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Shaping Future Professionals — USSIA Internship Program Equips Students with Essential Workplace Skills

USSIA officially launched its internship program with an impactful orientation week, welcoming interns from different universities and training institutions pursuing studies in Business Computing, Textile, and related disciplines. The orientation, held under the theme “Workplace Fundamentals,” marked the beginning of a transformative journey aimed at equipping students with the practical knowledge and professional mindset required to excel in today’s workplace.

During the orientation week, interns were introduced to essential workplace concepts through engaging and interactive sessions. Key topics covered included the workplace induction overview, professional ethics, employability skills, and communication skills. These sessions were designed to help students understand professional expectations, workplace culture, and the importance of adaptability, teamwork, and professionalism in career growth.

The program also emphasized critical digital and technical skills needed in the modern working environment. Interns received practical training in email creation and management, internet research, cybersecurity awareness, and data protection. These sessions equipped students with the ability to communicate effectively, conduct professional research, and maintain safe digital practices while navigating technology-driven workplaces.

The orientation sessions were facilitated by USSIA’s trainers, Ssebuliba Jackson and Alija Oliver, whose guidance created a highly engaging learning experience for the interns. Through their mentorship and expertise, the students gained valuable insights that will support both their internship journey and future careers. USSIA remains committed to developing skilled, confident, and industry-ready young professionals.

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USSIA Zonal Executive Committee Charts Strategic Path for Enhanced Service Delivery in Mukono

As part of regional planning, USSIA management and the Zonal Executive Committee of Mukono Zone held a planning meeting to discuss strategic priorities aimed at strengthening service delivery and increasing the association's impact among members. The meeting brought together the Executive Secretary, Veronica Namwanje, the Service Delivery Officer, Oliver Alija, the Regional Coordinator, Tasman Tibikindema, and zonal representatives.

A major focus of the meeting was developing a practical work plan to guide upcoming activities within the zone. Discussions emphasized the importance of coordinated planning to ensure USSIA programs remain responsive to the evolving needs of small-scale industries while promoting growth, productivity, and sustainability.

The committee also explored opportunities for introducing new programs through stronger collaboration with vocational institutions and other strategic stakeholders. These partnerships are expected to enhance skills development, entrepreneurship support, and innovation, helping build a more competitive industrial community.

USSIA reaffirmed its commitment to improving service delivery through stronger member engagement, timely support, and effective advocacy for small-scale industries. The Mukono planning meeting marked another important step toward building a resilient and empowered membership base in the region.



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She Heroes of USSIA: Inside the Rise of Jane Babirye

In a sector traditionally dominated by men, Jane Babirye has emerged as a leading force in Uganda's manufacturing industry through Gocolors Paint Uganda Ltd, producing high-quality paints that meet UNBS standards and promoting trust in locally manufactured products. Her leadership reflects resilience, innovation, and a strong commitment to quality and safety.



As a beneficiary of USSIA's Get Skilled Project under the women in male-dominated trades category, Jane received business training, capitalization, and machinery support that strengthened her enterprise and improved productivity. She says, "As a woman in a male-dominated trade, the project has exposed me to different networks, including contracts and customers, which has positively impacted my business growth. The support with machinery has also improved my productivity."

Through USSIA, Jane has benefited from market linkages, digital marketing support, trade engagements, networking opportunities, and participation in expos that expanded her business reach. USSIA also linked her to UNBS, where she now contributes to standards development and review, and she currently serves on the Sector Experts Committee, helping shape industry growth.

USSIA recognizes Jane Babirye as a strong example of enterprise leadership driving Uganda's industrial development. Her journey demonstrates how skills development, strategic support, and determination can empower women to thrive in traditionally male-dominated industries while advancing local manufacturing excellence.

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From Relief to Industry: New Incubation Hub Launched in Kyaka II to Power Skills and Enterprise



Under the Kyaka II and Nakivale refugee settlements, a shift from basic support to long-term economic empowerment is taking shape through initiatives aimed at strengthening technical skills development and local manufacturing capacity.

The Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) completed the installation of machinery and the setup of a new office and incubation hub in Bukere under the LEAD Uganda Project, marking an important milestone in advancing practical, industry-based training within displacement settings.

Designed as a hands-on learning and production space, the hub gives trainees direct access to industrial machinery, enabling them to build technical competence aligned with manufacturing standards. The facility also supports business incubation by guiding micro-enterprises from startup stage to market-ready operations.



Beyond skills training, the hub promotes economic integration by creating livelihood opportunities for both refugees and host communities. It is expected to strengthen local value chains, encourage innovation, and drive enterprise growth across the region.

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Unlocking Growth: USSIA Members Engage Uganda Development Bank on SME Financing Opportunities



Access to affordable financing remains a key driver of enterprise growth as USSIA Far-Eastern members met with the Uganda Development Bank (UDB) Regional Manager, who explored practical solutions for SME development.

The engagement focused on UDB financing, business support services, and investment solutions to help small and medium enterprises grow and compete in local and regional markets.

During the discussion, members received valuable insights into UDB programmes that are aimed at promoting value addition, strengthening productive capacity, and supporting sustainable job creation across key sectors of the economy.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of strategic partnerships between financial institutions and the private sector in driving inclusive economic growth, with a shared commitment to advancing enterprise development and long-term sustainability for SMEs.



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Golden Goodness in Every Spoonful: Discover Nkole Cow Ghee at USSIA Online Shop

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Whether you are frying, baking, sautéing, or simply adding a finishing touch to your favorite dishes, Nkole Cow Ghee enhances every bite with delicious buttery flavor. Its high smoke point makes it excellent for cooking at high temperatures while preserving taste and nutritional value.

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