



2023 UGEFA GREEN FINANCE DIALOGUE FORUM

WHO?

Financial sector, government and green enterprise representatives; enterprise support organisations; sector experts; intermediaries



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– Agenda-Setting Panel Discussions

Exploring the climate finance gap and discussing green finance from a risk management and from an opportunity perspective. Exploring innovative green finance instruments and replication opportunities

Green Business Exhibition and Pitches

Showcasing environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive products, services and business models



– Interactive Practitioner Labs

Working on practical solutions and partnerships to solve key questions on the future of green SME finance:
Financing who?
Financing what?
Financing how?

Networking Reception

Connecting and exchanging to foster a thriving, collaborative green finance community





Launched in 2020, the Uganda Green Enterprise Finance Accelerator provides an unique approach to catalyse the flow of green finance into Uganda's SME sector. UGEFA combines tailored capacity building and the facilitation of tailored green loans. To date, UGEFA's finance mechanism has **unlocked 8.7 billion Ugandan Shillings of green SME finance, blending grant and private sector capital**, and hence has proven itself as an effective instrument to leverage and deploy green finance to Uganda's SME sector. Having **supported 200 green SMEs with tailored, intensive and comprehensive capacity building formats**, UGEFA spearheads a transformation of enterprise support from small-scale, singular activities towards scalable, systemic and impactful approaches to accelerate green enterprise growth, leading to positive environmental impacts and the creation of green jobs.

Learnings, insights and replication opportunities of UGEFA's journey the past four years will be presented during hands-on discussions engaging development finance institutions, donors, the banking sector, government and green SME representatives.



Uganda is vulnerable to climate hazards; a variety of sectors such as agriculture, water, and manufacturing – many of them mainly driven by small and medium-sized enterprises – are affected by climate change. Other sectors, such as the sectors of energy, waste management, tourism and mobility, are spearheading innovative market-driven solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For Uganda's banking sector, climate change results in increased physical and transitional risks; at the same time, new market opportunities are emerging. Banks have started to leverage these by establishing climate units and the development of climate strategies and products. However, challenges and barriers remain, mainly regarding the origination of bankable climate projects, eligibility, and high (perceived) risks, associated with financing SMEs and new, yet unfamiliar green technologies. Access to finance still poses a key barrier to a thriving green SME sector, hampering green investments and enterprise growth. Innovative approaches and instruments are necessary to comprehensively tackle these challenges, both on the green finance demand and supply side.

Programme & Speakers

07:30 - 08:00

Arrival & Registration

08:00 - 09:30

Setting the Scene: Leveraging the potential of SMEs for Uganda's green growth

Opening & Keynote Speeches in Plenary | Set the scene and mobilise stakeholders to innovate systemic and comprehensive approaches to facilitate the flow of green finance into Uganda's SME sector, accelerating a green, resilient and inclusive growth of the economy in Uganda.

European Union Delegation to Uganda

adelphi gGmbH, Uganda Green Enterprise Finance Accelerator

09:30 - 10:30

Green Finance Opportunities: Successful approaches and remaining challenges

Panel in Plenary | A large funding gap remains to achieve national green development priorities; this agenda-setting panel will discuss regulatory and policy frameworks and the need of and approaches to collaborate closely with the financial sector to close the existing funding gap. It will shed light on green markets and promising sector opportunities as well as obstacles and barriers to mobilise and deploy green finance.

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (tbc)

Ministry of Water and Environment (tbc)

Bank of Uganda (tbc)

Equity Bank Uganda (tbc)

Stanbic Bank Uganda (tbc)

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break with Enterprise Exhibition

11:00 - 12:00

Showcase: Green Enterprise Champions

Pitches & Interviews in Plenary | Leading green enterprises will showcase their products and services and share their financing journey as they are raising funding or having successfully raised funds to grow and scale their operations.

Carico Cafe Connoisseur Ltd.

Whitesky 256 SMC Ltd.

FOB Consult Ltd.

Bamusalim Services Ltd.

Green Creek Ecofarm Ltd.

12:00 - 13:30

Lunch Break with Enterprise Exhibition

Programme & Speakers

13:30 - 14:30

Moving Ahead with Innovative Financing Instruments

Panel in Plenary | Innovative instruments and approaches are needed to facilitate and de-risk green sector financing. This panel will share experiences and highlight solutions to overcome current green finance challenges. It will shed light on success factors and replication opportunities to accelerate the mobilisation and deployment of green climate finance, impactful investments and ultimately create climate mitigation and adaptation impacts.

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KfW Uganda (tbc)

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) (tbc)

European Investment Bank Africa Regional Hub (tbc)

14:30 - 16:00

Practitioner Lab: Sharing Practical Insights and Working on Solutions

Break-out Sessions | In order to seize green finance opportunities, the right tools, instruments and solutions are needed. Three interactive, solution-oriented break-out sessions will stimulate ideation and co-creation to tackle a set of key questions:

Financing Who? Green SMEs, their varying financing needs and approaches to harmonise non-financial and financial supported offered by Uganda's entrepreneurial ecosystem and financial sector **In partnership with enabel and EROVO**

Financing What? National sustainable development priorities, green finance market opportunities, and green climate finance eligibility assessments

Financing How? Green finance instruments to de-risk SME finance and leverage private sector capital

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee Break with Enterprise Exhibition

16:30 - 17:00

Synthesis: Looking forward and call to action

Closing in Plenary | Reconvene to collect new insights and practical next steps from the parallel sessions and define tangible and implementable opportunities and action for all sectors to develop pathways to improve access to finance for green SMEs in support of green growth in Uganda.

17:00

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