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Foreword from the **UDC** Executive Director

Patrick B. Birungi, PhD

Executive Director



Dear Readers,

Development Corporation Biannual Newsletter. This import/export earnings and generating jobs across publication offers us a unique opportunity to reflect various sectors. These efforts are essential in on the strides we have made in the past six months, supporting the broader objectives of the NDPIV, the share our key achievements, and outline the exciting 10 Fold Growth Strategy and Uganda Vision 2040. developments that lie ahead.

As we continue our mission to drive Uganda's impactful projects and initiatives that have not only industrialization agenda, UDC remains committed to contributed to national development fostering industrial and economic growth through empowered strategic investments and partnerships. Over the opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs. years, we have focused on enhancing Uganda's

industrial capacity, value addition to Uganda's I am pleased to present the 4th edition of the Uganda abundant raw material and resources, enhancing In this edition, we highlight some of the most local communities created

Our achievements, however, would not be possible without the unwavering support of our stakeholders, including the government, private sector, and the Ugandan people. We recognize that collaboration is key to achieving our shared vision of a prosperous, industrialized Uganda, and we remain committed to forging meaningful partnerships that will propel us toward even greater success.

I invite you to read through the stories, updates, and insights shared in this newsletter, and I encourage you to engage with us as we continue on this journey of building a prosperous Uganda. Together, we can unlock the full potential of our nation and create lasting positive change for all.

Thank you for your continued support.





Editor's Note

It's with great pleasure that we present the 4th biannual edition of the Uganda Development Corporation (UDC) Newsletter. Over the past few months, we've witnessed remarkable growth, collaboration, and innovation that continue to shape the future of our economy. This edition highlights some of our most significant achievements, from impactful media engagements to successful project onboarding, and not to forget, our commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), which has consistently guided us toward more inclusive development.

One of the key aspects we are proud to highlight is our strengthened relationship with the media. Through strategic engagements, UDC has worked to ensure that the public stays well-informed and inspired by the ongoing transformations in the industrial sector. Our media initiatives have brought us closer to the people we serve, offering transparency and fostering deeper trust in the role UDC plays in Uganda's economic vision.

In terms of project onboarding,

UDC has been instrumental in ushering in new ventures that promise not only to stimulate growth but also to diversify Uganda's industrial base. These projects are creating jobs, and contributing to the development of key sectors that are essential to our future prosperity.

Our Corporate Social Responsibility programs remain at the heart of UDC's mission, as we continue to invest in projects that uplift communities. Through targeted interventions, we are creating lasting impact in the area of, health, and local entrepreneurship—building a foundation for future generations to thrive.

This edition also features a special report on the East African Medical Vitals (EAMV) a truly transformative initiative in the Health sector. The EAMV project not only strengthens Uganda's manufacturing capabilities but also positions the country as a leader in the production of medical consumables.

As we look ahead, UDC remains committed to its vision of driving industrial growth and social economic transformation. We invite you to explore the pages of this newsletter and join us in celebrating the progress we've made and the exciting journey ahead.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement

Together, we are building a brighter, more prosperous future for Uganda.

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Meet the co-editor

You are most welcome to the Corporation Bi-Annual Newsletter (July-December FY 2024-2025). This edition brings you the latest updates and projects, impactful initiatives, strategic media partnerships to increase UDC's media visibility and transformative work of our projects all shaping the economic and industrial growth of Uganda.

Beyond business and industrial transformation, UDC remains committed to corporate social responsibility activities and dedicated to employee growth. Additionally, we celebrate the launch of our Executive Director, Dr. Patrick Birungi's inspiring book, **Grace Unlimited**, a story of resilience and perseverance.

As we reflect on these milestones, we look forward to an even more impactful journey ahead. Thank you for being part of our story!

