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# Financial Sector Stability: Managing Risk in A Growing & Fast Changing Environment.

## Call for Papers (CFPs): UBA Annual Bankers Conference (ABC) 2018

### Introduction

In the recent past, Uganda's banking sector has witnessed a number of developments emanating from both domestic and external factors. Externally, there is growing uncertainty arising from the shifting geopolitical agenda, skewed towards protectionism, creating an unpredictable environment for players in the financial sector who provide the much-needed financing for cross border operations of multinational companies. In addition, technological innovations have aided the creation of new digital platforms that present new opportunities, enable reach to previously unserved market segments, widen choices and are available 24/7, but equally present risks that exist in the ICT space. Financial Institutions are increasingly depending on ICT for critical aspects of their operations and risks in ICT therefore mean risks to the stability of the financial sector.

Domestically, the financial sector has witnessed stress in the recent past leading to closure of some financial institutions. However, numerous other positive developments including the amendment of the Financial Institutions Act 2004 and other related legislation have provided the environment for the introduction of new products and services while increasing reach & penetration of financial services.

These developments create opportunities for growth as well as disruptions in different magnitudes. Instability in the financial sector can have far reaching consequences to the wider economy by negatively affecting investment, trade, incomes and has the potential of exacerbating poverty and income inequality.

Against this background, the Uganda Bankers' Association (UBA) and its partners are organizing the second **Annual Bankers Conference 2018 under the theme "Financial Sector Stability: Managing Risk in A Growing & Fast Changing Environment"**.

## **Objectives of the Conference**

This year's conference will bring together academicians, policymakers as well as market participants to have constructive discussions on a wide range of topics affecting the performance and stability of the banking industry at the global, regional as well as national level. Specifically, the conference will address the following topics/sub-themes;

1. Geo political dynamics driving change (trends from Brexit, USA, Europe, Asia and the influence of China).
2. Socio-Demographic Dynamics driving change (dynamics from huge unbanked populations, increasing uptake of technologies to drive financial inclusion). (Guidelines on regulating innovations and disruptive technologies)
3. Bank Failures: Impact, Causes, Lessons and Safeguards. Role of Governments in a fast-paced changing financial sector.
4. Regulation, Legal Frameworks and Safety Nets in place.

## **Conference Format**

The one-day conference will be held on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Kampala Serena Conference Center, Victoria Hall, Kampala Uganda.**

Key discussions topics will focus on the broad theme of the Conference and will provide valuable insights for the stability of Uganda's banking sector.

## **Call for Papers**

Uganda Bankers' Association invites papers from scholars, policymakers, and practitioners on each of the above sub themes and any other topic of relevance to the conference theme.

In particular, we encourage the submission of papers that examine these topics from an interdisciplinary, international and/or comparative and practical perspective. Papers should be well researched, rich and of high quality in content, balanced between theory and application and also relevant for policy development or improvement.

Papers that are finally selected for publication in the 2018 conference magazine and or presentation and discussion during the Annual Banking Conference (ABC 2018) or in our subsequent working paper series will have their author(s) recognized at the conference.

Papers should be a maximum of 4 pages of typed material with a maximum of 1000 words) indicating motivation for the paper, the actual content/gist of the paper, findings, insights, proposals, recommendations and a brief biography of the writer(s).

## Key dates

1.	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 Submission of draft log-frame of paper.
2.	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 Deadline to submit draft full paper.
3.	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 Technical review /selection of papers and notification of authors.
4.	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 Submission Deadline for final papers.

**Responses to this CFPs should be submitted to the following address.**

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