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## Unlocking the National Budget: USSIA Positions MSMEs to Compete, Comply and Prosper

Turning a national budget into practical business opportunities requires more than policy announcements it demands interpretation, engagement, and strategic action. That vision came to life as the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) convened the National Post-Budget MSME Empowerment Conference 2026, bringing together entrepreneurs, policymakers, financial experts, development partners, and industry leaders under the theme, "Decoding the Budget: Empowering Uganda's MSMEs to Comply, Compete and Grow." The conference served as a vital platform for translating Uganda's new fiscal priorities into actionable strategies capable of strengthening the country's micro, small, and medium enterprises.

Throughout the conference, participants examined how the newly announced budget presents fresh opportunities for business expansion, industrial productivity, regulatory compliance, and market competitiveness. Discussions explored government policy directions, financing opportunities, tax compliance, productivity enhancement, and practical measures that will enable MSMEs to align with the country's industrial transformation agenda. The interactive sessions equipped entrepreneurs with valuable insights into navigating the evolving business environment while positioning their enterprises for sustainable growth.

Speaking during the conference, USSIA's Head of Finance and Administration, Mr. Gyavira Busuulwa, urged government to increase the participation of small-scale industrialists in public procurement. He emphasized that access to government contracts would strengthen local enterprises, promote industrial growth, and create sustainable employment opportunities.

Commissioner Patrick Joram Mugisha noted that the new financial year presents fresh opportunities for SMEs through policy reforms aimed at improving competitiveness and supporting private sector growth. The conference reaffirmed USSIA's commitment to equipping entrepreneurs with the knowledge and networks needed to capitalize on these opportunities and drive Uganda's industrial transformation.

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## From Classroom to Industry: USSIA Bridges Learning and Real-World Production at CURAD

In a deliberate effort to strengthen practical understanding of agribusiness and production systems, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) organized an exposure visit to CURAD, offering participants an immersive experience into active production processes and modern industrial operations. The visit created a rare opportunity for MSME actors to observe how structured systems and value-chain coordination drive successful enterprise development.

During the engagement, participants toured various operational areas and interacted directly with industry professionals, gaining firsthand insight into production workflows, innovation practices, and enterprise management systems. The sessions also provided a platform for meaningful networking, enabling entrepreneurs to exchange ideas, identify collaboration opportunities, and explore practical solutions to common production and market challenges.

The exposure visit further reinforced the importance of linking MSMEs to established industrial ecosystems, where knowledge transfer and mentorship play a critical role in strengthening competitiveness. Participants left with renewed understanding of how structured production systems, quality control, and value addition can significantly enhance business performance and market readiness.

USSIA reaffirmed its commitment to continuously creating such experiential learning opportunities that equip entrepreneurs with practical skills, strengthen industrial linkages, and accelerate the growth of Uganda's MSME sector through exposure, innovation, and collaboration.



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## Building Digital Capacity: USSIA Equips Interns with Digital Skills to Aid Member Support

In today's rapidly evolving digital business environment, organizations that invest in technology-driven skills are better positioned to serve their members effectively. In line with this, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) is actively training internship students on the effective use of the Zoho application, strengthening their ability to support digital service delivery within the association's membership network.



The training equips interns with hands-on practical skills in navigating and utilizing the Zoho platform, enabling them to understand its tools, functions, and applications in real organizational settings. Through guided sessions, the interns are gaining experience that prepares them to assist USSIA members in adopting the system and using it more efficiently for communication, record management, and business operations.

Beyond technical competence, the initiative is also focused on empowering young professionals with relevant digital workplace skills that enhance their employability and readiness for the modern job market. By engaging directly with digital tools used in enterprise management, the interns are building confidence and capability that extends beyond the classroom.



This initiative reflects USSIA's continued commitment to digital transformation and institutional strengthening. By investing in both youth capacity building and member support systems, USSIA is fostering a more connected, efficient, and technology-driven MSME ecosystem capable of adapting to the demands of a modern economy.

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## Strengthening Delivery on the Ground: Technical Backstopping Visit Reinforces WeWork Project Implementation in Wakiso and Mukono



Field-based technical engagement remains a critical driver of effective project implementation, especially in youth-focused industrial and skills development initiatives. In this spirit, a joint technical backstopping visit was conducted across Wakiso and Mukono districts under the WeWork – Green and Decent Jobs for Youth Project, bringing together implementation partners including Enabel, Welthungerhilfe, and the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA). The visit was led by Ms. Valentina Moltisanti, with the objective of strengthening project delivery and ensuring alignment with intended outcomes.

