26TH NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

THEME: TAPPING ENGINEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCELERATED AFCFTA IMPLEMENTATION

THURSDAY 17TH – FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST 2023

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BACKGROUND AND THEME

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The Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers (UIPE) is organizing the 26th National Technology Conference and Exhibition (NTCE). The Conference is slated to take place on **Thursday 17th – Friday 18th August 2023 Hotel Africana, Kampala (Uganda).** UIPE is a professional entity that brings together all engineers in Uganda. It started in 1972 – 50 years ago.

The NTCE is a regular forum convened by UIPE, to provide space where key stakeholders within the engineering fraternity gather to share engineering knowledge, innovations, experiences, research findings, interrogate science, cutting edge technologies and approaches, among other pertinent issues. The last NTCE was held in December 2022 and it brought together over 500 stakeholders and was focused on celebrating UIPE@50.

THEME

Tapping Engineering Opportunities for Accelerated AfCFTA Implementation

AfCFTA: African Continental Free Trade Area

SUB-THEMES

- Engineering procurement and contracting of professional services and works
- Transboundary engineering systems
- Innovations
- Embracing Digital Transformation in the engineering profession
- Industrialization
- Agro-processing
- Engineering Standards
- Engineering Labour Mobility
- Multi-lateral Infrastructure: energy, road, rail, maritime and air freight
- Mineral Exploration and Processing
- Environmental Protection and Climate Change Mitigation
- Logistics handling and supply chain infrastructure

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ATTENDANCE, EXHIBITION & FEES

ATTENDANCE

The momentous NTCE deliberations will convene engineering professionals, development partners, researchers, policy makers, scientists, technocrats, manufacturers, consultants, contractors, architects, technicians, technologists, quantity surveyors, service industrialists, among others. These will come, deliberate and exchange useful and meaningful ideas, on what actually works, as far as the engineering profession is concerned.

	Category	Conference Fees
1	UIPE Member	300,000
2	Non UIPE Members (Ugandan)	350,000
3	Non UIPE Member (international & regional)	USD$ 150 (VAT exclusive)
4	Student (member UIPE)	50,000
5	Student (non UIPE member)	100,000
6	Side Event	USD $15,000

For regional and international NTCE delegates, please refer to the travel packages of our official conference Airline.
To avoid issues, hotel bookings for regional and international delegates should be done through the UIPE Secretariat.

EXHIBITION SERVICES

During the NTCE deliberations – **local, regional and international exhibitors** will be given an opportunity to showcase their state–of–the–art technological solutions from various technologists, researchers, engineering firms and manufacturers, among others. All standard booth units are 3m x 3m = 9 m2. Upon receipt of the exhibition rental contract by the organisers, all the prospective exhibitors will be serviced with a payable tax invoice. For more details, please refer to the conference **Exhibition Pack.**

	A–Rental Charges	Equipped Stand per m2 (excluding VAT)
1	Company (Local)	USD$ 200 per m2 (USD$ 1,800 per booth, 9m2)
2	Company (International)	USD$ 260 per m2 (USD$ 2,340 per booth, 9m2)

fixed partitions, flag name–sign, 2 chairs, table, power and lighting for two (2) exhibition days. Costs exclude VAT.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The event will include plenaries, side events, verbal presentations, and poster presentations.

IMPORTANT DATES
Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: **31st May 2023**
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts: **30th June 2023**
Deadline for Submitting Presentations (Poster / Verbal): **28th July 2023**
Date for the Conference: **Thursday 17th – Friday 18th August 2023**
Submit Abstract Via: **https://forms.gle/ZKTCDkPirPSqCQQU7**
Submit Side Event Via: **https://forms.gle/7ZcNhvaJLqoKEUKH8**

ABSTRACT REVIEW CRITERIA

Submissions will be ranked through double-blinded peer review. Acceptance will be based on content, available space, and overall program balance. Each abstract will be evaluated based on the degree to which it:

- Presents an original argument (not only a descriptive account of a project)
- Offers a clear rationale, intellectual-grounding, and outcome/payoff for the presentation (i.e., "so what"), including practical advice on best practices or tools that can be implemented by people in the community
- Is clear and well written. Abstracts should be free from spelling and grammatical errors. Where appropriate, background, methods, results, and conclusions should be clear. For all abstracts, the topic and key learning objectives should be obvious.

HOW TO WRITE A SUCCESSFUL ABSTRACT
Your abstract should briefly explain the importance and novelty of the research, be accurate and succinct, and readable. Keep it short and to the point **(600 words maximum):**

1. What (i.e. the focus): Clearly explain your idea or question your work addresses.
2. Why (i.e., the purpose): Explain why your focus is important.
3. How (i.e., methods): Describe how you collected information/data to answer your question.
4. Results: Share your results–the information you collected. What does the data say?
5. Conclusion: State your conclusion(s) by relating your data to your original question. Discuss the connections between your results and the problem. If your project is still 'in progress' and you don't yet have solid conclusions, use this space to discuss what you know at the moment (i.e., lessons learned so far, emerging trends, etc).

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Responsibilities of the Presenting Author

- The first author listed for each abstract serves as the presenting author and as the primary contact for all correspondence regarding the abstract.
- The presenting author must be one of the co-authors listed on the submitted abstract.
- The presentation at the conference must reflect the submitted abstract. Specifically, the abstract title, authorship, and scientific content must match the submitted abstract.
- Notification regarding acceptance or rejection will be sent to the presenting author by email at the end of June 2023.
- If your abstract is accepted, you will receive an email that specifies whether it is accepted as a verbal or poster presentation.
- You must RSVP by the date specified. Abstracts are withdrawn if your RSVP is not received by the specified date. Please contact us at **ntc@uipe.co.ug** if you are unable to meet the RSVP deadline.

Conference Session Formats

- Verbal presentations are assigned in 20-minute increments (15 minutes to present with 5 minutes for questions). Length and format are subject to change.
- Verbal presentations should present original arguments.
- Abstracts that are simply project descriptions will not be accepted.
- Poster presentations are assigned and presented in a reception style format.

Selecting Preferred Presentation Format

- Please select the formats in which you are willing to present/publish your presentation at the time of abstract submission. This choice cannot be changed after the review committee has made its final decision (i.e., if you are not willing to present a verbal, please choose poster only). Submitted abstracts will be considered eligible for either one verbal or one poster presentation.
- Authors select one of three options:
1. Verbal Presentation (will NOT be considered for poster)
2. Poster Presentation (will NOT be considered for verbal regardless of score)
3. Verbal or Poster Presentation (will be considered for either verbal OR poster based on score)
- Please note that declining to have your abstract considered for poster presentation does not improve the chance of being accepted for a verbal presentation. This option should be selected primarily by authors not willing/able to present a poster.

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FOR PAYMENTS AND INQUIRIES

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100% payment before the start of the event by CHEQUE or BANK TRANSFER,
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