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**UGANDA NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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**VOICE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN
UGANDA**

CHINA- UGANDA INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY COOPERATION EXPOSITION



UGANDA National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UNCCI) President Olive Kigongo and the chinese Ambassador Zheng Zhuqiang presided over the opening ceremony of the China- Uganda Industrial capacity Cooperation Exposition held at Uganda Manufacturers Association grounds.

The expo was the first ever in Uganda and only the third in Africa, after Kenya's and Ethiopia's last year, is a signal that Uganda is moving from being, just a consumer of Chinese products to a key market of its capital goods and equipment.

The expo, which show cased infrastructure construction, energy, mining machines and equipment, agricultural processing machines and automobiles, is a recognition that this country is moving to the next stage of development.

China has become a major investor in our country. Foreign Direct Inflows (FDI) from China into Uganda last year stood at \$270m, the third highest on the continent and growing.

UNCCI, who were partners to the event, see such events as key means to creating engagement between businessmen in China and here at home.

The Expo is planned as an annual event and one can expect after the interest shown in the inaugural edition that it will only grow from strength to strength.

It was good way to expose our businessmen as to the possibilities available in China and in turn make their businessmen aware of the demand for their products. Some mutually beneficial relationships were struck up between the exhibitors and our businessmen. I have no doubt that the fruits of these interactions will be seen very soon.

UGANDA-TURKEY BUSINESS FORUM, SPEKE RESORT MUNYONYO



The Republic of Uganda hosted the 1st Uganda- Turkey Business Forum from 17th-19th June 2019 at the Common Wealth Speke Resort Munyonyo in Kampala.

The Forum was organized by the Uganda Embassy in Turkey, the Turkish Embassy in Kampala in partnership with Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UNCCI). Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) and the Foreign Relations Economic Board of the Republic of Turkey (DIEK) .

The main Objective of the business Forum was to create an opportunity that enables the business communities from Uganda and Turkey to share Experience, create business networks, identify opportunities and challenges of on-going trade and investment between both countries.

The President (UNCCI) Mrs Olive Zaitun Kigongo stressed out that UNCCI Considers Turkey among the Priority key partners of Uganda In trade and Investment,

she further said that this forum will offer opportunities to both countries to derive maximum benefits from the major Trade and Investment priority areas available which will strengthen and increase trade volumes between Uganda and Turkey.

Mrs. Olive Kigongo also informed the investors that there are a number of areas for investment in businesses related to local oil & gas content, tourism, agro-processing, mineral Environment, Food Animal Industry exploration, education, medical, construction, irrigation, energy, ICT communication, and that Uganda is centrally located within the East African Community, with good fertile soils, weather, temperatures

In her closing remarks, The president of UNCCI re-affirm the commitment to work together with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Turkey and all other key stakeholders to encourage joint ventures, and collaborations with a view of strengthening backward and forward linkages between our two sister states

WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW 2019



There is therefore great need to do a mass sensitization about the role of women in economic society, the need to keep the girl child in school to make them better persons in future, the creation of favorable working environment for them, creation of easy and accessible credit facilities through the different associations, improvement of the laws and policies that will in result reduce inequality and improvement of women's economic empowerment in Uganda.

The World Bank Group in partnership with Ministry of Gender and FIDA Uganda, organized a capacity building workshop on legal frameworks and their impact on women's economic inclusion which was held on 27-28 August, 2019 at Kampala Serena Hotel.

Gender inequality remains a key issue in Uganda which is rooted in not just the laws that limit the opportunities for girls and women but largely on the implementation of the law and the Cultural mind set of the People in Uganda.

Our Own Owomugisha Blessing Immaculate, the Head Policy, Advocacy and Research participated in the workshop to share ideas on examination of the different laws and their impact on women's economic empowerment especially the women in Business. Though there are laws in existence to improve the Women's participation in the Economic development that have been provided by the Government and a lot of pending bills to that effect. It was identified in the workshop that implementation is the biggest hindrance due to individual mind sets ranging from cultural leaders, influential people like heads of organization, identified in the workshop that implementation is the biggest hindrance due to individual mind sets ranging from cultural leaders, influential people like heads of organization, groups and family and the women themselves.



AFRO ASEAN TRADE AT GRAND CHOLA GUINDY INDIA



This Conference was organised by the Andhra Chamber of Commerce in India with a key objective of creating a platform for discussion and dialogue with an intention of promoting trade and business from India to select Afro, ASEAN Countries and to explore the trade opportunities in African and ASEAN countries.

In this connection, Andhra Chamber of Commerce and Industry invited The Uganda National Chamber of Commerce to address the participants on the Trade Opportunities in Uganda.

UNCCI was represented by MR MATOVU FESTUS FREDDIE, one of our directors. In his submission, he commented about; Trade and Investment in Uganda. He highlighted that Uganda is projected to grow at 7.7% by 2025 and that our economy is highly liberalized.

He highlighted Uganda's Top Export Products: coffee, Cement, Sugar, Cotton, Flowers.

This strengthened the relationship between the two chambers of commerce and Andhra Chamber of Commerce promised to support the business men and women in Uganda through The Uganda National Chamber of Commerce.

Through our official communication channels like Twitter, the delegates shared feedback upraising UNCCI for a wonderful presentation and many also promised to focus on investing in Uganda.



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, UNCCI, ZAMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ UNIVERSITY AND SIEGEN UNIVERSITY (GERMANY)



Through DDT project, UNCCI in collaboration with Germany university of Siegen, Makerere University, Zambian University, Zambian Chamber of Commerce, are promoting internship placement Professor Majaliwa, acting Secretary general UNCCI Mr Steven Kabagambe, Germany Professor Ruger and Professor Roth - automation among others, are part of the MOU. The portal has been installed at UNCCI secretariat for student internship placement and linking of industrialists and universities under the demand driven teaching program collaboration

UNCCI STEPS UP MEMBERSHIP DEMAND DRIVEN SERVICE DELIVERY TO MEMBERS.

UNCCI has therefor launched company programs country wide and further created MRES to meet companies and ascertain their needs. Also Regional Visitations and meetings have commenced starting with south Western Uganda where meetings were held in Mbarara and Bushenyi town.

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Septmeber



Africa Australia RENEWABLE ENERGY + INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

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Monday 2 + Tuesday 3 September 2019 | Perth, Western Australia

CUSTOMIZED UNNCI MEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

One Monthly New member Orientation meetup;

- Contact building and Networking
- Member Understand chamber benefits
- Mentorship of new members

Two Sector meeting ;

- Identify Sector challenges
- Develop Areas of interveticion
- Share new sector trends and Developments
- Have a one on one with Key Government agencies



INTERNATIONAL CROP-SCIENCE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Exclusive Event On Agri Inputs

14-15 November 2019

Hyatt Regency Gurgaon, New Delhi, NCR, India

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT UNCCI



UNCCI As. Secretary General Mr kabagambe with Mrs Sanabulya the vice Chair person of CCM

UNCCCI is part of the private sector self co-ordinating mechanism in the fight against HIV Aids, TB and Malaria.

It is also involved in the financial Mobilisation through the 1 dollar project to create sustainable funding against the 3 killer diseases. This project is co-ordinated by Mr George Tamale.(Federation Uganda Employers)

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