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Our mandate is to promote and facilitate industrial and economic development in Uganda through strategic investments and partnerships







Dr.Ruth Biyinzika, the Chairperson of Nilezilla Ltd (the readiness to begin full-scale operations in the Special Purpose Vehicle for the Yumbe Fruit Factory), upcoming fruiting season, marking a significant provided a detailed progress update regarding the milestone in the project's development. During the operationalization of the Yumbe Fruit Factory to the briefing, Dr. Biyinzika outlined the progress made by management of Uganda Development Corporation the factory, highlighting the completion of essential (UDC) led by its Executive Director, Dr. Patrick infrastructural and operational components. Birungi. The meeting underscored the factory's



The factory is fully prepared, with a strong focus on located in the Yumbe District, the factory takes the efficient operation of the factory.

symbolize the culmination of collaboration commitment stakeholders.The Yumbe Fruit Factory collaborative initiative between the UDC & NAADS FONUS (Scientist) Cooperative (Farmers) Farmers' designed transform fruit processing in Uganda. Strategically



ensuring a smooth launch for operations during the advantage of the region's abundant mango fruit forthcoming harvest season. Both UDC and NAADS supply, particularly the local kagoggwa mangoes. have played crucial roles in addressing the technical. This initiative not only aims to enhance economic logistical, and resource requirements necessary for growth but also creates job opportunities thus transforming livelihoods for the local community. Additionally, discussions where held between UDC The establishment of the Yumbe Fruit Factory and NAADS touching on plans for the official demonstrates the government's commitment to commissioning of the Yumbe Fruit Factory. This promoting agro-industrialization. This initiative seeks landmark event, expected to take place in May 2025, to increase household incomes, empower farmers, years of and contribute to Uganda's broader economic various development objectives.



Our Investments Sanga Vet Chem Limited, the solution to your section

animal health

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Currently, SVCL produces seven essential products but operates at only 39.2% of its 1.5 million-liter annual capacity. To maximize its potential, the company partnered with UDC to secure raw materials, enhance production, and expand market reach.

SVCL aims to grow its market share from 2.8% to 10% over the next five years, reducing Uganda's reliance on imported veterinary pharmaceuticals. At full capacity, it could save the country USD 10 million annually in foreign exchange. Furthermore, the company plays a crucial role in job creation, currently employing 74 people, with plans to increase its workforce to 150.









SVCL is spearheading innovation, technology transfer, and economic growth, ensuring that farmers have access to safe, high-quality animal health solutions at competitive prices.







Fine Spinners (U) Limited (FSUL) is the leading textile and garment manufacturing company in Uganda, utilizing both conventional and advanced technology in spinning, knitting, weaving, dyeing, finishing, and garmenting. To expand its operations, FSUL partnered with UDC for capital investment, focusing on enhancing its woven product and sewing thread portfolios. With an installed capacity to produce 5 million garments annually, the company is committed to replacing second hand clothing with high-quality, locally manufactured textiles.



FSUL sources most of its raw materials locally, especially lint from ginners and over the next seven years, it plans to increase its intake local raw materials, strengthening Uganda's textile supply chain. The company also directly supports 15,000 cotton farmers in Kasese district and other regions, fostering agricultural sustainability and economic growth.

FSUL will provide 663 direct jobs, employing both skilled and semi-skilled workers. Local businesses will benefit hence contributing to community development.





The company aims to save USD 17.5 million annually in foreign exchange by 2031 through import substitution, reducing Uganda's reliance on textile imports, which currently cost USD 350 million per year. As a capital and technology-intensive industry, its expansion will facilitate knowledge transfer in textile manufacturing, positioning FSUL as a key driver of Uganda's industrial growth and economic sustainability.

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Transforming Healthcare Outcomes Through Local Manufacturing



East African Medical Vitals (EAMV) is a pioneering medical manufacturing facility in sub-Saharan Africa, specializing in surgical and examination gloves. With a commitment to safety and innovation, EAMV ensures healthcare workers and professionals are equipped with reliable protective solutions. Catering to the growing demand within Uganda and the broader East African Community (EAC) market, EAMV aims to reduce dependence on imports by providing locally manufactured and high-quality medical consumables.

EAMV manufactures high-quality surgical and examination Gloves made from Latex (natural rubber) and Nitrile Butadiene Rubber, suitable for medical and non-medical use. Legacy Gloves are available in powdered and powder-free options across small, medium, and large sizes all manufactured with precision, adhering to strict quality standards.







