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USSIA Champions Uganda's Voice at the 2025 Busan Global Partnership Forum



In a world where collaboration fuels progress, the 2025 Busan Global Partnership Forum in Seoul, Republic of Korea, stood out as a hub of innovation, dialogue, and transformative partnerships. Held under the theme “Development Effectiveness: Partnerships for the Future and Pathways to Inclusive Growth,” the forum brought together global leaders and changemakers committed to reimagining how development cooperation can power inclusive prosperity.

Through its presence on the global stage, USSIA is redefining what effective collaboration means—not just as a participant in dialogue but as a catalyst for change.

Representing Uganda's small-scale industrial sector, Ms. Veronica Namwanje, Executive Secretary of the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA), participated in the high-level discussions that explored ways to enhance the effectiveness of development cooperation and promote inclusive economic growth. Her presence highlighted Uganda's commitment to fostering meaningful partnerships that support local enterprises and contribute to national development goals.

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Strengthening Global Collaboration in Education

The Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) joined educators and institutional leaders from across the world in a Professional Development Training for Educators held from 22nd to 26th September 2025 at the University of Alicante, Spain, under the RiTE Job Shadowing Program. The training aimed to enhance educators' skills in digital literacy, inclusive teaching, entrepreneurship, and intercultural competence—key components for improving Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) delivery.

Throughout the five-day program, participants engaged in a rich mix of modules, including Digital Literacy, Language Instruction, Inclusive Teaching in TVET, Entrepreneurship & Entrepreneurial Mindset, and Cultural Sensitivity & Trauma Management. Study visits were conducted at the Centro 14 Unamuno Youth Council and the IES Leonardo da Vinci Vocational Training Centre, providing participants with practical insights into how European institutions integrate inclusion, innovation, and community engagement into their training models.

USSIA's participation provided a unique opportunity to learn from global best practices and explore strategies for strengthening Uganda's vocational education ecosystem. By engaging in discussions on entrepreneurial mindset development and inclusive learning approaches,



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Entrepreneurs Gain Insights from the Business Rescue and Aftercare Program Cohort 4

For five days, business leaders and entrepreneurs gathered at the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) offices for the Business Rescue and Aftercare Program Cohort 4, a transformative training aimed at strengthening business resilience and sustainability.

The sessions covered critical areas including preparing businesses to attract capital, mitigating challenges in accessing finance, strategic planning, and business restructuring for long-term performance. Participants also explored key business processes and controls necessary for success, gaining hands-on knowledge to enhance operational efficiency and competitiveness.

The Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) participated actively in the training, reaffirming its commitment to empowering SMEs with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate financial challenges and sustain growth. Through such initiatives, USSIA continues to champion the development of resilient and well-structured enterprises that can thrive in Uganda's dynamic business environment.



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Advancing Entrepreneurial Learning through the Skill Up Plus Project



The Pause & Reflect Workshop for the Skill Up Plus Project brought together partners and stakeholders to review progress, share experiences, and draw lessons from the pilot study of the Street Business School (SBS) entrepreneurship training program. The interactive session provided a platform for critical reflection on the program's implementation, outcomes, and opportunities for scaling impact

Through participation in the Skill Up Plus reflection process, USSIA continues to champion evidence-based approaches that inspire innovation, growth, and resilience among Uganda's entrepreneurs.

Participants discussed how the SBS model has empowered entrepreneurs—particularly women and youth—to start and grow sustainable businesses through mindset transformation, financial literacy, and hands-on business coaching. The workshop emphasized the importance of adaptive learning, data-driven decision-making, and collaboration in strengthening entrepreneurship support systems.

Representing Uganda's small-scale industrial sector, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) contributed valuable insights from its experience in enterprise development and capacity building. The engagement reaffirmed USSIA's dedication to supporting inclusive entrepreneurship initiatives that drive economic empowerment.

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For three transformative days, young people from Wakiso, Mukono, and Kampala came together for the Get Skilled Youth – Cohort 4 Entrepreneurship and Employable Skills Training, an initiative designed to ignite innovation, build confidence, and prepare youth for meaningful participation in the business world.

The training equipped participants with essential entrepreneurial knowledge, practical skills, and the right mindset to launch, grow, and sustain successful enterprises. Sessions focused on business planning, financial management, creativity, and employability skills that enable youth to thrive in today's competitive economy.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs

Through hands-on learning and mentorship, participants not only gained tools to start their own ventures but also discovered pathways to employment and self-reliance. The program reinforced the importance of resilience, innovation, and continuous learning as key drivers of success

The Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) through the Get Skilled project continues to champion such youth empowerment programs, nurturing a generation of proactive entrepreneurs ready to shape Uganda's industrial and economic future.



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Driving Agricultural Growth Through Stronger Trade Systems

Leaders from Uganda's public and private sectors convened at Skyz Protea Hotel, Bukoto, for the launch and dissemination of a landmark study on advancing Uganda's agricultural trade through more efficient borders. The event, organized by the Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) with support from the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), brought together key actors from government, farmer cooperatives, development partners, and the private sector—including the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA).



The study provides an in-depth analysis of Uganda's agricultural trade performance, highlighting key export commodities such as maize, beans, dairy, fish, bananas, and coffee—with coffee alone generating about USD 1.1 billion annually. Regional markets including Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo remain vital trade corridors driving this growth.



Speaking at the launch, PSFU and AGRA representatives noted that with coordinated reforms, Uganda can position itself as a regional food basket, expand exports, and create more income opportunities for farmers and agribusinesses.

USSIA reaffirmed its commitment to promoting efficient trade systems and empowering small-scale producers to access regional and global markets

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