



UGANDA BANKERS' ASSOCIATION



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Annual Bankers Conference 2018

17th July 2018, Serena Conference Center Kampala

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

Context for 2018 Theme

In the recent past, banking & overall financial 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 strengthened risk management and 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.

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, young population in the developing world, increasing uptake of technologies to drive financial inclusion, as well as other new & disruptive technologies).
3. Financial Sector Stress: Impact, Causes, Lessons and Safeguards. Role of Regulators & Governments in a fast-paced changing financial sector.
4. Risk Management: Regulation, Legal Frameworks and Safety Nets in place.

Established in 1981, as an umbrella body, Uganda Bankers Association membership consists of Uganda Development Bank, Commercial Banks as well as Non-Bank Financial Institutions licensed and supervised by the Central Bank of Uganda

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