



# 2025 Social Enterprise Awards.

Second *Edition*



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## THE 2nd EDITION OF THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2025

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### Organized by the Federation of Uganda Social Entrepreneurs (FUSE)

On 20 November 2025, International Social Enterprise Day, the Federation of Uganda Social Entrepreneurs (FUSE) hosted the 2nd Edition of the Social Enterprise Awards at the Sheraton Kampala Hotel. Under the theme “Honouring Heroes of the Social Enterprise Sector in Uganda,” this landmark event celebrated innovative, purpose-driven enterprises tackling Uganda’s most pressing social and environmental challenges.



Over 150 distinguished guests, including government officials, investors, development partners, and sector leaders, gathered for an inspiring evening hosted by renowned media personality Flavia Tumusiime. The Chief Guest, **Mrs. Irene Birungi Mugisha (CEO, Presidential CEO Forum)**, delivered a powerful keynote affirming the government’s commitment to supporting social enterprises.

Building on the success of the 2024 inaugural edition, FUSE fully led the 2025 awards to create a truly Ugandan-owned platform. The event aimed to recognize outstanding achievements, promote scalability and sustainability, and inspire the next generation of change-makers.

## Key Highlights

- **Expanded Categories:** Nine awards, including the new Female Social Entrepreneur of the Year.
- **Record Participation:** 174 nominations from 89 unique organizations/individuals; the Environmental category was most popular.
- **Transparent Process:** Shortlisting by the FUSE team, public voting (25,574 votes, 50% weight), and field verifications.

## Highlights from the Ceremony

The ceremony, moderated by Flavia Tumusiime, had an Inspiring program which featured:

- 🔦 Welcoming remarks by **David Luganda**, Head of Partnerships & Development at FUSE.
- 🔦 Showcasing of different social enterprises in Uganda, where finalists shared their impactful stories.
- 🔦 A thought-provoking panel discussion on “Mainstreaming Social Enterprises, Normalising Impact” with experts Dr. Yacoub Hachine, Dr. Masaba Yunus, and Prof. Dr. Sarah Kasozi Kwagala.
- 🔦 Visionary address by FUSE CEO Mugerwa Timothy, announcing plans for the National Social Enterprise Policy and the 2026 Pan-African Summit.
- 🔦 A keynote by Chief Guest Mrs. Irene Birungi Mugisha (CEO, Presidential CEO Forum).
- 🔦 Awards presentation amid standing ovations.



### Education & Skills Social Enterprise of the Year.

Robokids Africa (robotics and STEM training for children)



### Digital Social Enterprise of the Year.

AGRITOK (AgriTok App connects farmers, experts, and agri-preneurs on a user-friendly platform to share knowledge, get advice, and network effectively.



### Local NGO of the Year.

Kulika Uganda (ecological organic agriculture training)



### Young Social Entrepreneur of the Year.

Laura Muwanguzi (Founder, Sustainable Scholars)



### Female Social Entrepreneur of the Year.

Juliet Tumusiime Kakwerre (banana fiber hair extensions via Cheveux Organique)



### Agricultural Social Enterprise of the Year.

Hydroponic Farms Uganda (innovative soilless farming solutions)



### Health & Social Care Social Enterprise of the Year.

Action 4 Health Uganda (youth SRH empowerment)

## 2025 Award Winners



### Social Enterprise of the Year.

EcoBrixx Uganda (recycles plastic waste into eco-products, creating jobs)



### Environmental Social Enterprise of the Year.

Wana Energy Solutions (affordable clean cooking with LPG)

# Outcomes and Impact

The awards generated unprecedented engagement, national visibility for winners, networking opportunities, and widespread media coverage. Participants hailed it as a validating platform that amplifies social entrepreneurs' voices and strengthens FUSE's role as the sector's coordinator.

Looking ahead, the 3rd Edition in 2026 will culminate the inaugural Pan-African Social Enterprise Summit, promising greater scale, inclusivity, and support, like acceleration programs and alumni networks.

*FUSE continues to champion Uganda's social enterprise ecosystem for sustainable, equitable growth. We invite partners, sponsors, and nominees to join this growing movement for sustainable, equitable development in Uganda and beyond.*

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