



THEME: RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

1.0 BACKGROUND

The International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED) in partnership with the Ministry of Planning and Development-Ethiopia, University of Gondar, Policy Studies Institute, Ethiopian Economics Association, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Market, Risk and Resilience of the University of California at Davis, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana, Ethiopian Evaluation Association, Jimma University, Global Development Network, Ministry of Finance-Ethiopia, Makerere University-Uganda and other partners are organizing the 2023 Evidence to Action (E2A) Conference and Exhibition.

The event would be held in Ethiopia at the Ethiopian Economics Association Auditorium, in Addis Ababa, from **24th to 28th July, 2023** and would entail 2 days of pre-conference events/side events and the 3-day conference and exhibition.

The conference would bring together key actors and stakeholders across the continent and globe, within all stages of the value chain of evidence-based policymaking and practice, including high calibre of experts, government actors and policymakers, research institutions, academia, civic society organizations, international NGOs, United Nations Agencies, private sector organizations and industry, global business leaders and entrepreneurs, and the media.

2.0 CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The conference would have the following specific objectives, revolving around resilience and recovery:

- i. Provide a platform for researchers, academia, policymakers, development practitioners and private sector actors to exchange knowledge, evidence and shared learning on regional and continental issues and shocks;
- ii. Deepen locally-led approaches towards mainstreaming evidence-based policymaking for resilience and recovery, through contextualized socioeconomic realities within Africa;
- iii. Foster cooperation, resource partnerships and collectively tailored solutions among key actors and stakeholders that scale up, rather than duplicate sustainable development efforts on the continent;
- iv. Explore the role of new technologies, data and innovation in building resilience, and to identify opportunities for leveraging these tools to address global shocks effectively and inclusively; and



- v. Recommend approaches for strengthening policy, practice, programs and institutional structures to accelerate resilience and recovery towards leaving no one behind and realizing the Africa we want.

3.0 DELEGATES AND PARTICIPANTS

The conference would bring together a high calibre of experts, government actors and policymakers, research institutions, academia, civic society organizations, international NGOs, United Nations Agencies, private sector organizations and industry, global business leaders and entrepreneurs, and the media.

4.0 CONFERENCE THEME

This year’s theme “Resilience and Recovery” proffers a unique and exciting opportunity to deepen dialogues, shared learning and strategies to accelerate resilience and recovery, while exploring utilization focused, evidence-based, tailored, scalable solutions across the globe. It would also emphasize Africa contexts in support of [Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030](#) and the [Africa Union Agenda 2063](#).

4.1 Sub-Themes

The sub-themes of the conference are highlighted below:

- i. Improving agricultural adaptation to climate change, and resilience to agricultural shocks;
- ii. Effective strategies for peace building, stabilization and responses to conflict and forced-displacement;
- iii. Strengthening health and education systems for resilience to and recovery from pandemics and other global public health crises;
- iv. Engaging youth as active agents of change and emerging leaders;
- v. Mainstreaming gender equity and women’s economic empowerment for accelerated recovery;
- vi. Inclusive finance for financial resilience: expanding pathways for sustainable socio-economic recovery; and
- vii. Re-imagining social protection and inclusion of marginalized and vulnerable populations in resilience-building efforts.

5.0 IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

No.	Description	Deadlines (2023)
1.	Online submission of abstracts starts	13th March
2.	Submission of abstracts ends	28th April
3.	Notification on acceptance of abstracts	12th May
4.	Deadline for registration and payment of fee	TBD

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| 5. | Receipt of PowerPoint presentations and soft copy of the poster presentation | 20th July |
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6.0 OPPORTUNITIES & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract should be at most 350 words in MS Word, and double-spaced using 12 Times New Roman font. It should include purpose of study, methodology, summary of findings/results, conclusion and significance / contributions of study. Abstract should be written in English. They should be submitted electronically to: <https://mrr.piestar-rfx.com/opportunities>. If you have more than one submission, they must be individually submitted. We are accepting submissions for:

1. Short paper presentations

Papers are intended to generate discussion and therefore should be based on a recently completed evaluation, with the aim of clarifying issues in evaluation theory and propose new and innovative evaluation paradigms. Paper proposals should indicate:

- Title of the paper
- Name, title and institutional affiliation of presenting author
- Email and telephone contact of presenting author
- Papers must be allocated to a specific Sub-theme.

2. Breakout session panel discussions

Breakout sessions will include multiple panelists and a moderator and will be used to present multiple contributions or perspectives under a single topic. In your submission, please:

- Identify the key point of contact for the organization of the panel
- In the abstract field, please indicate each proposed panelist and the contribution of each proposed panelist, as well as the proposed panel moderator/facilitator.

3. Short poster presentations

An exhibition of posters during the evaluation week will be provided for. As such posters with images as well as text will be required for display at a designated space. Posters will be expected to depict an evaluation study including key questions asked, methodology, data, findings, recommendations and conclusions. Posters will be displayed during the conference and presenters need to be available to respond to questions about the poster on display. Accepted Poster presentations will be displayed in the exhibition hall for the duration of the conference. Posters should measure approximately 0.95 m in width and 1.5 m in height. Poster presenters are advised



to submit the hard copy of their posters to the secretariat a day before/on the first day of the conference. Proposals for poster presentation must include:

- Title of the poster
- Name, title and institutional affiliation of presenting author
- Email and telephone contact of presenting author

7.0 CONTACT FURTHER FOR ENQUIRIES

For more information about the conference, abstract submissions, participation and registration, applicable fees, hosting a pre-conference session/side event, please visit our website <https://www.iced-eval.org> or email info@iced-eval.org.

