



**11th International Conference of the
African Association of Women in Geosciences**

GEOSCIENCES & THE FUTURE OF AFRICA

**Emerging technologies, innovations
and inclusive growth**

1 - 5 October 2025

KAMPALA-UGANDA

Organized by
**AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF
WOMEN IN GEOSCIENCES
(AAWG)**

Hosted by
**WOMEN IN GEOSCIENCES
ASSOCIATION OF UGANDA
(WGAU)**



INVITATION

Geoscientists from around the world are cordially invited to attend the 11th International Conference of the African Association of Women in Geosciences on **"GEOSCIENCES AND THE FUTURE OF AFRICA: Emerging Technologies, Innovations and Inclusive Growth"** to be held in Kampala (Uganda), October 1-5, 2025. The conference is organized by the African Association for Women in Geosciences (AAWG) and hosted by the Women in Geosciences Association of Uganda (WAGU).

WHY UGANDA?

Located in East Africa, Uganda is a land of breathtaking landscapes, rich biodiversity, and vibrant cultures. Known as the "Pearl of Africa," the country hosts spectacular natural wonders, including the source of the Nile River, Lake Victoria-the world's largest tropical lake-and lush national parks home to the Big Five and rare mountain gorillas. Geologically, Uganda lies at the heart of the East African Rift, a region rich in tectonic activity. The country features diverse geological formations, including Precambrian cratons and abundant mineral resources such as gold, copper, and rare earth elements. Uganda's landscape is shaped by active and extinct volcanoes, rift valley escarpments, geothermal sites, and significant hydrocarbon deposits. It provides a unique environment for studying tectonics, sedimentology, and resource exploration within an evolving continental rift system. As an emerging hub for geoscientific research and sustainable resource management, Uganda offers an exciting opportunity for earth scientists to explore, collaborate, and contribute to global knowledge.



OBJECTIVES



The future of Africa is deeply linked to natural resources. The advancement of geosciences, as emerging technologies and innovations reshape how these resources are explored, managed, and utilized. High-tech tools such as artificial intelligence, remote sensing, and geospatial data analysis, are revolutionizing industries like mining, energy, and water resource management, enabling more efficient and sustainable practices. These innovations not only enhance economic development but also promote environmental stewardship, ensuring that resource extraction aligns with long-term sustainability goals.

Moreover, fostering inclusive growth is essential to empower local communities to actively participate in and benefit from geoscience-driven advancements. Strong collaboration between governments, academic institutions, and the private sector is key to bridging knowledge gaps and creating policies that support responsible resource utilization. By embracing technological progress and prioritizing inclusivity, Africa should exploit its vast geological wealth to drive sustainable development, economic resilience, and a prosperous future for all.

SUBTHEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

Geosciences and Society

Theme 1 - Geoheritage, Geoconservation, Geotourism, Geoparks, Museology and sustainable socio-economic development

Theme 2 - Earth Sciences Education and Public Communication, Geoethics, Geosciences History

Theme 3 - Water resources

Theme 4 - Evolution of the Biosphere, Soil Science & Biogeoscience

Theme 5 - Geohazards

Theme 6 - Remote Sensing Technologies and Data and Information Systems

Theme 7 - Environmental Geosciences Climate Change and adaptability

Theme 8 - Medical Geology

Theme 9 - Women, Geosciences and inclusive development.

Theme 10 - Geosciences diplomacy

Geosciences and Economy

Theme 11 - Mineral Resources and Mining Engineering

Theme 12 - Petroleum Systems, Geoennergetic resources and applied geophysics

Theme 13 - Engineering Geology and Geomechanics

Theme 14 - Geostatistics and Mathematical Geosciences

Theme 15 - Gemology

Fundamental of Geosciences

Theme 16 - Magmatic Processes and Volcanology

Theme 17 - Rock Deformation, Structural Geology and Metamorphic processes

Theme 18 - Sedimentary Processes, Stratigraphy, Biostratigraphy

Theme 19 - Marine Geosciences and Oceanography

Theme 20 - Palaeontology and Palaeo-anthropology

Theme 21 - Geomorphology, Quaternary Geology & Geoarchaeology

Theme 22 - Planetary Sciences





Call for papers.

All international geoscientists communities are invited to join us during the 11th international conference of the African Association of Women in Geosciences. Authors are requested to submit their abstracts which will be reproduced in an abstract volume to be distributed to the participants during the conference. All abstracts should be prepared according to the guidelines given below.

