



## **FEDERATION OF UGANDA SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS (FUSE) INAGURAL LAUNCH: Summarized Report.**

### **1. Event overview**

On May 8, 2025, the Federation of Uganda Social Entrepreneurs (FUSE) was officially launched at Hotel Africana in Kampala, under the theme “*Mainstreaming Social Enterprises, Normalizing Impact.*”

This landmark event united over 100 social entrepreneurs, government officials, ecosystem builders, and stakeholders, marking the birth of Uganda's first national representative body for social enterprises.

FUSE aims to amplify the sector's voice, create market opportunities, and foster a supportive ecosystem, embodying the spirit of Ubuntu through collective impact and inclusive growth.

### **2. FUSE Objectives**

Strengthen the capacity building and competitiveness of domestic social enterprises.

Mainstream social enterprises as effective contributors to national development.

Build a cohesive and holistic ecosystem for social entrepreneurship development in Uganda.

### **3. Strategic Goals**

Enhance access to domestic and international markets for social enterprises.

Advocate for a supportive regulatory environment, effective governance, and impact measurement.

Improve access to financial support for social enterprises.

Boost the capability and competence of social enterprises through training and mentorship.

### **4. Key highlights**

The program, moderated by Josephine Namakumbi of NBS, featured dynamic sessions from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM:

- **Presentations by 2024 Social Enterprise Award Winners.**

Four trailblazers—Waste Plus, M-Omulimisa, Joy For Humanity, and Bio Flame Africa—showcased their innovative solutions in waste management, agribusiness, humanitarian aid, and clean energy, highlighting how awards catalyzed their scaling and community transformations.

- **Panel 1: “*Understanding the Current Landscape of Local Social Enterprises in Uganda*”**

Panelists, including Mrs. Stella Nakawuki Lukwago (Ourroots Africa), Mr. Sairus Kiggundu (Kibajjo Agro-Processors), Ms. Waringa Matindi (Village Energy), and Mr. Tonny Wamboga (Jangu International) dissected challenges like limited finance (cited by 54.7% of entrepreneurs), high taxation, regulatory hurdles from UNBS and URA, fragmentation, and mental health strains. They praised successes, such as Jangu's 47% youth mentoring rate, and urged FUSE to advocate for policy reforms, inclusive training, and capital access.

- **Keynote address.**

Margaret Kakande, Head of Budget Monitoring and Accountability Unit (BMAU), Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development, addressed economic vulnerabilities like subsistence



production, youth unemployment, informality, and low value addition. She commended FUSE's role in formalizing and empowering enterprises for job creation, stating, “When social entrepreneurs are empowered, they multiply impact where it matters most—in communities.”

- Panel 2: “*Mainstreaming Social Enterprises, Normalizing Social Impact*”

Featuring Dr. Hillary Musoke Kisanja (Senior Presidential Advisor on Agribusiness), Mr. Timothy Mugerwa (Interim President, FUSE), and Mr. Daudi Zziwa (CBS PEWOSA Cooperative), the discussion focused on policy integration and ecosystem bridging. Dr. Kisanja called FUSE the “missing needle” for unified advocacy, while Zziwa shared PEWOSA's microloans and training aiding agribusiness scaling. Mugerwa announced nominations for the 2025 Social Enterprise Awards and pushed for a national policy with tax incentives.

- **Official Launch.**

Guest of Honor Irene Birungi Mugisha, CEO of the Presidential CEO Forum, ignited the movement, affirming, “Every successful entrepreneur started with just one idea. By joining FUSE, we commit to a shared framework supporting and uplifting social enterprises.”

Additional remarks from David Luganda emphasized FUSE as a “unified voice” for policy advocacy, finance access, and networks.

## 5. Outcomes.

- FUSE was formally established as Uganda’s leading social enterprise federation.
- Over 30 social enterprises applied for membership, both physically at the event and online via the FUSE website.
- The event gained visibility through live posts on X by New Vision and widespread social media engagement on X, LinkedIn, and Facebook by attendees.
- Testimonials.
  - ✓ “This was such a powerful and timely gathering. The energy, insights, and genuine connections made it clear that social enterprises in Uganda are stepping into a new chapter. Big thanks to FUSE for uniting change makers to create one stronger voice.” ~ Mugudit Daniel Comboni, Founder, Sicher Rides.
  - ✓ “We are proud to have been part of this noble initiative. We believe FUSE will not only amplify our voices but also strengthen our shared vision.” ~ Daniel Ninsiima, Founder, M-Omulimisa.
  - ✓ “It is going to be a unique community for innovators to deepen our impact and grow our country economically.” ~ Nantongo Barbra Jane, Founder, Smart Kitchen Solutions.

## 6. Plans and vision

As a newly launched initiative, FUSE is poised to transform Uganda’s social enterprise sector through strategic, inclusive, and sustainable efforts.

FUSE is dedicated to fostering a vibrant, inclusive sector by securing a national policy that recognizes social entrepreneurship as a key driver of development. FUSE is also focused on creating a favourable environment for all social enterprises, both in rural and urban areas, to succeed, and also have equal access to opportunities.

A key priority is developing a national social enterprise database cataloguing active enterprises across all sectors and regions. This registry will serve as a vital tool for stakeholders, investors, and policymakers to connect, fund, and scale impact.



## 7. Call to action

We invite social enterprises to join FUSE as members and contribute to a stronger, more inclusive sector. We welcome supporters, including funders, NGOs, and government agencies, to partner with us and fund our transformative work. Together, we can bring the spirit of Ubuntu to social entrepreneurship, creating a brighter future for Uganda.

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