

2026 FiRe Awards to spotlight technology and innovation in sustainability reporting

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The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU), in partnership with the Capital Markets Authority (CMA), the Uganda Securities Exchange (USE) and Vision Group, has officially launched the 16th edition of the Financial Reporting (FiRe) Awards.

The 2026 Awards will be held under the theme: *Driving Sustainability Reporting through Technology and Innovation*, which highlights the growing importance of technology-driven and innovative approaches in advancing credible and forward-looking sustainability reporting.

CPA Derick Nkajja, the chief executive officer of ICPAU, said organisations are increasingly operating in a complex environment characterised by climate-related risks, rapid technological advancements, changing investor expectations and growing demand for accountability.

“The 2026 theme recognises the critical role technology and innovation play in strengthening sustainability reporting. Organisations are now expected not only to implement

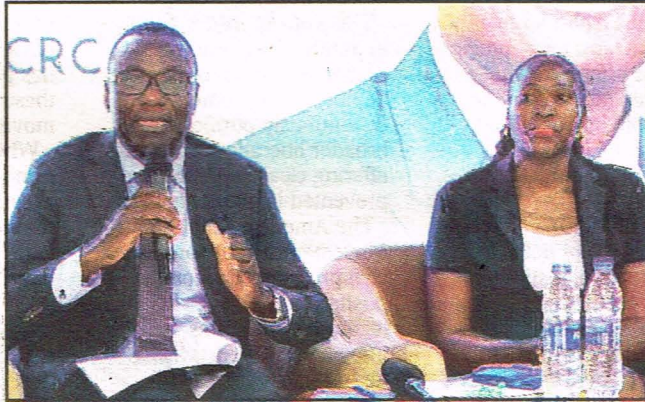
PARTICIPATION
To date, more than 1,000 organisations have participated in the FiRe Awards, gaining benchmarking opportunities, independent professional assessments, national recognition, among other benefits. To participate in the 2026 edition, organisations must submit their most recent annual report on the ICPAU portal or at their offices. Outstanding organisations will be recognised during the 2026 FiRe Awards ceremony scheduled to take place on November 4, 2026.

sustainable practices, but also to communicate their impact and long-term value creation in an accurate and accessible manner,” he said.

BACKGROUND

Introduced in 2011, the FiRe Awards were established to improve the quality of financial and business

Ineget (right) with Saano during the launch of the 2026 FiRe Awards, at Hotel Africana Kampala, on Tuesday



reporting in Uganda by promoting compliance with financial reporting standards and best practices in corporate disclosures.

The Awards were born out of ICPAU’s long-standing commitment to promoting the adoption and implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards) in Uganda, which were adopted in 1998.

CPA’s Margaret Saano, an accountant at Vision Group, highlighted the media’s role in the partnership as amplifying

conversations that shape society. She noted that the organisation believes sustainability reporting is critical in driving informed decision-making, attracting responsible investment and building resilient institutions for future generations.

“ICPAU believes that sustainability reporting is no longer a voluntary exercise for progressive organisations; it is increasingly becoming a strategic necessity. Through the FiRe Awards, we continue to encourage entities to embrace high-quality reporting

FOREX RATES

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	3,760	3,788
EURO	4,340	4,400
POUND	5,020	5,100
KENYA SH	28	30
TZ SH	1.3	1.55
DIRHAM	985	1,050
S.A.RAND	207	260
JAPANESE YEN	17	35
RWANDESE FRANCS	2.1	3.1
DOLLAR OLDER & SMALLER	3,580	3,788

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practices that inspire trust and support informed decision-making,” the chairperson of the FiRe Awards Committee CPA, Stephen Ineget, said.