

3rd Uganda-EU BUSINESS FORUM 2024

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DAY 1
Tue

08.00 – 09.00
09.00 – 09.30

Main Tent

REGISTRATION & WELCOME TEA / COFFEE

Welcome

H.E. J. Sadek, Ambassador of the European Union to Uganda
H. Nzeyi, Chair of the Private Sector Foundation Uganda
M. Rwakakamba, Chair of the Uganda Investment Authority

09.30 - 10.30

OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION

Opening Remarks:

M. Ferran, EU Deputy Director General for International Partnerships
Hon. F. Mwebesa, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
Hon. M. Kasaija, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Keynote speech by the Chief Guest:

Maj. Rtd. Jessica Alupo, Vice-President of the Republic of Uganda
MC: M. Mugisha

10:30 - 11.00

Visit of exhibition with HE the Vice President and other dignitaries

10:30 - 11.00

Tea/coffee break

11:00 - 13.00

Plenary Session 1 – “Setting the scene for the Global Gateway implementation in Uganda, in 2024 and beyond”

Main Tent

Speakers

Hon. M. Kasaija, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
M. Loison, Deputy Director General of Agence Francaise de Développement
A.Clerici, Director of Corporate Finance and Global Activities Department, European Investment Bank
D. Muwanguzi, Uganda General Manager, Ericsson
Eng. Daka, Managing Director, Proess Consulting Engineers

Session Chair: Prof. P. Mbabazi, Chair of National Planning Authority

13:00 – 14:30

Networking lunch

14:30 – 16:30

Plenary Session 2 – “Boosting opportunities for Uganda- EU Trade and Investments”

Main Tent

Speakers:

G. Ssali, Permanent Secretary, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
F. Amato, Trade advisor, EU Directorate-General for TRADE
O. Rwabwogo, Chair of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Exports and Industrial Development
R. Mukiza, Director General of Uganda Investment Authority
E.T. Kamugisha, Executive Director, Uganda Export Promotion Board

Session Chair: H.E. M. Blaak, Ambassador of Uganda to the EU and BENELUX countries

All Day

Networking/ Visit of booths/ B2B/ B2G/ Deals Room

18:00 – late

Dinner (upon invitation only)



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DAY 2
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09.00 – 10.30

Main Tent

REGISTRATION & WELCOME TEA/COFFEE

Panel Discussion 1 – Agribusiness value chains

Keynote speeches:

Hon. RB Kanyontore, State Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
J. Van Ettro, Acting Ambassador of the Netherlands to Uganda

Panelists:

J. Mpambala, MD Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd
Dr. I. Clarke, CEO Clarke Farms
R.- Nalumu, Director, Uganda Free Zones Authority
P. Anyoti Peronaci, CEO Asante Mama

Moderator: M. Mugisha

09.00 – 10.30

Breakout Tent

Panel Discussion 2 – Sustainable mining and value addition

Keynote speeches:

Hon. P. Lokeris, Minister of State for Mineral Development
H.E. Håkansson, Ambassador of Sweden to Uganda

Panelists:

P. Handley, EU Head of Unit for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship, SMEs
W. Tregurtha, CEO Rwenzori Rare Metals Ltd
J. Bisasso, CEO GoGo
S. Richters, Component Manager ICGLR, GiZ
A. Alaba Commissioner for Mines, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development

Moderator: H. Asiimwe, CEO, Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum

10:30 - 11:00
11:00 - 12:30

Main Tent

Tea/coffee break

Presentation and launch of projects funded by European Investment Bank

This session will showcase EIB projects in the public sector and in the private sector – banking, microfinance and corporate. As part of the private sector operations, a new project with Housing Finance Bank in support of women-led SMEs will be launched.

11:00 – 12.30

Breakout Tent

Discussion on the latest trends in Corporate Sustainability and Due Diligence and Launch of Team Europe project “Advancing Respect for Business and Human Rights in Uganda”

This session will explore new developments in European draft legislation on Corporate Sustainability and Due Diligence, and their impact on supply chains, including the coffee sector in Uganda. The session will also see the launch of a new EUR 5 million project aimed at supporting the Ugandan government’s efforts to increase respect for human rights in business operations in the country.

