

THE UGANDA NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WEEK (UGNAEW) 2026

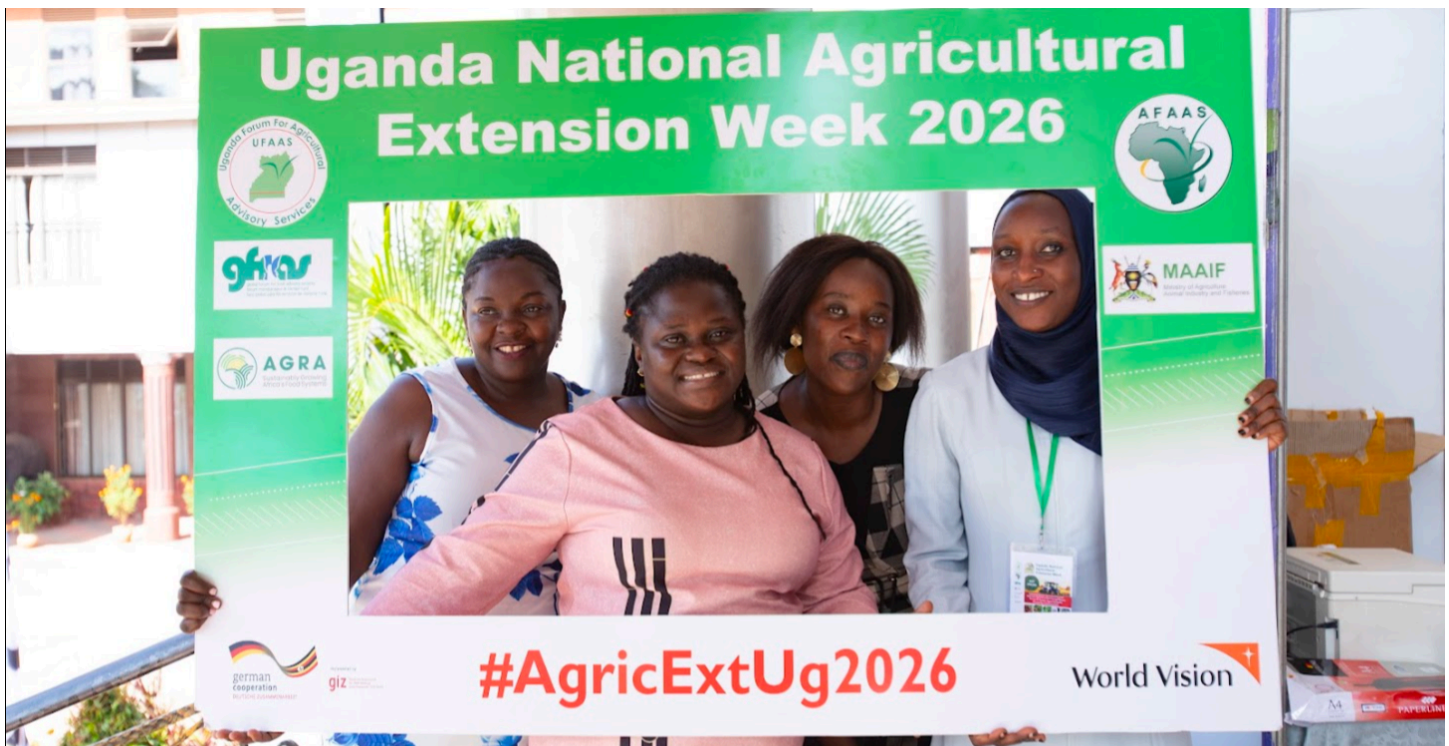
Theme

Unlocking Uganda's Agricultural Potential: Multi-actor Agricultural Extension and advisory services for resilient, digital and market-oriented food systems

Dates: 20-24 April, 2026.