Instruction for submission of abstracts.

The abstract should not exceed 1 page (500 words) in English, French or Portuguese. The topic covered should be relevant to the sub-themes of the meeting. The name, address (telephone, fax and email) of the author must be clearly specified. The names of the co-authors should be written in capital letters to allow for the distinction from the first author. Deadline for submission of abstracts is 30th June 2025.

It must be submitted electronically in MSWORD

The preferred font is Times New Roman; Title 14 font size; Authors and Affiliations 12 font size; and Text 10 font size with single line spacing.

The text must be typed leaving a 3 cm on the right and 2.5 cm on the top, bottom, and left margins.

Guidelines for abstracts

The abstracts should be laid out in accordance with the main formatting points listed below. A limited amount of re-formatting may be undertaken by the conference secretariat, but submissions that are grossly aberrant will be returned to authors for correction.

For any queries, please contact the conference secretariat at: caawg11.uganda2025@gmail.com



Submission of Abstracts

The abstracts should be sent as an attached file to: caawg11.uganda2025@gmail.com before 15th June 2025. The name of the electronic file must include the name of the first author, e.g. Salisu.doc. You will receive your acceptance and invitation letters within a few weeks after the reception of your registration forms and abstracts.

Language

The languages of the conference are English and French.



Publication of the Papers

This will be communicated in the final circular.



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 2025:	First circular
June 2025 :	Deadline for sending registration forms and abstracts
July 2025 :	Notification acceptance and invitation letters
June 2025 :	Second circular
1-5 October:	2025 : Conference and associated activities

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

1 October 2025	Celebrations of 30th AAWG anniversary
2-3 October 2025	Plenary and presentation of papers
3 October 2025 evening	cultural entertainment
4-5 October 2025	Two days field trip

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

150 USD

Non member Participants

100 USD

Speakers and members of other associations

50 USD

AAWG and its affiliates members and students.

Registration fees cover the abstract volume, coffee breaks and conference lunches. The Workshops/Courses/Trainings and the field trip are not included in the fees.

More information will be given in the second circular.



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Family Name (Ms./Mrs./Mr.)

First Name.....

Institution / Company Address

City.....Country.....

Phone.....Fax.....

E-mail.....

I am interested in attending the conference I will present a paper
 Oral Poster

Title of the paper

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Theme.....

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I would like to participate to the field trip Yes No

Please, type or complete this form in print letters and return it accompanied by your abstract(s) before the 15th May 2025 to the following email: caawg11.uganda2025@gmail.com

ACCOMMODATION

Protea Hotel Entebbe

Gorilla African Guest House

Admas Grand Hotel Entebbe

2 Friends Beach Hotel

K Hotels Entebbe

7 Days Hotel on UN Base

Skyway Hotel

Victoria Rock Resort

All can be found on the website for Booking.com

AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN GEOSCIENCES (AAWG)

At many geoscientific meetings and conferences, the low participation of women geoscientists was noticed and raised as concerns. In order to help to address these concerns, a decision was taken to form this association in order to encourage women geoscientists to be active in Earth Sciences related conferences and to inform about or become involved in gender issues related to the Earth Sciences. In 1995, the African Association of Women in Geosciences was born in Nairobi, Kenya.

The objectives and purposes for which the Association was constituted are to: Promote the advancement of scientific and technological knowledge in the field of geosciences; Disseminate information on scientific and technical research and discoveries and promote public understanding of the role of geosciences in Africa's development; Establish and maintain relations between African scientists and the international scientific community; Provide a forum for discussion and cooperation in geosciences and other related professions in Africa; Assist African governments in the quest for capacity building in geosciences and its applications; Cooperate with relevant African governments in the formulation of policies and program designed to encourage the development and application of geosciences for Africa's development; Publish and distribute a bulletin and/or other publications in the field of geosciences development in Africa; Organize conferences, seminars, symposia, training courses and workshops in various areas of geosciences; Highlight and seek solutions to problems faced specifically by women and grassroots communities in Africa in the area of geosciences; Encourage and mobilize support for education, training and research in order to assist African women in their acquisition of specialized skills for leadership in geosciences; Identify, promote and advise on the importance and preservation of geological sites in Africa.

To meet these objectives, the association has organized numerous events in and outside Africa, especially the biannual international conferences. The association is at its 11th conference that is being organized in Uganda.

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