12:30 – 14.00

Networking Lunch



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Arrival of Chief Guest

Arrival of H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, The President of the Republic of Uganda

14:00 - 14:30

Visit of exhibition with H. E. the President and other dignitaries

14:30 - 16:30

HIGH LEVEL SESSION

Presentation of the Uganda - European Union Partnership

Main Tent

M. Ferran, EU Director General For International Partnerships
Hon. J. Mulimba, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in charge of Regional Cooperation

Keynote Speech and official launch of new Projects by the Chief Guest:

H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, The President of the Republic of Uganda

Moderators:

Hon. E. Anite, Minister of State for Investments
H. E. J. Sadek, Ambassador of the European Union to Uganda
H. Nzeyi, Chair of Private Sector Foundation Uganda

MC: M. Mugisha

16:00 - 16:30

Tea / Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30

Presentation and launch of the Team Europe project "Investing in Young Businesses in Africa"

Main Tent

The project will support and develop new and early-stage businesses and increase the quantity and quality of financial instruments and technical assistance available (bringing together public and private funding).

16:00 - 17:30

Presentation and launch of the Facility "Support to Agricultural Revitalization and Transformation (START)" - Phase II

Breakout Tent

The Facility will offer access to affordable medium-term finance for agricultural value-adding projects, through the provision of Business Development Services and seed capital through concessional loans, grants, and partial guarantees.

All day

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09.00 – 11.00

Main Tent

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Panel discussion 3 – Finance opportunities for the private sector

Panelists:

R. Ggoobi, Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Treasury, MOFPED
H.E. S. Albjerg Winding, Ambassador of Denmark to Uganda
M. Ssebuliba, CEO aBi Finance
K. Kamarebe, Fund Manager Inua Capital
N. Segujja – Managing Director, Newman Foods Ltd
I. Atalay, Structured Finance Advisor, FMO

Moderator: M. Mutaahi, Managing Partner BiD Capital Partners

11.00 – 11.30
11.30 – 13.00

Main Tent

Tea/coffee break

Panel discussion 4 - Enabling Infrastructure

Keynote speeches:

Hon. R. S. Nankabirwa, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development
H. E. X. Sticker, Ambassador of France to Uganda

Panelists:

I. Bateebe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development
I. Kaggwa, Director for Engineering and Communications Infrastructure, Executive Director, Uganda Communications Commission
E. Claessen, Head of Regional Hub East Africa, European Investment Bank
Paul Power, Imathia Construction SL
C. Sordo, Global Off-Grid Lighting Association

Moderator: M Trouyet, Country Director Agence Française de Développement

11:30 - 13:00

Breakout Tent

Panel Discussion 5 - Sustainable tourism

Keynote speeches:

Hon. Col. T. Butime, Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities
H.E. H. Chantry, Ambassador of Belgium to Uganda.

Panelists:

L. Ajarova, CEO of the Uganda Tourism Board
T. Vos, CEO Kara Tunga Foundation
A. Wekesa, CEO Great Lakes Safaris
W. Odokorwot, CEO Umoja Wildlife Conservancies
Aisha Nabwanika, CEO - Ewaffe Cultural Village

Moderators: J. Byamugisha, Uganda Hotel Owners Association
L. Lechiguero, EU



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Networking Lunch

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OFFICIAL CLOSING SESSION

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Closing Remarks:

H. E. J. Sadek, Ambassador of the European Union to Uganda
H. Nzeyi, Chair of the Private Sector Foundation Uganda
M. Rwakakamba, Chair of the Uganda Investment Authority

Presentation of key resolutions:
Hon. E. Anite, Minister of State for Privatization and Investment

Closing Statement by the Chief Guest:
Rt. Hon. R Nabbanja, Prime Minister Of Uganda

Followed by the handing over of the Uganda - EU Exporters award

MC: M. Mugisha