

Entrepreneurs benefit from Enterprise Uganda- *dfcu* Bank partnership

Arua and Lira entrepreneurs were the recent beneficiaries from the partnership between Enterprise Uganda and *dfcu* Group to impart entrepreneurship skills to the bank's clients to enable them access short and medium-term credit on a sustainable basis.

While closing the 20th Entrepreneurship Training Workshop in Arua recently, Mr. Denis Kibuukamusoke the Head of Business Banking in *dfcu* Group said, "Small and Medium scale Enterprises (SMEs) are the seed bed for the creation of the middle class in Uganda and the formation of a resilient and more dynamic private sector". Kibuukamusoke said that 95% of the private sector activities are championed by the SMEs, a situation which had boosted the trade between Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Sudan. He therefore called upon the Arua business community to exercise maximum honesty and entrepreneurship skills they had acquired to win the confidence of their potential business partners. He reaffirmed *dfcu* Bank's commitment to support the SMEs as a means of enhancing growth and stabilization of Uganda's economy.



(L) Participants pose for a group photo and (R) Mr. Kibuukamusoke and Arua LCV Chairman Mr. Richard Andama Ferua share a moment of pleasure after closing the workshop

The Chairman LC V Arua, Mr. Richard Andama Ferua expressed satisfaction that the entrepreneurship workshop would go a long way in changing their attitudes in order to realize better performance and also challenged the participants to act as role model for other businessmen in the region. He pledged Government's commitment to put in place an environment of good governance but the business community should complement these efforts with hard work and personal sacrifices to achieve viable and lasting businesses

Mr. Charles Ocici the Executive Director of Enterprise Uganda said this was the second workshop that had been jointly organized by *dfcu* and Enterprise Uganda. The first one was held for *dfcu* clients in Lira in November 2005.