PRIVATE SECTOR FOUNDATION UGANDA

Private Sector Foundation Uganda (**PSFU**) is Uganda's Apex body for the private sector. It is made up of 157 business associations, corporate bodies and the major public sector agencies that support private sector growth.

Since its founding in 1995, PSFU has served as a focal point for private sector advocacy as well as capacity building and continues to sustain a positive dialogue with Government on behalf of the private sector.

Right from its inception PSFU has been Government's implementation partner for several projects and programmes aimed at strengthening the private sector as an engine of economic growth. Such programmes include; the implementation of the Business Uganda Development Scheme (BUDS), the BUDS-Energy for Rural Transformation (ERT) programme and advising government on positive policy reforms.

PSFU also manages a World Bank funded project; the Second Private Sector Competitiveness Project (PSCP II) on behalf of Government to support improvement of competitiveness within the Uganda private sector.

PSFU is also managing a Business Uganda Development Scheme (BUDS) supported by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) under the Northern Uganda Post Conflict Recovery and Development Program (NUPRDP). The 13 million British Sterling Pounds Grant Scheme is intended to support business improvement, value addition and job creation in the greater North and parts of Eastern and North-Western Uganda.

VISION

To be the lead partner in Private Sector development.

MISSION

To Strengthen Private Sector capacity for effective policy advocacy and market competitiveness.

ITS MANDATE IS TO,

- Carry out policy research and advocacy on behalf of the Private Sector
- Provide a forum for the discussion of policy issues, and the impact of those policies on the Private sector in Uganda
- Maintain a dialogue with Government on behalf of the Private Sector
- Undertake capacity building for the private sector through training and the provision of business development services

Membership of PSFU is open to business associations and organisations registered in Uganda. Our membership is drawn from business associations, professional bodies, the corporate industry and public sector agencies – all

committed to addressing the challenges associated with developing Uganda's private sector.

SOME OF THE BENEITS TO MEMBERS

- 1. Becoming part of a larger body professionally working together to influence policy making processes that stimulates and spurs growth of private business in Uganda
- 2. Involvement and participation in various business foras, sector working groups on issues affecting the private sector
- 3. Increased exposure to business opportunities in East Africa and beyond
- 4. Getting regular and first-hand information on East African Community and other trading blocks in the world
- 5. Access to the PSFU resource centre
- 6. Enjoying discounted rates on fee based activities i.e. seminars, training and conferences

TRADE DEVELOPMENT

Through the policy and advocacy programme, PSFU continually engages in policy dialogue at national and international level. This has enabled PSFU to contribute to decisions and policy debates and to represent its membership effectively.

PSFU through consultation with the private sector, compiles a range of policy issues for Private Sector Platform for Action each year. These are prioritised, discussed and agreed with government for implementation. This provides opportunity for the private sector to get involved in national policy formulation and monitoring implementation of such policies.

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UGANDA NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The Uganda National Chamber of commerce and Industry (UNCCI) was set up in 1933. It is the oldest and largest nation-wide umbrella organization of the private sector in Uganda. UNCCI was formed as a private sector body and has grown to become a vibrant and credible business association, owned by members from the Ugandan business community. It was formally registered in 1978 as a company limited by guarantee without share capital. UNCCI enjoys a diverse membership and nationwide outreach with its 10 regional and over 80 district branches and draws its membership from the entire private sector, particularly the sectors of; tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, hospitality, construction, import- export, transport, financial services, Small and Medium Enterprises etc. It is this diversity that makes UNCCI the preeminent business association dedicated to advancing commerce and industry relations between Uganda and the International business community.

Vision

A Leading private sector body in Uganda, with an influential global network for business opportunities.

Mission

To provide services and advocate for a favourable and sustainable business environment throughout Uganda.

Core values

- To achieve the above corporate goals, UNCCI requires values that shall define behaviour and performance of employees within UNCCI, every day and everywhere.
- Our prioritized organizational values are;
- Quality Service: Timely quality service delivery
- · Innovation: Thinking new, greater ideas
- Integrity: Commitment to inherent values of honesty, fairness and transparency
- Teamwork: Together we galvanize collective efficiency and realization of goals

Services provided by UNCCI

- Lobbying and Advocacy
- Maintain structured forms of dialogue to promote public-private partnerships
- Disseminate up-to-date Business Information and Opportunities
- Issuing certificates of Origin
- Business Advisory Services
- Support vocational skills development
- Customized statistical reports

- · Facilitate Joint venture and Business matchmaking
- Facilitate inward and outward trade and investment missions
- · Provide a platform for Networking for our members
- Arbitration of Business Disputes
- Support young entrepreneurs through the Young Achievers Awards

Partners

- The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- The Association of East African Chambers of Commerce Industry and Agriculture (AEACCIA) and the East African Business Council
- The Islamic Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ICCI),
- UNCCI has also signed several Memorandums of Understanding with the American Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the United States of America, the Iranian and the Russian Chambers. It is also a member of the Common wealth Business council, Common Market for eastern and Southern Africa Business council, G77 chambers of commerce and the IGAD Interim Business Forum

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