

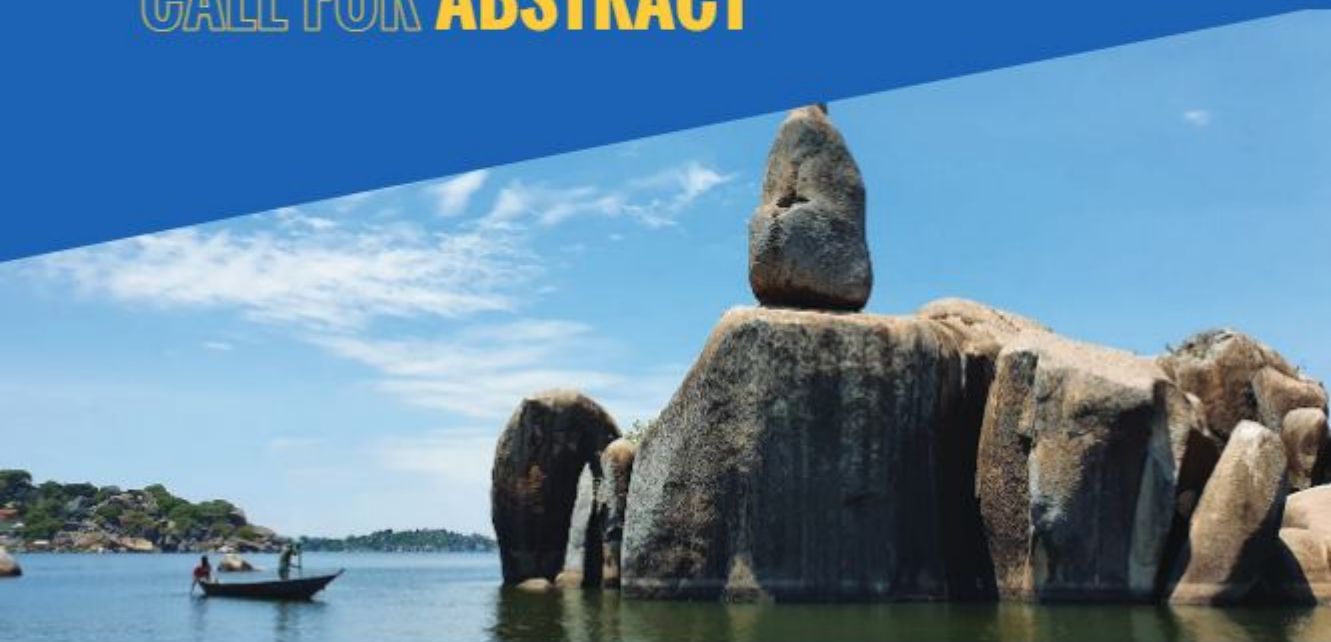


4TH TANZANIA MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING (MEL) CONFERENCE 2025

**Theme: Community-Led M&E: Building Local
Capacity and MEL Ownership for Sustainable Impact**

 **10th – 13th September 2025**  **Malaika Beach Resort, Mwanza – Tanzania**

CALL FOR **ABSTRACT**



Organized by

United Republic Of Tanzania
Prime Minister's Office
Policy, Parliament, and Coordination
(PMO-PPC)



1. INTRODUCTION

The **4th Tanzania Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Conference** provides a premier platform for professionals, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners to engage in high-level discussions, knowledge exchange, and capacity building in the field of Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning. The conference, hosted by the Prime Minister's Office - Policy, Parliament, and Coordination (PMO-PPC) in collaboration with national and international stakeholders, will convene thought leaders from across the public and private sectors, academia, civil society, and development partners to explore innovative strategies, best practices, and emerging trends in MEL.

Building on the successes of past MEL Conferences (Dodoma 2022, Arusha 2023, Zanzibar 2024), MEL Conference 2025 will advance the national MEL agenda by fostering evidence-based decision-making, strengthening MEL capacity, and institutionalizing evaluation practices to drive Tanzania's socio-economic transformation and sustainable development.

2. WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

The conference invites participation from:

- Government representatives (Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Local Government Authorities)
- Development partners and donors
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) practitioners and experts
- Academics and researchers
- Private sector representatives involved in MEL systems
- Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs) and students
- Technology and innovation experts in MEL

3. WHY SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT?

Participants are invited to submit abstracts that address key issues, best practices, innovations, and case studies in MEL. Accepted presenters will have the opportunity to:

 Showcase research and contribute to MEL knowledge and policy development	 Participate in expert panels, round-table discussions, and networking sessions
 Gain exposure to a diverse audience of national and international MEL professionals	 Engage with government leaders and decision-makers shaping Tanzania's MEL ecosystem
 Publish selected papers in a post-conference proceedings document	

4. CONFERENCE THEMES

4.1 Main theme: *“Community-Led M&E: Building Local Capacity and MEL Ownership for Sustainable Impact”*

The **4th Tanzania Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Conference** will focus on institutionalizing MEL as a core function within governance, policy-making, and strategic planning processes at all levels. The theme underscores the need for robust, data-driven decision-making to enhance government performance, accountability, and sustainable development.

