



STI TELEGRAPH

MADE IN UGANDA - A NEW ERA

STI Mantra: Making Uganda the best

1ST October 2025



Inspire Africa Coffee park, Ntungamo

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY COINCIDED WITH THE COMMISSIONING OF THE INSPIRE AFRICA COFFEE PARK PRODUCTS TO THE MARKET AT RWASHAMIRE, NTUNGAMO

Highlights Elsewhere



16TH Oct 2025

- 31st International Trade fair, Uganda Manufacturers' Association grounds Lugogo
- Inspire Africa Coffee park, Ntungamo Rwashamire
- Makarere University, Kampala Uganda
- Science, Technology and Innovation secretariat, Naguru Katalima Road
- Noda Coffee First single origin coffee cafe, Saudi Arabia

TOP STORIES

12TH Oct 2025



The minister for Science, Technology and Innovation Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero launches the Made In Uganda supermarket at it's permanent home, UMA show grounds



Finance minister, Hon. Matia Kasaija inspects the shopping shelves of the Made In Uganda supper market at Lugogo, UMA show grounds



Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero flags off a cohort of 20 scientists for a monthlong therapeutic research & development training in China.



Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero's firsthand experience shopping in the Made In Uganda supermarket shortly after her tour and subsequent launch

WHY THE 'MADE IN UGANDA' SUPERMARKET

Currently piloting at the Uganda Manufacturers Association show grounds Lugogo, the Made In Uganda supermarket is strategically established at the tail end of the Idea-Market innovation journey geared at positioning innovation consumable final products to a vast both local and foreign market.

The Made in Uganda (MIU) supermarket is a national initiative aimed at promoting, aggregating, and distributing Ugandan made products through a unified ecosystem. A formation of an online marketplace, physical retail outlets & fulfilment infrastructure that links local producers, artisans and vendors to both domestic and international markets.

The Muga Platform aims at:

coordinating: Local Manufacturers and Artisans – to increase market visibility and sales, small scale Vendors and Producers – including informal or unregistered individuals, with a pathway to, Consumers (Local and Diaspora) – seeking authentic Ugandan products, Retailers and Exporters – looking for reliable access to Ugandan made goods, Policy Stakeholders and Development Partners – interested in trade development, economic inclusion & national pride.

Purpose: Empower Ugandan entrepreneurs, innovators and local artisans, expand market access for Ugandan products through digital and physical retail infrastructure, Strengthen local value chains, elevate product quality and competitiveness, promote economic inclusion, Position Ugandan made goods as trusted, desirable, and export ready products on the regional and global stage and build a recognisable Ugandan consumer brand locally and abroad.





STI-OP SCOOPS TOP AWARDS – THE 31st UGANDA MANUFACTURES' ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

PLATINUM PARTNERS: The science technology and Innovation secretariat, Office of the President (STI-OP) aside being premium sponsors of the trade fair also used the forum to pilot the Made in Uganda (MIU) Platform plus an STI Village display like never before. These saw STI-OP bring home two awards in recognition for creative setup for Made in Uganda supermarket and STI village & as Multi-Platinum sponsorship

The official launch of this year's trade fair was Officiated by the finance minister Hon. Matia Kasaija who reiterated government's commitment to supporting a science-led economy, supporting industries for job creation putting emphasis on the role of manufacturers in the critical economic stimulation need.

Pictorial



7th Oct 2025

Theme: "Sustainable Industrialisation for Inclusive Growth, Employment and Wealth Creation,"

AWARDS IN PICTURES



Among other awardees is Uganda baati, Harris International, Alam Group of Companies etc.

Currently housing 3,540 innovation products, the Made In Uganda(MIU) supermarket is geared at containing **10,000** innovation products by the year 2030 according to the STI minister. A science-led economy depicted by a display of the innovation products at the Idea-Market innovation journey tail-end like never witnessed in history will spur confidence in home-grown innovation products hence reducing foreign consumption.