Venue: Silver Springs Hotel, Kampala

MEDIA ASSETS/ HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EVENT



Day One: April 20, 2026

1. Welcome remarks by UFAAS Board Chairperson, Dr Richard Miiro:
<https://ufaas-ugandacf.org/ufaas-chairperson-calls-for-collaboration-at-the-2026-agricultural-extension-week/>

2. Overview of the Extension week by UFAAS CEO, Ms Beatrice Luzobe:
<https://youtu.be/10NNDBsYo04?si=6CBQuYu4oQIRbqL8>
 3. Overview of the Agricultural Extension System in Uganda, by Dr Patience Rwamigisa, Assistant Commissioner: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmdH_pYPbtM
 4. Keynote address by Dr. Sadiq Kassim, Deputy Director General for Technology Promotion at National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO), representing the Director General, Dr. Yona Baguma:
<https://ufaas-ugandacf.org/no-agricultural-transformation-without-research-extension-partnership-keynote-speaker-at-ugnaew2026/>
 5. Remarks by Executive Director, African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS), Dr. Lilian Lihasi Kidula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDvzUyVccBI>
 6. Remarks by the Executive Secretary, Global Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (GFRAS), Dr Carl Erik Larsen: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vX_562reEw4
 7. Speech by the event Guest of Honor, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, represented by Dr. Henry Opolot Nakelet, Commissioner of Extension:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnJ5vN7kNtU>
 8. Goodwill messages from partners- GIZ Uganda and World Vision Uganda:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmVLqf67wls>
 9. Thematic presentations
 - a. Scalable and market-driven AEAS delivery and business models by Dr. Rosemirta Birungi:
<https://youtu.be/VaQ-dfwwKR4>, PPT [here](#).
 - b. Extension for high-value chains by Dr. Dickson Biryomumeisho: <https://youtu.be/2ZCsJP7sRnE>; PPT [here](#).
 10. Presentation on Artificial Intelligence in Agricultural Extension by Dr. Nassib Mugwanyana (NARO):
<https://youtu.be/h4zqpCu4M9w> , PPT [here](#).
 11. Panel- Question and Answer session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGk4gPkLS4I>
 12. Pitching of strategic and business partnerships for unlocking agricultural potential (Farm Africa, EzyAgric, Kilimo Trust, Keri Naturals): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mU4A90ipwVM>
- Note: All the above (including introductions and rejoinders) can be viewed at the livestream link here:*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLKPwZom_tA
13. Media reports
 - a. UBC TV: **Why Uganda's Agricultural Stakeholders Want a New Extension Law-**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-66eRvbqN0s>
 - b. The new Vision (Newspaper): **Agriculture experts call for professionalism as Uganda National Extension Week opens-**
<https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/agriculture/experts-call-for-professionalism-as-uganda-national-extension-week-opens-232186-042026>

- c. Nilepost (online news): **National Agricultural Extension Week 2026 Opens with Push for New Law-**
<https://nilepost.co.ug/news/336183/national-agricultural-extension-week-2026-opens-with-push-for-new-law>
 - d. UBC online news: **Agricultural Extension Stakeholders pushing for a Law to Harmonise Participation**
<https://ubc.go.ug/2026/04/21/agricultural-extension-stakeholders-pushing-for-a-law-to-harmonise-participation/>
 - e. The Spy Uganda: **Let's Act Now! Commissioner Rwamigisa Pushes Bold Reforms To Modernize Agricultural Extension,**
<https://www.spyuganda.com/lets-act-now-commissioner-rwamigisa-pushes-bold-reforms-to-modernize-agricultural-extension/>
 - f. NBS TV: (TBA)
 - g. Print media: The New Vision, April 23, 2026 (see Page 9 of this document)
 - h. Social media highlights: Hashtag #AgricExtUg2026 [X-](#) (formerly Twitter), and [LinkedIn](#). Please connect with us on:
 - i. X- @UFAAS13
 - ii. LinkedIn: Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services ([UFAAS](#))
14. Day 1 Video highlights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwV2SlqCtbA>
15. Day 1 Photos: <https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMWZDWOadA-7CJqAv5FiSDat3NijTT4MrMe7O8G4qF4YpWOR7yDXcpmVoPHaCqYJg?key=dks3cl84cHpxMkZQeDZsRnY3SGRWS3F0dW01TmlR>
16. Event Artwork/ Quotes shared: https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOCMZnYQKSnEHM8-UTmLFxLfbUbaACIX88m_GrMAvMJ3n-vn-2Rw1VsL7eV_wm4l4g?key=bmJtQjNNbzZBdDN1ZkVabjNxn1dSRjA0UGpoa1pB