Before and After UDC Intervention

Before the intervention of the Uganda Development Corporation (UDC), EAMV operated on a smaller scale, with limited production capacity and infrastructure. With the support of UDC, the company has achieved remarkable growth through the following initiatives:

- Expanded to two production lines, doubling its capacity from 3 million to 6 million pairs produced monthly.
- Tripled its packing capacity by acquiring new machinery.
- Constructed a 1,000-square-meter warehouse for raw materials to enhance operational efficiency.
- Increased the use of locally sourced raw materials, promoting economic growth.
- Created over 300 jobs for Ugandans and provided skill development through extensive training programs.



Old packaging Area



New packaging Area



First production line before installation of the second line





Second production line with improved technology of an auto stripping machine.



1000 square meter warehouse under construction

Our Production and Standards

EAMV's facility and manufacturing processes are certified under NDA and ISO by LRQA (UKAS Accredited) for the manufacture of medical devices, meeting national and international standards as outlined in our certificates.

NDA Certificates:

- Certificate of Suitability of Premises
- License to Manufacture Surgical Instruments and Appliances
- Certificate of Compliance with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Guidelines

ISO Certifications:

- ISO 13485: 2016 Quality Management Systems for Medical Devices
- ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management Systems
- ISO 14001: 2015 Environmental Management Systems
- ISO 45001: 2018 Health & Safety Management Systems







Market Reach

EAMV's products are distributed across the East African region through partnerships with government entities, private pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, laboratories, and NGOs. Our reliable supply chain ensures that healthcare providers have consistent access to essential medical gloves.

Impact on the Community and Beyond

EAMV has significantly impacted healthcare access and economic growth by:

- Reducing reliance on imported medical gloves, thereby strengthening local and regional healthcare systems.
- Stimulating economic development through job creation and sourcing raw materials locally.
- Enhancing workforce skills through comprehensive training initiatives.

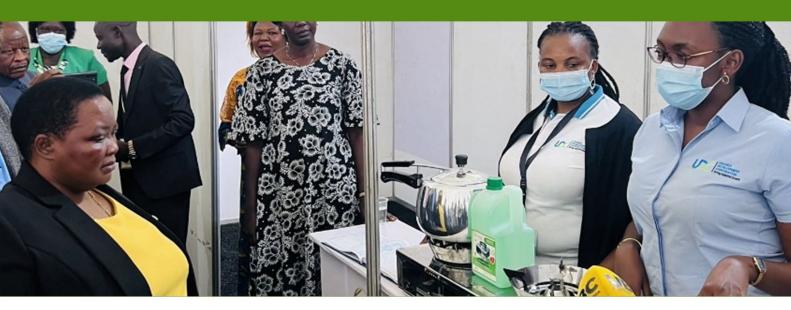




UDC Showcased Its Contribution to Uganda Social Economic Transformation at the 5th Bi-Annual Private Sector CEO Forum



The Uganda Development Corporation (UDC) proudly took part in the 5th Bi-Annual Private Sector CEO Forum, an essential gathering that brings together influential stakeholders from both the private and public sectors to discuss transformative strategies. This prestigious event, organized by the Private Sector CEO Forum (PCF), underscored the power of collaboration in driving Uganda's industrial and economic advancement.







A standout moment was the visit from His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the Right Honorable Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja at UDC's exhibition stall. Their presence highlighted the fundamental role of UDC in championing Uganda's industrial agenda through strategic partnerships and investments that foster sustainable economic growth and create jobs. At the exhibition, UDC showcased its portfolio of impactful projects and initiatives that align with Uganda's Vision 2040. The display highlighted:

O1 Agro Manufacturing

Investments in agro-processing facilities to enhance value addition and improve market access for Ugandan farmers.

03 Knowledge Intensive Services

To enhance local production of medical gloves thus reducing reliance on imports.

02 Infrastructure and services

Key projects aimed at improving transportation, electricity, supporting local construction and improving hospitality and tourism in the country.

The Private Sector CEO Forum provided UDC with a valuable platform to connect with industry leaders, policymakers, and development partners, amplifying its visibility and fortifying partnerships with key stakeholders dedicated to steering Uganda's economic transformation. Together, we can drive progress and achieve a thriving future for our nation.

