzing national progress on SDGs and prepare different stakeholders to participate in the annual High Level Political Forum (HLPF) as it will draw key messages, which will be a collective input to the HLPF on all the deliberations of the conference.

The ASDGC-UG shall be multi-stakeholder platform organized jointly by the Government of Uganda under the Office of the Prime Minister in collaboration with the United Nations in Uganda and other development partners, civil society, academia, the private sector and local governments for peer learning. It will be hosted by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister whose office is responsible for the 2030 Agenda coordination in Uganda but also draw participation of Cabinet Ministers, Senior Government Officials, local authorities, United Nations Experts, Private sector, Civil Society Organizations and the Academia to share progress against the SDG indicators and respective targets.

THE UGANDA ANNUAL SDG CONFERENCE 2022

The first Uganda Annual Sustainable Development Goals Conference (ASDGC-UG) will be held from 7 June to 8 June 2022, under the theme, "Building Effective Models, Partnerships and Coherent Response for the

SDGs in the Post COVID-19 Era”. The opening of the conference will be officiated by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda. The ASDGC-UG 2022 is premised on the need to foster stakeholder reviews on the SDG Progress Report 2021 and to reflect on the impact of COVID-19 in the implementation of national priorities highlighted in the Third National Development Plan (NDP III). The conference will also focus on mobilizing partners to support implementation of the new SDG Roadmap (2021-2025) and continuously building momentum and for a cohesive national SDG Coordination Framework.

The ASDGC-UG 2022 will be conducted under the three sub themes:

- *Priorities and policy recommendations to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Financing for SDGs.*
- *“Leaving No Behind: Where is the data and evidence?”*
- *Localizing SDGs: What does it mean and how do we do it.*

The conference will be held in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and online participation. The details for both options will be made available as soon as they are finalized. Further information on the ASDGC-UG 2022, including technical reports and electronic resources, will be posted at <https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/>.

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The ASDGC-UG 2022 is aimed at providing a platform for the exchange of cutting-edge ideas, experiences, showcase of innovations and new ideas. It is a unique opportunity for individuals and organizations to have an audience for their work towards the attainment of the 2030 SDG Agenda. The ASDG-UG2022 will therefore host a number of exhibitors to showcase their practices or proposed practices in protecting the natural foundations of life and our planet everywhere and for everyone, and preserving people's opportunities to live in dignity and prosperity across generations.

In addition, the conference will organize two workshops:

- (i) Local Governments and their role in localizing the SDGs and
- (ii) Young people in supporting acceleration of SDGs.

Individuals and organisations are invited to submit their proposals for Exhibitions using the [Exhibition Request Form](#) by **May 1 2022**. Please note that the exhibitions will take place concurrently with the conference on June 7 and 8 2022.

Focus of the exhibitions:

It is vital for organizers to note that the exhibitions should be organized with the objective of sharing experiences, best practices and innovative perspectives on the themes and subthemes of the ASDGC-UG 2022 and should add to the wealth of knowledge and guidance on addressing challenges facing the Ugandan and International community. The Exhibitions should add to the wealth of approaches to attainment of the 2030 Agenda through innovation.

Exhibitions Format

- The Exhibition will last for 1-2 days.
- Organizers will carry out physical exhibitions.
- Space for exhibitions will be provided.

Selection criterion

- Any individual(s) or organization(s) / Company(ies) interested in exhibiting during the Uganda Annual SDG Conference 2022 can submit a proposal;
- Owing to time and other considerations, only those whose proposals will be accepted will exhibit;
- The submission must be on the exhibition request form, providing a detailed description of the exhibition (one - pager), the organizers and how the exhibition would contribute to Sustainable Development;

Applicants will be informed of the results of the selection process and a list of all exhibitors will be published after review.

To submit the form and for more information, **please contact: ..**