Group photo of participants at the extension week

Day Two: April 21, 2026

17. Plenary presentations:
 - a. Wearing Scientific Goggles by Dr. Hlami Ngwenya: Recording https://youtu.be/tG7_EMVt7vo; PPT presentation here
 - b. Agro-industrialization - Status and implications for AEAS, by Mr. Denis Mugabi, MAAIF. PPT
18. Parallel sessions (All presentations will be added to the link here once received)
 - a. Scalable and market-driven AEAS delivery and business models
 - b. Extension for high-value chains (Coffee, Horticulture, etc.)
 - c. Extension for high-value chains (Livestock, Aquaculture, Entomoculture, etc.)
 - d. Resilient and climate-smart agricultural systems and practices
19. Capacity building sessions on AI in agricultural extension, strategies for boosting employability, agroecology experiences, and integrating agroecology in extension.
20. Day 2 Video highlights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42OJxXO3W4g>
21. Day 2 Photos:

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNar3s4k4GhmylnPPPCHXmgjTyGj4Dwmb-3UqKiOd3fzm6Vv uHQAoWDXIbKjpByQ?key=OVhldUJMRTVPSDBqdkdYODVvc091Mi0zMHF2ekF3>



Participants for the parallel session on strategies to boost employability



Participants of the session on integrating agroecology in extension

Day Three: April 22, 2026

22. Side event 1: Enhancing Scalable Agricultural Extension and Business Development Services Provision Models in Northern Uganda, hosted by GIZ Uganda
23. Side event 2: Africa Regional Capitalization of Agroecology Extension Experiences: Madagascar and Uganda Experience Sharing. Led by Madagascar FCA, hosted by AFAAS, the GPSAEP project
24. Side event 3: Policy dialogues on private sector-led extension and sustainable last-mile delivery of bundled services in Uganda
25. Side event 4: Dialogue on Extension and in Agroecology: Challenges, Opportunities and Breakthrough
26. Plenary panel discussion on Professionalization of the agricultural workforce
27. DPMOs sharing impressions of the event and key takeaways:
28. Day 3 video highlights/ exhibition: <https://youtu.be/ILVH6uU527w>
29. Day 3 photos: https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPIbCOWI4r-IUHKiHNjbggee2RcMgbwbIBMDF0AeLejY3IqBVYE pPZE3q_CwBEmYWA?key=TIJ2OGZITWd1U19ETGZoeGdHNkIMaVRCQWxBRmZB



Panelists for the session on professionalization of the agricultural workforce



Participants of the policy dialogue on private-sector-led extension and advisory services

Day Four: April 23, 2026 - Field Visits

30. Field visits to:

- a. Uganda Youth at Risk Development Network (UYDNET),
- b. Musibi Farm (One-acre model + Avocado Value Chain
- c. Kampala City Council Authority (KCCA) Farm-Urban Farming
- d. NARO- NaLRI -Livestock;
- e. NARO-NaCCORI (Coffee + Cocoa);
- f. NARO -NARL Crops +Insect Farm; and
- g. NARO- NaCCRI and AVAIL GROUP LTD.



Participants during a field visit at a Bamboo farm



Photos of KCCA Farm Visit (courtesy):

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOE8hUux65l6wtfAWQs3qcNmRIGg3_Y8H-I5310JOYq6s4V6TAZ3WGtAqUohK8clw?key=MXhIbGdDRUR1ZDhmbVd4SC1qU0VocDY3U2xCTXpR

Day Five: April 24, 2026

31. Youth sharing their impressions of the extension week and key takeaways:
32. Highlights from the Regional event, by Lydia Adong and DPMOs:
33. Presentation of the Communique: Policy, practice and Business opportunities for Unlocking Uganda's Agricultural Potential:
34. Brief Evaluation of the event:
35. Official Closing of the 2026 Uganda National Agricultural Extension Week

- a. Remarks by Participants (representatives), UFAAS CEO, UFAAS Board Chair, Partner GIZ Uganda, MAAIF.
- b. Recognition and awards to partners
- c. Closing remarks by World Vision Country Director, represented by Ms Connie Nankya, Director of Marketing, Communications, and Advocacy.