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Secretariat and the Development Bank of Mauritius with other DFIs, establish its presence within Ltd (DBM), the event provided a platform to the association, and play an active role in the discuss innovative financing models and strategies AADFI Economists Forum Governance Meeting. saw this as an opportunity to introduce itself to inform its future strategies.

UDC participated in the CEO Forum of African the community, gain insights into industry best Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) in practices, and engage in discussions on climate Mauritius. Organized by the Association for resilience, adaptation finance, and resource African Development Finance Institutions (AADFI) mobilization. The forum allowed UDC to connect for mobilizing resources to support sustainable Additionally, UDC participated in panel discussions development. As a new AADFI member, UDC and presentations, drawing valuable insights to



with clear financial and economic benefits, ensuring bureaucratic hurdles, secure credit ratings to play a meaningful role in Africa's development improve funding access, and explore financing finance landscape. options such as pension funds and bond issuance.

Key takeaways from the forum included the Collaboration with government ministries was importance of DFIs demonstrating viable projects identified as crucial in mobilizing resources, while finance—combining concessional and thorough project appraisals to attract investment, market-rate capital—was seen as an effective way and exercising caution against politically driven to bridge financing gaps and attract private sector but economically unviable projects. The issue of participation. Moving forward, UDC plans to express undercapitalization was also discussed, emphasizing interest in obtaining an AADFI rating and engage the need to strengthen financial capacity while with the association to understand the framework. consolidating efforts in select sectors before UDC is positioning itself to enhance its financial diversifying. DFIs were encouraged to eliminate strategies, strengthen operational efficiency, and





Dr. Patrick Birungi (ED, UDC), and his team visited creative hub that nurtures and scales the potential pressing social challenges.

The visit included a guided tour of the dynamic ecosystem workspaces and innovation labs at The Innovation communities. Village, followed by a visit to MOTIV, a vibrant

The Innovation Village offices in Ntinda. This of Africa's most promising creators and innovators. innovation ecosystem is dedicated to fostering The tour of the facilities was led by The Innovation social impact and community development by Village's Team Lead, CK Japheth, and the Corporate empowering innovators and change makers. They Services Lead, Micheal Bwisho. They highlighted provide resources, mentorship, and collaborative the transformative work being done to foster spaces to help create sustainable solutions for innovation and entrepreneurship, emphasizing their commitment to building a vibrant entrepreneurial that empowers individuals



The visit provided an opportunity for meaningful discussions about the relationship between industrialization and innovation. Both teams identified potential collaboration areas that could enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Uganda. Conversations focused on how to leverage UDC's resources and expertise to scale innovative solutions, promote sustainable industrial growth, and create more opportunities for the youth of Uganda.











Dr. Patrick Birungi hosted a team from the Vision of GCIC. He shared UDC's impressive strides in investments.

where he held productive talks on media transformation. partnerships with Ms. Marcella Karekye, Director

Group led by the CEO, Mr. Don Wanyama. The addressing youth unemployment, one of Uganda's two principals had engaging discussions centered pressing challenges, whereby through UDC's 18 on forging potential media collaborations that active investment projects, 4,546 direct jobs and could significantly enhance UDC's visibility and over 10,000 indirect jobs have been created, positively influence public perception of sustainable significantly enhancing livelihoods and combating poverty. These crucial engagements reflect UDC's Dr. Birungi also paid a courtesy visit to the unwavering commitment to showcasing its vital role Government Citizens Interaction Center (GCIC), in Uganda's industrialization and socioeconomic





During these discussions, Mr. Wanyama and Ms. that UDC's vital contributions are recognized to effectively convey UDC's impactful initiatives UDC's sustainable investment projects. and successes to a broader audience, ensuring

Karekye praised UDC for its impressive growth and and celebrated. These collaborations will not highlighted the transformative potential of strategic only enhance UDC's visibility but also ensure media partnerships. Dr. Birungi emphasized the that the public, stakeholders, and partners are critical need for development-focused reporting well-informed about the transformative impact of