The technical mission focused on assessing implementation progress across ongoing activities while providing targeted guidance to trainers and trainees engaged in the program. Key areas of focus included identifying operational gaps, improving training quality, and reinforcing effective delivery mechanisms that support youth participation in green and decent employment pathways. The hands-on nature of the visit allowed facilitators to directly observe field realities and provide immediate, practical recommendations.

Beyond technical assessment, the engagement created a valuable platform for experience-sharing between implementers and beneficiaries. Trainers and trainees participated in interactive reflection sessions that encouraged open dialogue on challenges, successes, and lessons learned. These exchanges strengthened mutual understanding and supported continuous improvement in project execution at the grassroots level.

The joint visit reaffirmed the commitment of all partners to ensuring that the WeWork initiative delivers meaningful, inclusive, and sustainable employment opportunities for young people. By combining technical oversight with collaborative learning, the partners continue to strengthen the quality, relevance, and impact of green jobs programming in Uganda.

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## USSIA Member Spotlight: FEROX (U) CO. LIMITED – Strengthening Uganda’s Personal Care Manufacturing Sector



FEROX (U) CO. LIMITED is a proud member of the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA), contributing to the growth of Uganda’s local manufacturing and personal care industry. Established on 24th February 2023 and registered under Company Registration Number 80034844417337, the company operates as a dynamic family-run enterprise guided by the tagline “Be your best.” Through its commitment to quality and innovation, FEROX continues to strengthen its footprint in Uganda’s emerging manufacturing ecosystem. The company specializes in the production of high-quality personal care products designed to meet everyday consumer needs. Its product portfolio includes Ferox Aftershave, formulated to soothe and refresh the skin; Ferox Perfumed Petroleum Jelly, which combines moisturization with a pleasant fragrance; and Ferox Herbal Petroleum Jelly, enriched with natural herbal extracts for enhanced skin nourishment. These products reflect the company’s focus on delivering practical, affordable, and reliable personal care solutions to the Ugandan market.

As a USSIA member, FEROX (U) CO. LIMITED benefits from a wide range of business development services aimed at strengthening compliance, competitiveness, and market access. These include support in product certification processes, guidance on meeting national standards requirements, and facilitation of linkages with relevant regulatory bodies to ensure that products meet both local and regional market expectations. Through USSIA’s structured support systems, the company is also positioned to improve product quality assurance and expand its readiness for broader market penetration.

In addition, FEROX gains access to USSIA’s networking platforms, business forums, exhibitions, and industry exposure opportunities that connect members to potential buyers, partners, and development stakeholders. These engagements provide valuable opportunities for knowledge sharing, market expansion, and collaboration within the wider MSME ecosystem. Operating from Kabowa Banda Central, Mende Sub County in Wakiso District, FEROX continues to leverage USSIA’s support to strengthen its manufacturing capacity and contribute meaningfully to Uganda’s industrial development agenda.



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## Warm Elegance in Every Glow: Discover Thread Lamp Shades at the USSIA Online Shop

Transform your living space with a touch of handcrafted elegance through the beautifully designed Thread Lamp Shades now available at the USSIA Online Shop. Carefully crafted to blend creativity and functionality, these lamp shades bring warmth, style, and character into any room, making them an ideal choice for homes, offices, cafés, and creative spaces.



Each thread lamp shade is thoughtfully made with attention to detail, combining artistic craftsmanship with durable design. The intricate threadwork creates a soft diffusion of light that produces a calming and inviting atmosphere, turning ordinary lighting into a statement piece of interior décor. Whether you prefer minimalist tones or bold decorative patterns, there is a design to complement every aesthetic.

Beyond beauty, these lamp shades represent the growing strength of local artisans and small-scale creative industries supported through USSIA's market platforms. By choosing these products, customers are not only enhancing their spaces but also supporting local craftsmanship, innovation, and sustainable enterprise development.

Now available on the USSIA Online Shop, the Thread Lamp Shades offer an easy way to bring artistry into everyday living. Explore the collection today and light up your space with elegance, warmth, and authentic handmade charm.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**UGANDA SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION**  
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- Packaging Techniques

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**03<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**TRAINING FEE: UGX 1,185,000**

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- Fault Diagnosis and maintenance
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