



2023 UGEFA GREEN FINANCE DIALOGUE FORUM

WHO?

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



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Mestil Hotel, Kampala

Exploring innovative pathways to
scale green SME investments

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— High-level Panel Discussion

Speakers will discuss the status of green climate finance in Uganda, related challenges and opportunities

Interactive Sessions —

Group discussions around innovative approaches to leverage private sector financing for climate action



— Enterprise Pitches

Inspiring pitches of experienced green entrepreneurs from diverse sectors such as clean energy or green manufacturing, incl. agro-processing

Green Enterprise Exhibition —

An exhibition will provide opportunities to learn more about green business models and market-driven climate innovation



Background

Uganda is vulnerable to climate hazards and a variety of sectors such as agriculture, water, and manufacturing – many of them mainly driven by small and medium-sized enterprises – is 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 bears both physical and transitional risks, but also emerging market opportunities, potentials and demands. Banks have started to leverage these opportunities, by establishing climate units, the development of climate or sustainability strategies and the set-up of climate facilities dedicated to sustainability-relevant investments. However, challenges and barriers remain, mainly regarding the origination of bankable climate projects, knowledge of green investment and their eligibility, and high (perceived) risks, especially associated with financing SMEs. At the same time, a thriving green SME sector is gaining momentum; access to finance poses a key barrier, hampering green investments and enterprise growth. Innovative approaches and instruments are necessary to comprehensively tackle these challenges on the green finance demand and supply side.



The UGEFA Green Finance Dialogue Forum 2023 will stimulate discussions and solutions to scale green SME investments – by exploring pathways to tackle climate risks and leverage market opportunities related to climate change in the banking sector, showcasing private sector solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change and innovating blended green finance instruments to unlock private sector financing.