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The Uganda Development Corporation (UDC) NTV, and various national through strategic national progress engagement. By partnering with top media outlets, UDC's instrumental role in driving interviews and forums on prestigious platforms accomplishments, and future ambitions. such as New Vision, Daily Monitor, NBS Television,

radio stations. making remarkable strides in promoting These discussions address crucial topics like industrialization, economic advancement, and industrialization, economic growth, and ongoing media developmental projects, clearly demonstrating UDC ensures its impactful message resonates with growth. Moreover, UDC continues to maintain a wide array of audiences throughout the country. transparency with stakeholders by publishing its Under the leadership of Dr. Patrick Birungi, UDC Annual Newsletter, with the FY 2023-2024 edition representatives have engaged in influential serving as a thorough resource on its projects,



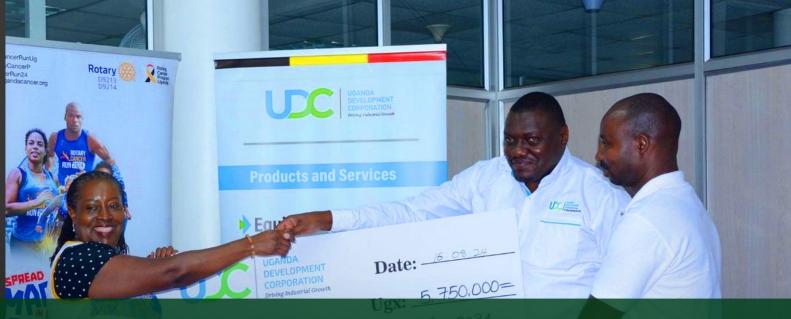
UDC's participation in high-profile economic forums solidifies its standing as a vital contributor to the nation's development. During the NBS Economic Forum, themed "Unlocking Uganda's Economic Potential," UDC representatives shared invaluable insights and strategies to catalyze economic growth. Additionally, UDC's involvement in the 8th Annual MOFPED-NTV Economic Summit, themed "Opportunities to Finance Tenfold Growth," further highlights its unwavering commitment to propelling Uganda's economic progress. Through these initiatives, UDC is positioned as a leading force in shaping the future of Uganda's economy.

Additionally, as part of an initiative by the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, the UDC staff participated in radio and television programs to enhance the corporations brand visibility and share its milestones with the public.

These media interactions demonstrate UDC's commitment to transparency, collaboration, and innovation. By actively communicating its achievements and initiatives, the Corporation ensures that stakeholders are well-informed and motivated to support its mission of driving Uganda's industrial and economic transformation.







UDC Partnered with Rotary Uganda to Fight Cancer and Champion Public Health Through Corporate Social Responsibility

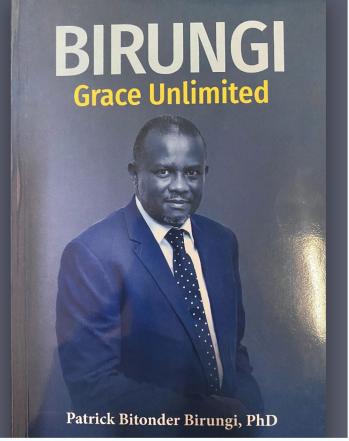


has partnered with the Rotary Uganda as a Ruby Sponsor for the Cancer Run 2024, an initiative in the fight against cancer. The theme of the run economic was, "Spread Magic in Every Step." UDC not only sponsored but also joined thousands of runners supporting initiatives that improve public health Access to quality treatment facilities, such as a healthier, stronger Uganda. the Nsambya Radiotherapy Center, is crucial for

The Uganda Development Corporation (UDC) providing timely care and improving outcomes for those battling the disease. At UDC, we understand that a healthy population is essential for sustainable development. enterprise focused on industrial growth, we believe that national progress can only be achieved and walkers at the Rotary Cancer Run event. This when communities thrive. By partnering with the collaboration highlights UDC's commitment to Uganda Rotary Cancer Program, we reaffirm our commitment to making a meaningful difference and well-being. Cancer remains a significant health in the lives of individuals and families affected by challenge, affecting countless lives across Uganda. cancer. Together, we can combat cancer and build