AS SAID

“UMA, has shown commitment to partnering with government so as to realise the tenfold growth trajectory. I want to salute UMA for being patriotic and standing with Uganda as for our great need. Those who wish to spoil your work are doomed. Be firm we are traveling together and the journey is moving.”

PATHOGEN ECONOMY

GROUNDBREAKING IDEAS WITH REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS



26th OCT 2025

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY HOSTS ORTARCHI ANNUAL GATHERING 2025



27th OCT 2025

PRODUCT OR PERISH – STI MINISTER TO RESEARCHERS!!

The Honorable Minister for STI delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the 2025 O.R Tambo Africa Research Chairs Initiative (ORTACHI) Gathering at Makerere School of Public Health. The Minister emphasized the urgent need to develop a new cadre of Scientists who understand how STI builds the economy. She also noted that research that does not capture wealth in some form is more or less wasted. Forget the old 'publish or perish' adage. The new frontier is Product or Publish. The Gathering attracted delegates from Uganda, Tanzania, South Africa, Zambia , Ghana, Mozambique and Burkina Faso, among others

CAPACITY BUILDING

Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero flags off a cohort of 20 scientists for a month-long therapeutic research & development training in China.



22nd Oct 2025

The flag off officiation hosted by the Pathogen economy bureau at the Science, Technology and Innovation secretariat Naguru,

What you need to know!!

The Science, Technology and Innovation minister, Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero flagged off a cohort of 20 scientists for a monthlong training in China. The program, scheduled to take place from October 25th - November 24th, 2025, in Chongqing, China, is fully sponsored by our Chinese partners.

Focused on:

Benchmarking international best practices in therapeutics research and manufacturing.

Gaining practical insights in the processes involved in modern therapeutics development & production. -

Opportunities for future collaborations, the minister stressed patriotism

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS



Pathogen Economy team held a productive meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

What you need to know!!

The MODVA team held a meeting with the Pathogen Economy Bureau to review & advance strategic initiatives in herbal medicine research, infectious disease surveillance, and pharmacopoeia development. The meeting elaborated a six-step plan for herbal medicine research: conducting ethno-botanical surveys to document plant diversity, establishing a museum to preserve traditional knowledge, setting up a dedicated research laboratory for experimental studies, expanding sentinel surveillance across 20 national sites to monitor pathogens in high-risk epidemiological zones, enhancing capacity for clinical and in vitro trials, and fostering collaborations with specialised institutions to strengthen research outcomes.



31st Oct 2025

SUPPORT SERVICES/ PRODUCTIVITY ACCELERATION



Nonda Coffee launched Uganda's First Single-Origin Coffee Café in Riyadh. This flagship café, located in the heart of Riyadh, is the first of 50 outlets planned across the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the Value-at-Source Coffee Project.

H.E Jesica Alupo, the vice president of the Uganda poses for a group picture with the government representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Noda Coffee team shortly after the launch

PICTORIAL

NONDA COFFEE LAUNCHES FIRST SINGLE ORIGIN CAFE IN SAUDI ARABIA



The Noda Coffee first single origin cafe signifies a groundbreaking entry into a new market for the pearl's coffee

MAKERERE ACQUIRES FIRST SPECIAL NEEDS KMC BUS

KMC, DONATED THE SPECIAL NEEDS E-BUS TO MAKERERE UNIVERSITY JUST AFTER RECENT PURCHASE OF TWO BUSESSES



7TH Oct 2025

WHILE SPEAKING TO THE PRESS, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR PROF. BARNABAS NAWANGWE CONFIRMED THE BUS FROM KMC IS A DONATION

Kiira Motors Corporation(KMC) strengthened partnership with Makerere university. Lest we forget, the mage E-vehicle plant was birthed at the same varsity. The special needs bus came shortly after a recent purchase of two e-busses by the university which were handed over by H.E the president at the grand commissioning in Jinja the previous month. The distinguishing factor however is that this bus is specifically designated to transport differently abled students or special needs students in and around the institute's vicinity.



