

ILO/Enterprise Uganda train Business Growth Experts

21 Business Consultants and experts completed a 5 day Expand Your Business (EYB) Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop conducted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) EYB Project office, Harare and Enterprise Uganda from 15-19 August at Hotel Equatoria, Kampala.

While opening the Workshop, the Executive Director of Enterprise Uganda Mr. Charles Ocici assured the participants that the EYB programme they had signed for was one of the first products available for Corporatisation of African enterprises because it was a cure for most of the common impediments for growth in an African setting. He said the EYB package was at the forefront of taking Growth Oriented Enterprises (GOEs) from just running a business to expanding beyond borders.

He said to date over 45 enterprises had gone through the programme in Uganda and some of the beneficiaries had realized business growth and moved into top positions in their respective sectors. He cited the examples of Nina Interiors, FICA Seeds, KADIC Hospital, Light Secondary School, to name but a few. Mr. Ocici said complacency, poor management of success, marred vision by the entrepreneurs and over lending by bankers had contributed to the demise of many promising local enterprises.



Mission accomplished: Experts and their Trainers pose for a group photo after the workshop

The TOT was part of building local capacity to enhance the delivery of the programme in Uganda. The EYB program offers an integrated business support package for medium scale enterprises with a vision for growth. In Uganda, the EYB is delivered through Enterprise Uganda as the national coordinator and Aclaim Africa as a partner institution. Beyond Uganda, the package is also delivered in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Sri Lanka and Jordan.