

Enterprise Uganda trains Angolans in Enterprise Development

The UNDP Resident Representative Mr. Daouda Toure has emphasized the importance of supporting and nurturing micro, small and medium enterprises, (SMEs) as the fastest way of achieving equitable growth in any economy. Mr. Toure said this while opening a capacity building workshop in Small Enterprise Development for UNDP/Angola Enterprise Program at Enterprise Uganda. He said he was especially happy to note that international enterprise development centres were beginning to recognize the important role Enterprise Uganda is playing in supporting SMEs in Uganda and that the presence of Angolan team in Uganda was testimony to this.

A team of 12 Business Development Services (BDS) experts from Luanda and the industrial city of Benguela BDS Centres completed a 5-day capacity building workshop conducted by Enterprise Uganda from 23-27 May 2005 in Kampala.



The Finance Minister, Dr. Ezra Suruma issues a certificate to Arlete of Luanda BDS centre in Angola as the UNDP chief Daouda Toure and Mr.Charles Ocici, ED of Enterprise Uganda look on

While officiating at the closing ceremony, Mr. Toure said he was happy to note that while Enterprise Uganda was one of the youngest of the *Empretec* centres in Africa, it had quickly built its capacity in enterprise development and had started sharing its experiences with African and other countries. He said "This week both the Chinese and Angolan delegations, here to understudy the Enterprise Uganda business development model, paid me a courtesy call. Although I met the two delegations separately, both made very complimenting remarks about Enterprise Uganda. The Chinese said Enterprise Uganda was running the best business leadership programme in the globe. Although I personally knew of the good job the institution was doing, independent views from overseas in support of what I knew were reassuring".

The main objectives of the training were to share best practices and experiences in providing BDS to micro, small and medium businesses in a developing economy; equip the trainees with the principles and ethics of business counseling and advisory services; develop competencies in problem identification, analysis and solving; and enhance their broad understanding in the five key functional areas of business management-Strategy, Marketing, Human Resources, Finance and Production and Operations management.