A glimpse at Makerere's newly acquired special needs students bus as received at the campus



Makerere university vice chancellor receives the keys to bus in a handover ceremony.

ARUA, CONFERENCE 25

Keynote Address: The Science, Technology and Innovation minister delivered a keynote address at the ARUA, African Research Universities Alliance under the theme: Research, Innovation and Artificial Intelligence for Africa's Transformation. This year's conference saw Africa's best brains gather at East Africa's top university, Makerere.



Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero with Mak VC, and other distinguished academia

The ARUA 2025 Biennial International Conference aimed at bringing together experts from different fields, including universities, research institutions, government, industries, civil society, international organisations, etc., and key discussions on how Africa's Transformation can best be facilitated by Research, Innovation and Artificial Intelligence were held alongside strategic partnership agreement.



A group picture of dignitaries and representatives from various countries on the continent



AS SAID

“Universities are formed around societal problems, Africa missed the previous industrial revolutions and our time is now. We shall only be judged if we miss out on this one, we can't accuse you of what happened in the past.”

~Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero~

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STI-OP JOURNAL CLUB

Online Webinar
STI-OP Journal club

Topic
The Achievements of Productivity Acceleration Bureau towards the Qualitative Leap

Moderator
Maureen Bagaya
Chapter leader, Uganda Women Entrepreneurs Association Ltd - Masindi

Presenter
Dr. Joshua Isiko
Team leader productivity acceleration Bureau, Uganda's Science, Technology, and Innovation Secretariat - Office of the President (STI-OP)

Zoom details
Login into the meeting here:
<https://t.ly/aNSrT>

SATURDAY
11th
October 2025

11am
(EAT)

MAKING UGANDA THE BEST

STI-OP Journal Club Online Webinar, was hosted by the Science, Technology & Innovation Secretariat in partnership with the Makerere University Lung Institute (MLI).

Topic: The Achievements of Productivity Acceleration Bureau towards the Qualitative Leap.

Presenter: Dr. Joshua Isiko Team leader Productivity acceleration Bureau - STI-OP

Moderator: Ms. Maureen Bagaya Chapter leader Uganda Women Entrepreneurs Association Ltd (UWEAL)- Masindi, IP COO - Gudie Leisure Farm

11th Oct 2025

IN

the November release



PROSPERITY PROPOSAL REPORT

Hon. Monica Musenero, the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation launched a study report entitled “Renewal from our roots: Uganda’s journey to self reliance and self sufficiency” presented at the Annual Scientific Conference of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences. The report proposes measures that need to be taken to ensure prosperity and National development. The focus of the conference was calling on participants to rediscover our cultural strength, intellectual capacity, our natural endowments and social resilience. - Former PM, Rt. Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda tweeted.



Bukedi Strategic Plan, assessment

STI Minister meets Bukedi Sub-Regional Leaders, 5th November 2025. This meeting was focused on engagements via a cross section of leaders from the districts of Bukedi Sub-Region. The specific objective for this meeting was to appraise each other on the progress of implementation of the Bukedi Strategic Plan for Accelerated Wealth Creation(2020-2040) and design way forward for FY2025/26.



THE DOING BUSINESS FORUM:

The Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet, Ms. Lucy Nakyobe officially opened the 2nd Annual Doing Business Forum at Golf Course, hotel in Kampala. She emphasised the need for efficiency in the public sector to drive competitiveness, adding that there must be productive partnerships between the public sector and private sector. To achieve the much needed efficiency, Nakyobe said discipline, integrity, frugality, time management and empathy must be embraced, adding that all Ministries, Departments and Agencies(MDAs) must have service delivery standards, client charters and strategic plans aligned to the NDP IV by 31st December 2025. - Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development stated via X



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