Rationale being:

a. Strengthening regional/province and local MEL systems

The role of Local Government Authorities (LGAs) in MEL is crucial for ensuring that evidence-based decision-making reaches grassroots levels. MEL Conference 2025 will promote decentralized MEL models and capacity-building efforts.

b. Aligning MEL with national and global development frameworks

Tanzania is implementing its Third National Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP III) and aligning policies with Tanzania Development Vision 2025, the African Union Agenda 2063, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Institutionalizing MEL ensures that policies and interventions are evaluated for impact, efficiency, and alignment with these frameworks.

c. Enhancing policy coherence and governance structures

Strengthening MEL systems within government institutions, the private sector, and civil society will foster accountability, transparency, and adaptive management practices, ensuring that policies are evidence-based and responsive to societal needs.

d. Leveraging digital innovations and AI for MEL

The 2025 conference will emphasize emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, and digital dashboards to enhance real-time decision-making, predictive analytics, and automated evaluations.

e. Mobilizing sustainable MEL financing and partnerships

The conference will engage private sector partners, investors, and international donors to explore sustainable MEL financing models that ensure long-term viability and institutionalization of MEL practices in Tanzania.

4.2 Sub-themes and key topics

The conference will be structured around **four key sub-themes**, each focusing on a critical area of MEL development and practice.

Sub Theme: 1. Strengthening Community-Led MEL for Policy and Governance

Topics:

- a. Decentralizing MEL systems for enhanced local governance and service delivery
- b. Strengthening participatory MEL models at all levels of interventions/activities
- c. Empowering communities to use MEL for accountability and policy influence
- d. Institutionalizing MEL within policymaking, governance, and national or regional or international plans".

Sub Theme: 2. Digital Transformation and Innovation in MEL

Topics:

- a. Leveraging AI, Big Data, and digital tools for community-led MEL
- b. Digital dashboards and real-time data in all level of decision-making
- c. Integrating mobile and geospatial technologies (GIS, remote sensing) for localized MEL
- d. Data sovereignty, ethics, and responsible AI in MEL

Sub Theme: 3. Climate-Sensitive MEL and Resilience Building

Topics:

- a. MEL frameworks for tracking climate adaptation and resilience at the community level
- b. Evaluating the effectiveness of Tanzania's environmental policies and local mitigation efforts
- c. Community-driven data collection for climate action (citizen science, participatory GIS)
- d. Disaster risk reduction and MEL's role in early warning systems

Sub Theme: 4. Impact investment and MEL: How data-driven evaluations attract investors

Topics:

- a. Government, private sector, and donor collaboration for community MEL financing
- b. Impact investment and MEL: How data-driven evaluations attract social investors
- c. Building long-term MEL capacity and institutional sustainability
- d. Local resource mobilization strategies to support grassroots MEL initiatives
- e. Integrating 4Rs philosophy for sustainable M&E Systems



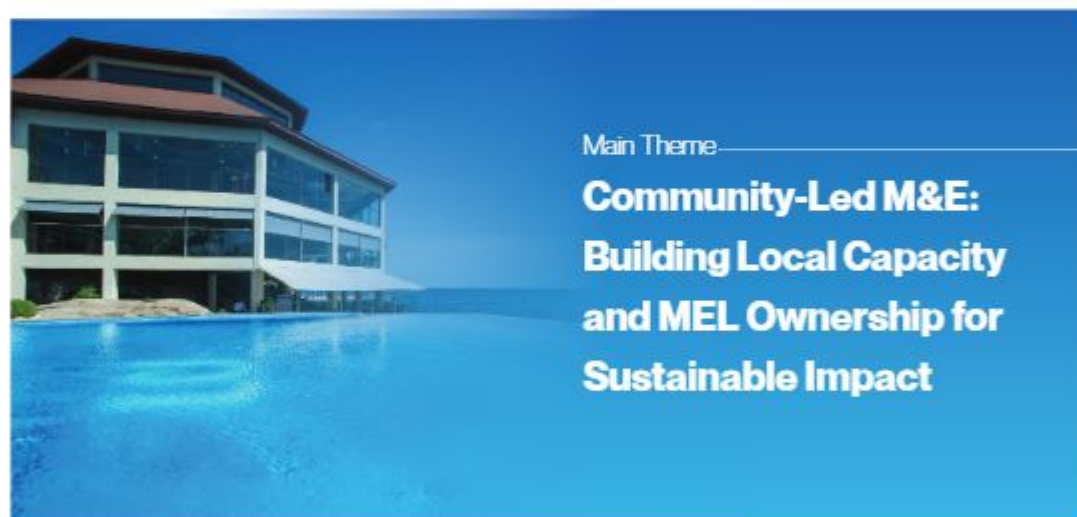
5. ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Round-table discussions at the conference will serve as an interactive space where participants engage in high-level knowledge exchange, case study analysis, and evaluation reflections.

