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USSIA Organizes a Collaborative Meeting on Tax Ecosystem

In a significant event aimed at improving Uganda's economic framework, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) partnered with the Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC), in collaboration with the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS) and the French Centre for International Research (CERDI), to discuss the tax ecosystem, with a specific focus on tax expenditures and the fiscal contract.

The goal of the meeting was to foster dialogue and cooperation between different sectors of society and government in order to create a more inclusive and efficient tax system that benefits both businesses and citizens. The outcomes of the meeting will likely have a lasting impact on Uganda's economic development, encouraging a more inclusive and sustainable tax system that benefits all sectors of society.



USSIA Youth Assessed Under the GET SKILLED PROJECT by Directorate of Industrial Training

In a significant milestone for youth empowerment and vocational training in Uganda, 208 young individuals recently underwent assessments as part of the Get Skilled Project initiated by WeltHunger (WHH) in collaboration with Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) and KIFAD . The project, designed to equip youth with practical, job-ready skills, focused on nine essential trades: bakery, painting, electricity, metal fabrication, motorcycle repair, concrete works, plumbing, painting, and leather designing. Held from 6th-17th January 2025, the assessment event marked the culmination of months of training, where young Ugandans were equipped with hands-on skills that are critical for boosting their employability and entrepreneurship potential.

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By targeting these high-demand sectors, the Get Skilled Project aims to bridge the skills gap in Uganda's labor market and provide youth with opportunities for sustainable livelihoods.

Through this initiative, USSIA and the Directorate of Industrial Training are not only addressing youth unemployment but also contributing to the long-term economic development of Uganda. With continued support and expansion, the Get Skilled Project is poised to make a significant impact on the future of Uganda's youth and its economy.



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USSIA conducts a Capacity-Building Training for Community-Based Multipliers

In an effort to strengthen grassroots development and enhance the sustainability of community-led initiatives, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) recently organized a comprehensive training program aimed at community-based multipliers. The training, held on 15/001/2025, brought together Business Health Assistants (BHAs) and Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) Coordinators, providing them with the skills and knowledge needed to better support their communities and ensure the long-term sustainability of their groups.

USSIA is fostering a culture of self-reliance and sustainable growth within Uganda's communities. Through continued capacity-building efforts, these community-based multipliers will be better equipped to create lasting, positive change in the lives of those they serve.



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USSIA Conducts Membership Visits in Kampala and Masindi to Strengthen Connections

In an ongoing effort to engage with and support its members, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) recently conducted membership visits in two key regions: Kampala and Masindi. The visits were designed to strengthen relationships, better understand the needs and challenges faced by small-scale industries, and explore opportunities for further collaboration and growth.

The role of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in driving economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction has become increasingly important. USSIA's visits to its members were a crucial part of its strategy to provide continuous support and foster a strong network of businesses that can thrive and contribute to Uganda's industrial development.

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USSIA Zonal Executive Committee Members Convene in Masaka for Strategic Meeting

On 13th Jan 2025, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) held a crucial zonal executive committee members meeting in Masaka, aimed at enhancing the association's impact on small-scale industries across the region. The meeting brought together all ZEC leaders from Masaka to discuss key issues affecting the sector and to formulate strategies for growth and sustainability

The gathering in Masaka marked a significant step toward fostering regional cooperation and empowering small-scale industries to overcome their challenges and reach their full potential. USSIA's continued efforts to champion the cause of small businesses are expected to contribute to the economic development of the region and the country as a whole.



USSIA Conducts a Liquid Soap Making training in Arua

A comprehensive training on liquid soap production was recently held in Arua. The training aimed to equip local entrepreneurs with the skills and knowledge necessary to produce quality liquid soap, an essential product in both households and industries.

A total of 10 members from various small-scale industries in the region participated in the event, which was designed to empower individuals with practical skills in soap production, ranging from formulation and blending of ingredients to the final packaging process.

By providing training and resources to small-scale industries, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association continues to play a crucial role in empowering local entrepreneurs and fostering sustainable economic growth in the region.

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