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## **THE 5TH UGANDA ALCOHOL POLICY CONFERENCE (UAPC26)**

**25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

**THEME:** "Advancing Alcohol Control: Protecting the Present, Securing the Future"

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

**Deadline:** August 31, 2026, at 5:00 PM (EAT / Uganda Time)

All abstracts must be submitted exclusively via the Conference Webpage. Submissions sent via email or as hard copies will not be accepted.

#### **1. Formatting & Language**

- **Language:** Must be written in English.
- **Authorship:** Include complete First names and Surnames (max 8 authors). Clearly identify the presenter, author order, institutions, countries, and email addresses.
- **Co-author Consent:** All co-authors must review the results and consent to inclusion.
- **2. Submission Details & Declarations**
- **Presentation Preference:** Indicate your preference for an **Oral** or **Poster** presentation.
- **Previous Presentations:** State whether the material has been presented at any other national or international meetings.
- **Ethical Approval:** The Scientific Committee assumes studies involving humans or animals have institutional ethics committee approval. You must confirm this during submission.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Disclose any financial relationships (e.g., employment, consulting, shares, grants) with organizations tied to your topic. Declare any conflicts of interests at the end of your abstract.

#### **3. Structured Abstract Formats**

##### **Empirical Studies, Secondary Analysis & Systematic Reviews:**

- a) Background
- b) Aims
- c) Methods (*design, data collection procedures, and analysis*)
- d) Results
- e) Conclusion/Discussion

##### **Non-Empirical Work:**

- a) Aims or goal of the work
- b) Design, methods, and approach taken

- c) Results
- d) Conclusion/Lessons Learned

## Online Submission of Abstracts

### 1. Submission Process & Eligibility

- **Responsible Author:** All abstracts must be submitted by the Responsible Author, who is responsible for the accuracy of the content and listed affiliations.
- **Online Only:** Abstracts must be submitted exclusively via the official abstract submission portal on the Conference Website. Submissions sent via email or any other route will not be accepted.
- **Status Requirement:** Your abstract and all sections of the online form must be fully completed and finalized. Abstracts left in an "Open" or draft status will not be reviewed or accepted.
- **Confirmation:** Upon successful submission, the Responsible Author will receive a confirmation email. (Please check your spam folder if you do not receive this).

### 2. Formatting & Structure

- **Word Count:** Abstracts must not exceed 300 words.
- **Content Restrictions:** Do not include tables, figures, or references in the abstract text.
- **Language & Tone:** Submissions should be clear, concise, and free of grammatical errors.

### 3. Author Information

- **Affiliations:** Authors must clearly indicate their institutional affiliations.
- **Name Consistency:** If an author is listed on multiple works, their first and last names must be spelled identically across all submissions to ensure accurate indexing.
- **Email Identification:** Providing the email address for each co-author is required to avoid ambiguities in identification.

### 4. Edits & Modifications

- **Finality:** No changes to the abstract content or the author list are permitted once the submission process is completed.
- **Deadline Compliance:** All website instructions must be followed carefully; failure to do so may result in an automatic rejection of your abstract.

### 5. Tracks/ thematic areas

- For reviewing and scheduling purposes, abstracts will be divided into thematic areas. Please indicate in the box the appropriate track/ thematic area to which your abstract belongs. There are 10 tracks/ thematic areas; tracks; 1) Clinical Management and Addiction Treatment; 2) Community Systems and Social Determinants of Health; 3) Alcohol-Related Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Interventions; 4) Multi-Sectoral Systems and Partnership Building; 5) Evidence-

Based Policy, Laws, Regulation, Enforcement, and Accountability; 6) Research, Innovation, and Information Sharing; 7) Public Awareness and Vulnerable Population Protection; 8) Socio-Economic Wellbeing and Productivity; 9) Road Safety, Workplace Harm, and Productivity Losses; 10) Alcohol, GBV, Child Protection, Mental Health and Trauma.

- The Scientific Committee will attempt to respect the authors' option regarding their self-assignment on a special topic, but it reserves the right to change the allocation to achieve a well-balanced scientific programme. Please also note that if you submit multiple abstracts as the presenting author, it is unlikely that you will get all of them accepted as an oral presentation, the rest, if selected, will be gazette for poster presentation.

## 6. History of abstract presentation

- You will also be asked to indicate if the abstract has been presented at a national or international conference in the past

## 7. Notifications

- The system will send all the necessary notifications by e-mail to the RESPONSIBLE AUTHOR – please do check your spam folders if you are expecting an email but have not received it.

## 8. Review and Notification of Acceptance/Rejection

1. All abstracts are peer reviewed and ranked by experts in the thematic area selected.
2. The Scientific Committee will make the final decision on the definite type of presentation.
3. All decisions made by the Scientific Committee are final and cannot be appealed.
4. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference abstract book which will be available for download from the website.
5. **Notification of acceptance/rejection** will be emailed by the **September 30, 2026**.
6. Accepted abstracts are official communications to the Conference; the presenting author **MUST REGISTER** at the time of acceptance of the abstract and agree to attend the Conference and present the abstract as scheduled.

## 9. Important Deadlines

- **Submission Deadline:** August 31, 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** September 30, 2026
- **Conference Dates:** November 25–26, 2026
- For further updates on registration, venue specifics, and to access the online abstract submission form as the dates approach, please check the official Uganda Alcohol Policy Conference website.

**10. Enquiries:** For enquiries and further guidance, please contact [info@uapa.or.ug](mailto:info@uapa.or.ug). +256 750 447878