You are encouraged to submit manuscripts that focus on real-world MEL applications, policy integration, and institutional learning, offering an opportunity for evaluators, researchers, and practitioners to critically assess MEL systems, processes, and outcomes.

6. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Keynote speakers will be drawn from leading national, regional, and international experts in monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL), policy formulation, governance, and accountability. These high-profile speakers will deliver insightful addresses on global best practices, emerging MEL trends, and evidence-based policy frameworks that are shaping development evaluation and decision-making.



7. POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster presentations will showcase research, evaluations, innovative methodologies, and policy recommendations relevant to MEL. These presentations will provide a visual representation of findings and offer an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to engage in direct knowledge-sharing and peer review.

Selected poster presentations will be featured in the conference proceedings and recognized for their contribution to MEL knowledge advancement.

8. EXHIBITIONS

The exhibition space at the MEL Conference 2025 will provide a platform for stakeholders, institutions, businesses, and development partners to showcase their products, services, research, and innovations related to monitoring, evaluation, and learning.

9. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

MEL Conference 2025 will feature specialized training sessions designed to enhance participants' technical skills and practical knowledge in evaluation, data management, and policy application. These workshops will provide an interactive, skills-based learning experience for MEL practitioners at different levels of expertise.

10. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND KEY DEADLINES

- a. Authors should submit abstracts electronically not later than **30th June, 2025** by **1800hrs** East Africa Time;
- b. Notification of the accepted abstracts will be done by **7th July, 2025**;
- c. The deadline for receiving full papers and PowerPoint Presentations will be not later than by **30th July, 2025**;
- d. Presentations should balance both theoretical and practical perspectives, including specific applications;
- e. All presentations should contribute to fostering monitoring, evaluation systems and learning for managing development programs, enhancing performance and accountability.
- f. Length and format of abstracts: not more than **600 words**, stating a specific Thematic Area and Sub- theme, including introduction, name and title of the author(s), background, objectives, methodology, key messages/findings, lessons and conclusion. Note that, the stipulated sections must clearly appear in the abstract. Furthermore, indicate your career, experience and profession.
- g. Abstracts, should be submitted through the template which can be accessed through <https://tsms.gov.go.tz/>. For queries kindly reach us through tzmelweek@pmo.go.tz.

11. REGISTRATION FEES

All participants attending the conference will be required to pay a registration fee to cover conference materials, meals and venue costs. The conference offers different fee categories to accommodate various participant groups, including professional MEL practitioners, researchers, policymakers, students, and international delegates.

In addition to the core conference sessions, participants have the option to register for excursion/tourism activities scheduled **for 12th September 2025** providing an opportunity to explore Tanzania's cultural and natural attractions while networking with fellow attendees.

No.	Category	Early Registration (By 11th August 2025)	Late Registration (After 11th August 2025)	Excursion/ Tourism activities (optional)
1	TanEA Members	600,000 Tshs	800,000 Tshs	200,000 Tshs
2	Non-TanEA Members	800,000 Tshs	1,000,000 Tshs	200,000 Tshs
3	International Participants	500 USD	600 USD	200 USD
4	East African Countries Members	350 USD	400 USD	150 USD
5	Young Evaluators or Students (Local)	300,000 Tshs	350,000 Tshs	200,000 Tshs
6	Young Evaluators or Students (Foreign)	250 USD	300 USD	150 USD

We strongly encourage all interested individuals to complete their registration early to avoid inconvenience and secure their participation in this important event.





PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION PROCESS



Online registration:

Participants must complete an online registration form available at www.event.pmo.go.tz.

Payment methods:

Payments can be made via bank transfer and mobile money (details will be provided upon registration).



Deadline for registration:

To secure participation, all payments must be made before 20th August, 2025.

For more details, contact the organizing committee at:



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