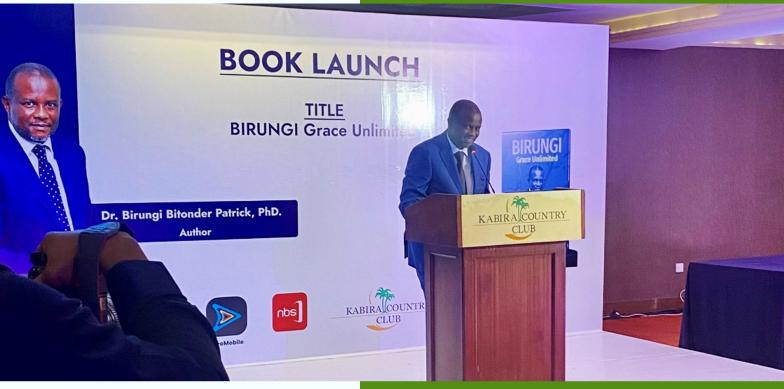
Dr. Patrick Birungi Launched His Inspirational Book 'Birungi Grace Unlimited'



On Thursday, November 7, 2024, Dr. Patrick Birungi, the Executive Director of Uganda Development Corporation (UDC), launched his book Grace Unlimited, a memoir of resilience, faith, and survival. The book reflects on his struggles, emphasizing that falling is part of the journey but should never define one's destiny. His message is clear; never give up, as perseverance and faith in God can overcome any challenge.

Dr. Birungi shares deeply personal experiences, including surviving multiple gunpoint encounters in Uganda and South Africa. These moments of adversity shaped his belief in God's grace and the power of resilience. Through his book, he highlights key themes: unwavering faith, overcoming obstacles, and the limitless possibilities available to those who persist despite hardships.

The launch event, graced by The Right Honorable Deputy Speaker, Thomas Tayebwa, marked a significant milestone in Dr. Birungi's journey. He hopes Grace Unlimited will inspire young people and anyone feeling hopeless. His story is a powerful testament that survival is by God's grace, and with determination and faith, one can rise from any setback to achieve greatness.







UDC Empowered Staff with Financial Literacy and Well-Being Workshops

The Uganda Development Corporation (UDC) organized workshops to enhance staff well-being and financial literacy. Key topics included managing personal finances, understanding insurance benefits, and planning for retirement.

- Personal Finance Management: Led by UDC's Head of Public Relations, Denis Dokoria, the session emphasized building a positive financial mindset, investing savings, and realistic budgeting to avoid debt and overspending.
- **Insurance Education:** In collaboration with the Insurance Regulatory Authority, staff learned the importance of insurance as a safety net against risks, ensuring financial stability during uncertainties.
- **Retirement Planning:** A session by the Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority highlighted early planning, pension investments, and long-term savings for post-retirement security.







These workshops reflect UDC's commitment to fostering a culture of financial responsibility and resilience, equipping staff with essential tools for a stable financial future.





UDC Staff Retreat: Reflecting, Bonding, and Building for the **Future**

transformative staff retreat to a deep commitment to UDC's activities strengthened bonds celebrate achievements, foster vision. He emphasized the among colleagues, fostering a in engaged discussions, and participated in Engaging

Dr. Patrick Birungi. Dr. Birungi achieving UDC's shared goals.

Development inspired the team to go beyond From interactive games (UDC) held a mere compliance and embrace outdoor team cohesion, and inspire importance of keeping their eyes spirit of teamwork and shared growth. Over two action-packed on the bigger picture: driving purpose. The days, staff members reflected sustainable industrialization and featured a special recognition on the organization's journey, socioeconomic transformation ceremony where outstanding meaningful for Uganda.

team-building activities aimed at exercises followed, encouraging recognition not only celebrated strengthening collaboration and participants to explore effective team achievements but also communication, problem-solving, underscored UDC's commitment The retreat kicked off with a and innovation. The sessions to creating a motivating and powerful session of reflections highlighted the need for trust, rewarding work environment. led by UDC's Executive Director, mutual respect, and unity in

challenges. the teams were rewarded for their team-building exceptional performances. The









As UDC continues to spearhead industrial and economic growth in Uganda, the bonds and lessons forged during this retreat will play a crucial role in driving the organization forward





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