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Insurance Awareness Workshop Empowers Entrepreneurs



Strengthening small and medium enterprises (SMEs) requires more than access to markets and finance—it also demands protection against unforeseen risks. In a proactive step toward building resilient enterprises, 26 members of the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association participated in an Insurance Awareness Workshop organized by the Insurance Regulatory Authority of Uganda.

The session also addressed common misconceptions about insurance, clarified claim processes, and highlighted the regulatory role of the Authority in protecting policyholders. Participants were encouraged to formalize their businesses and maintain proper records to ease access to insurance services and claims processing.

The workshop focused on equipping entrepreneurs with practical knowledge on how insurance can safeguard their businesses, employees, and assets from unexpected disruptions. Participants were taken through various types of insurance covers relevant to SMEs, including property insurance, fire and burglary coverage, workers' compensation, marine insurance, and business interruption policies.

By the end of the workshop, members expressed appreciation for the practical insights gained, noting that enhanced awareness would enable them to make informed decisions and strengthen the resilience of their enterprises.

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Inception Meeting Connects Local Enterprises to Global Markets

A significant step toward expanding international trade opportunities was marked by a strategic inception meeting between members of the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) and a delegation from SB4. The engagement was aimed at introducing local manufacturers and entrepreneurs to international markets and exploring practical pathways for global market entry.

Participants were guided through key requirements such as compliance with international quality benchmarks, branding for global competitiveness, and the importance of consistency in supply and production. Emphasis was placed on strengthening product quality, quantity, standards and certification, Packaging and labelling and pricing and cost structure

The delegation further highlighted opportunities for partnerships, capacity-building initiatives, and potential trade linkages that could open doors for USSIA members in regional and international markets. Interactive discussions allowed entrepreneurs to present their products, ask questions, and identify specific areas requiring technical support.

The session concluded with a renewed sense of optimism and readiness among participants, signaling the beginning of a promising journey toward international market integration and sustainable business growth.



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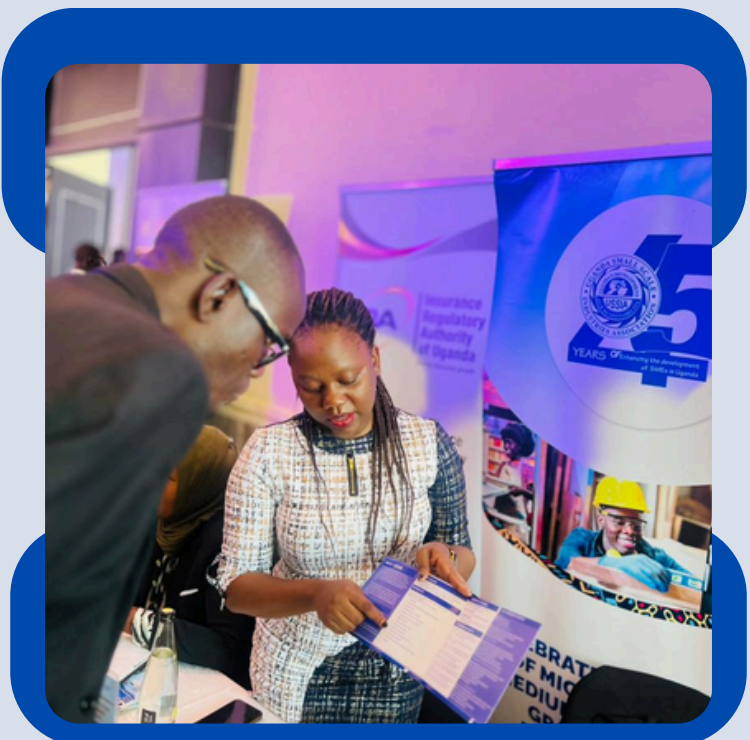
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Reflections from the Private Sector Development Programme Annual Review FY 2024/2025

The Private Sector Development Programme (PSDP) Annual Review for FY 2024/2025 convened key stakeholders under the theme, “Strengthening Formalisation under the NDP IV.” The engagement provided a strategic platform to assess progress, share lessons, and align priorities aimed at accelerating Uganda’s economic transformation.

Formalisation remains a cornerstone of Uganda’s development agenda under the National Development Plan IV (NDP IV). By transitioning informal enterprises into the formal economy, the country stands to expand its tax base, enhance productivity, improve access to finance, and create decent employment opportunities. Discussions during the review emphasized the need to simplify business registration processes, strengthen compliance support systems, and enhance awareness among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) about the benefits of operating formally.

The engagements reaffirmed that collaboration between government and industry is essential in promoting formalisation, improving competitiveness, and unlocking sustainable growth opportunities.



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Leaders Convene for Strategic Development Dialogue



A renewed vision for economic transformation took center stage during a one-day workshop organized by the Ankole Business Development Forum, bringing together key stakeholders committed to accelerating growth in the Ankole sub-region of Uganda.

The workshop served as a strategic platform for dialogue, collaboration, and action planning aimed at addressing the most pressing economic challenges and unlocking new opportunities within the region. Participants included representatives from the business community, academia, government institutions, private sector actors, and development partners—each contributing insights and expertise toward a shared development agenda.

Among the notable stakeholders present was the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA), alongside other public and private sector representatives, reflecting the broad-based commitment to advancing Ankole's development agenda.

The workshop concluded with a collective call to action, urging stakeholders to translate dialogue into tangible initiatives that will foster inclusive growth and long-term prosperity for the people of Ankole. Through sustained collaboration and strategic investment, the region stands poised to unlock its full economic potential.

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Strengthening Collaboration Between Industry and Academia

A significant milestone was reached as the first engagement meeting was held between the USSIA team and Muni University's Project Development Committee. The meeting set a collaborative tone, focusing on aligning priorities and exploring practical partnerships aimed at delivering meaningful impact.

The engagement laid a strong foundation for collaboration and signaled a shared vision for impactful projects that bridge industry expertise and academic innovation.

During the session, three project proposals submitted by USSIA were thoroughly reviewed and discussed. After careful consideration, two of the proposals were selected as key projects to be advanced. This outcome reflected the shared commitment of both institutions to pursue initiatives that were innovative, relevant, and aligned with mutual development goals.

As part of the agreed roadmap, representatives from both USSIA and Muni University were scheduled to meet with GIZ staff on Tuesday morning to further discuss the selected projects and explore areas of technical and strategic support. Each committee team was expected to present progress updates on their respective proposals during the next engagement meeting.



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SUCCESS STORY



Turning Skills into Sustainable Opportunities

Smiles, confidence, and renewed hope filled the room as youth under the UGA1079 cohort of the GETSkilled Project proudly graduated after completing an intensive Entrepreneurship Training facilitated by SkillUp Plus with generous support from Welthungerhilfe (WHH).

What began as skills training has now evolved into business ambition. The youth gained practical knowledge in financial literacy, business planning, marketing, and growth strategies—transforming talents into structured enterprises with clear visions.

For many, this was more than a training; it was a mindset shift—from job seekers to job creators. With sharpened skills and renewed belief, the UGA1079 cohort now steps forward ready to build sustainable businesses and brighter futures.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

USSIA SACCO Awareness session

Discover how you can access affordable financing, grow your savings, and unlock new opportunities to expand your business with confidence!

Date / Time
18th February 2026 . Start at 10:00am

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