36. Day 5 photos:

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMOOoSI0IQkvT6yOlqcbT74pw1ZnugOAeU7fNo-RnKe9Bhl4t3RYUHpbBT5U6hSc8Q?key=REx3Z0IQVVlyeHEtSW9XclQ4ZTRpRml4Y1BmT2NB>

37. Day 5 Video highlights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67utvVLI6TA>

38. Day 5 Closing Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JCwxWZZru8>

Note: The Day 5 livestream is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jP1tUhGtM60>. Individual sessions will be uploaded to our YouTube Page in due course.

39. Media

- a. NTV: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmYKWWIUCA4>
- b. The New Vision: (TBA)



Youth representatives after a panel discussion



Awardees (holding plaques) with some of the event officials.

NEW LAW TO REGULATE PROVISION OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES


BY SIMON OKITELA

The Government plans to reintroduce the National Agriculture Extension Bill that seeks to regulate provision of extension services in the country, a move expected to align operations and unlock the potential of the agricultural sector.

The National Agriculture Extension Bill was introduced in cabinet once a couple of years ago, but its principles were withdrawn following a decision by the Government to rationalise its agencies.

According to Henry Nakelet Opolot, the Commissioner, Agriculture Extension at the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), this law will help organise agriculture extension and advisory services in the country once enacted.

Opolot was speaking on behalf of the agriculture minister Frank Tumwebaze on Monday during the opening of the Uganda National Agricultural Extension Week at Silver Springs Hotel in Bugolobi, Kampala, under the theme: *Unlocking Uganda's Agricultural Potential: Multi-actor*



Opolot

Agricultural Extension and Advisory services for Resilient, digital and Market-Oriented Agri-Food Ecosystems.

"The Bill was withdrawn, but was meant to be resubmitted. Now that we are done with rationalisation of government agencies, there is now no contradiction in terms of regulation and functions.


"In the coming months, it will be resubmitted," Opolot noted.

He also told the attendees that once passed into law, it will better organise agriculture extension and advisory services in Uganda, an area that remains critical to the sector.

"Some of the extension workers operating now are not accountable to the system and even those under

BETWEEN THE LINES

● The sector needs to establish credibility through working with professional extension service providers with the right attitudes and expertise to address the real challenges faced by farmers.



Dr Miiro

the non-government organisations, it's difficult to trace their output. So, we need this regulation to generate guidelines to define respect roles for service providers," he added.

TOWARDS TENFOLD GROWTH

Dr Richard Miiro, the chairperson of the Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS), said they are seeking to come up with an effective extension model of reaching farmers and also execute their work professionally.

"We need proper licensing, standards and training of public and private providers to enable them to reach thousands of farmers requiring these services and support the sector

change, price fluctuations and now global uncertainties," Miiro said

EXPERT OPINIONS

Sector experts lauded the move, but called for stronger financial backing and structural improvements.

"New law on paper might not create a real impact in the sector. The country will require structures to efficiently implement the law and streamline operations. Let us not use limited financing as an excuse for not delivering," said Dr Carl Erik, the executive director of the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services.

According to Beatrice Luzobe, the chief executive officer of UFAAS, the week brings together over 200 participants physically and virtually from over 40 districts. It offers a platform for farmers, private companies, government and NGOs to share innovations and engage in field visits to farms doing value addition and urban farming to acquire the necessary knowledge.

As consultations continue, the proposed law is expected to play a critical role in reshaping Uganda's agricultural sector and advancing inclusive economic growth.

Newspaper extract. The New Vision, April 23, 2026

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