



The Seventh Africa-Wide Agricultural Extension Week (AAEW) 2025

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) is a Continental body that brings National Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) stakeholders in Africa under one umbrella. The AFAAS bi-annually organizes the Africa-wide Agricultural Extension Week (AAEW) through the Host Countries and Institutions that express interest in collaboration with the respective Country Fora (CFs). The AAEW is an international event that brings together Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) stakeholders and other value chain actors across Africa and globally to deliberate on selected strategic and topical themes on AEAS for sustainable development in Africa. Its purpose is to facilitate processes for improving access to and use of knowledge, technologies, and innovations by agricultural value chain actors to achieve their individual, national and global development goals.

Africa Wide Agricultural Extension Week: The AFAAS uses the Africa Wide Agricultural Extension Week as a unique avenue for sharing experiences and learning between professionals from different backgrounds, strengthening interactions with policymakers and investors and developing strategic partnerships. In addition, the AAEW provides a platform to discuss AFAAS strategic directions and functioning, new developments, emerging needs, paradigms and defining new directions for AEAS in Africa for the coming years.

The 2025 AAEW will be held at the Bingu International Conference Centre (BICC), in Lilongwe, Malawi from 12th May 2025 to 16th May 2025 under the theme: **"Rebranding Extension for Enhanced Public/Private Sector Driven Commercialization Industrialization and Inclusive Food Systems"**. The event has the following seven sub themes:

- i. Strengthening agriculture and AEAS policy environment and institutional frameworks.

- ii. Capacitating and supporting high quality and accessible AEAS prioritization, delivery and utilization systems for commercialization, industrialization, climate action, soil health, and food systems transformation.
- iii. Mobilising AEAS and research, in innovation platforms for resilient RA based agri-production and marketing systems.
- iv. Leveraging Digital Potentials for AEAS & RA.
- v. Adopting Inclusive Strategies/Approaches for Service Provision.
- vi. The role of the youth in Commercialization Industrialization and Inclusive Food Systems".
- vii. Financing commercialization, (Industrialization) and agri-food Systems.

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We invite professionals and practitioners from various agricultural fields, particularly those engaged in agricultural extension and advisory services, to participate in the upcoming Africawide Agricultural Extension Week by submitting and presenting research papers, theoretical perspectives, and experience-based insights (Case studies, Action research, Success stories and Video based presentations). The deadline for submission of your abstract is by Midnight of 30th March 2025 CAT. Papers should focus on any of the four thematic areas above.

Submission Instructions

- Abstracts must be original work and not previously published or presented at a conference.
- The abstract text must be a maximum of 300 words, excluding the title, authors' names, and affiliations.
- The abstract must be of not more than 400 words, excluding the title, authors' names, and affiliations, The text should be written in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced, and left-justified.
- The abstract must have a clear structure, including a brief introduction, methods, results, and conclusions.
- Authors' names should be written in full, and the presenting author's name should be underlined.
- The affiliations of all authors must be included, with the corresponding author's affiliation indicated by an asterisk.
- Each individual can present only one abstract/paper, but it is possible to be co-author of multiple papers.
- Abstracts/Papers should be presented in English and French only.

- The email address of the presenting author must be provided for correspondence.
- In case of multiple-authored paper, one of the authors must register for the conference and pay the appropriate registration fee before the deadline for registration.
- Separate title page should include the title, the name(s) of the author(s) and their affiliation(s) and full contact information (Phone and email).
- An indication whether the proposal / abstract is intended as a paper or as a poster presentation.
- Submission: Submit Abstract to: AAEW25.mafaas@farmradiomw.org
- Accepted papers will be reviewed before and after presentation at the conference, and will be published in AAEW 2025 Conference Report

Important Dates

- Abstract to be submitted on or before midnight of 30th March 2025 CAT
- All accepted presenters to register for the conference and pay the required fee by 15th April 2025