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UGANDA'S SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES IN FOCUS



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USSIA Participates in the National Budget Conference FY 2027/28



The Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) is participating in the National Budget Conference for the Financial Year 2027/28, held at Speke Resort Convention Centre, Munyonyo, Kampala, where government leaders, private sector representatives and other stakeholders are convening to shape Uganda's economic direction. The conference was officially opened by H.E. the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda and is being held under the theme: "Full Monetization of Uganda's Economy through Commercial Agriculture, Industrialization, Expanding and Broadening Services, Digital Transformation and Market Access."

The FY 2027/28 Budget will prioritise increased production, productivity and expanded access to markets, with financing expected to rely largely on domestic revenues and private capital, while implementation will be guided by strict budget discipline. Discussions are focusing on Government's key priority sectors under the ATMS strategy, highlighting the importance of private sector participation in driving investment, industrialisation, job creation and Uganda's broader economic transformation.

Through its participation, USSIA is contributing to discussions on policies and priorities that affect Micro, Small and Medium Industries (MSMIs), particularly in relation to industrial development, access to markets, investment and job creation. The conference provides an important platform for stakeholders to share perspectives, identify opportunities and advocate for measures that strengthen Uganda's private sector and support sustainable economic growth.



USSIA Strengthens Members' Digital Skills Through Practical Training



On Tuesday, 8 September, the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) convened a practical Digital Literacy Training Session for industrialists and small-scale manufacturers, aimed at strengthening members' digital capabilities and supporting business growth. The session focused on equipping participants with practical digital tools to improve business visibility, enhance operational workflows and increase profitability.

The training highlighted the importance of digitalisation in helping small-scale manufacturers remain competitive, reach wider markets and improve the way they manage and promote their businesses. Through the session, participants were introduced to practical approaches to using digital tools to support their day-to-day operations and strengthen their market presence.

The session also underscored the wider impact of empowering USSIA members with digital skills, as stronger and more competitive businesses contribute to job creation, improved supply chains and community development. USSIA remains committed to supporting its members with relevant knowledge and practical skills that enable them to adapt to changing business demands and take advantage of emerging opportunities.

The Association extends its appreciation to Clo Willaerts for delivering a masterclass in practical digital tools and to all participants for their active engagement. The training marked another step in USSIA's continued efforts to bridge the digital gap and empower its members to achieve sustainable business growth..



USSIA Invites MSMLs to Exhibit at the 2026 UMA Show



MSMLs showcasing their products during the 2025 exhibition



The Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) is inviting Micro, Small and Medium Industries (MSMLs), entrepreneurs, manufacturers and service providers to participate in the 2026 UMA Show, scheduled to take place from 2nd to 10th October 2026 at the UMA Lugogo Show Grounds, Kampala. The exhibition presents an opportunity for businesses to showcase their products and services, connect with potential customers, explore new markets and strengthen business networks.

Through this opportunity, USSIA is encouraging its members and other interested enterprises to secure exhibition spaces and take advantage of the platform to increase their visibility and promote locally made products. The UMA Show brings together businesses, consumers, manufacturers, investors and other stakeholders, creating an avenue for exhibitors to engage directly with the market, identify new business opportunities and build valuable partnerships.

With limited exhibition spaces available, interested businesses are encouraged to book early through the USSIA Secretariat. Participation will enable MSMLs to demonstrate their products, interact with potential buyers and contribute to the promotion of Uganda's industrial and entrepreneurial development.

For more information and booking, contact 0706 733 792 / 0708 730 677, email info@ussia.or.ug, or visit www.ussia.or.ug.

EU, Enabel and WHH Monitor Work-Based Learning at USSIA Training Centre



As part of the WeWork - Green and Decent Jobs for Youth Project, representatives from the European Union (EU), Enabel, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and other project partners visited the USSIA Training Centre to monitor the implementation of Work-Based Learning and understand how participants are applying the skills acquired through the programme. The visit provided an opportunity for partners to engage with trainees, assess progress and gain insights into the practical impact of the training.

During the visit, participants expressed their appreciation to the funders, WHH and USSIA for providing them with opportunities to acquire practical skills. Some trainees shared that they had already started small businesses in coffee making, demonstrating how the training is translating into opportunities for self-employment and income generation.

The visit highlighted the importance of Work-Based Learning in equipping young people with practical skills, confidence and pathways to decent work. By connecting training with real-world application, the initiative is helping young people build livelihoods, strengthen their employability and contribute to the growth of their communities. Through continued collaboration with its partners, USSIA remains committed to supporting skills development and expanding opportunities for young people to access decent and sustainable employment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT'S NEXT FOR MEMBERS, ENTREPRENEURS AND INDUSTRY



Uganda Small Scale Industries Association
Supporting MSMEs for a stronger Uganda

BRANDING And PACKAGING Training

With
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 **18th September 2026**



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VAT THRESHOLD TRAINING

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 **DATE**
17th September 2026

 **TIME**
10:00 AM

 **VENUE**
Online (Google Meet)

 Join via Google Meet
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