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# STRENGTHENING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEES (LEDICs) IN KARAMOJA SUB-REGIONS TO CATALYZE LOCAL INVESTMENT FOR JOB CREATION AND REVENUE GROWTH WORKSHOP

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - LED Department Ministry of Local Government

## Day Two Proceedings

The second day of the workshop commenced with a recap of the key discussions and lessons from Day One, where participants had been introduced to the concepts, frameworks, and practical approaches for strengthening Local Economic Development (LED) and operationalizing Local Economic Development and Investment Committees (LEDICs) across the Karamoja Sub-region.

Participants were thereafter organized into working groups representing the various Local Governments and institutions in attendance. The groups had been assigned practical exercises on the first day, focusing on the application of the LED principles, identification of local economic opportunities, investment promotion strategies, and the functionalization of LEDICs within their respective districts

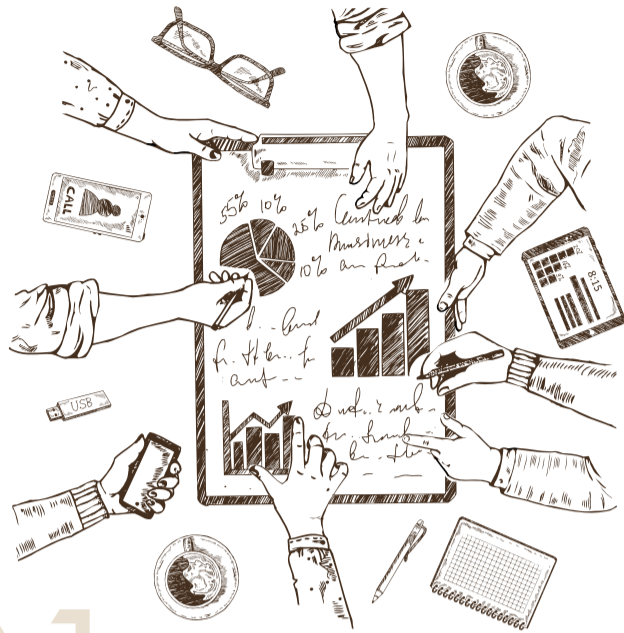
### Presenters from the formed Groups:



**OUR VISION:** An effective and efficient Local government system that provides quality, equitable and sustainable services to the population of Uganda.

**OUR MISSION:** To coordinate and support Local Government in a bid to provide efficient and sustainable services, improve the welfare of all the people and eradicate poverty in Uganda.

**OUR MANDATE:** To guide, inspect, monitor and advocate for all Local Governments in support of the overall vision of the Government to bring about social-economic transformation of the country.



## Presentation of Agreed Action Areas and Commitments

Following the group discussions and presentations, participants consolidated their recommendations into a set of practical action areas aimed at strengthening Local Economic Development and investment promotion across the Karamoja Sub-region. The action points were assigned to responsible officers to facilitate implementation and accountability.

01

### Strengthening Institutional Frameworks for LED

Participants resolved that all Local Governments should:

- » Functionalize and fully operationalize Local Economic Development and Investment Committees (LEDICs).
- » Conduct targeted capacity-building and orientation sessions for technical officers and stakeholders on LED implementation.
- » Develop and regularly update district investment profiles to guide investment promotion, decision-making, and investor engagement.
- » Hold regular LED coordination meetings to review progress and address implementation challenges.

**Responsible Officers:** Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs), Town Clerks (TCs), and District Commercial Officers (DCOs).

02

### Enhancing Stakeholder Coordination and Partnerships

The workshop emphasized the need to institutionalize regular engagement platforms bringing together:

- » Local Governments;
- » Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);
- » Private sector actors;
- » Development partners; and
- » Community stakeholders.

Participants noted that such platforms would improve coordination, strengthen partnerships, and enhance resource mobilization for Local Economic Development initiatives.

03

### Promoting Investment Through Information and Visibility

Recognizing the importance of access to information for potential investors, participants resolved that all Local Governments should:

- » Activate, update, and maintain functional Local Government websites;
- » Utilize digital platforms for investment promotion;
- » Share information on available investment opportunities and incentives; and
- » Improve the visibility of development projects and economic opportunities within their jurisdictions.

**Responsible Officers:** Information Technology Officers and relevant technical departments.

04

### Supporting Enterprise Development and Financial Inclusion

The workshop further resolved to strengthen community participation in local economic activities through:

- » Financial literacy training;
- » Business management skills development;
- » Enterprise growth and sustainability initiatives; and
- » Advocacy for increased presence of financial institutions within Local Governments to improve access to credit and financial services.

Participants observed that limited access to financial services remains a significant constraint to enterprise growth and private sector development within the region.

**Responsible Officers:** District Community Development Officers (DCDOs) and District Commercial Officers (DCOs).

## 05

### Strengthening Monitoring, Reporting and Communication

To improve monitoring and accountability, participants agreed that:

- » Local Governments should submit periodic reports on LED implementation to the Ministry of Local Government.
- » Government communication platforms, including the free airtime provided through Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC), should be utilized to raise awareness about LED programmes and investment opportunities.
- » Each Local Government in Karamoja should use the one-hour free UBC airtime to share key lessons and outcomes from the workshop and promote Local Economic Development initiatives.

Responsible Officers: CAOs, TCs, DCOs, and DCDOs

## 06

### Improving Data Collection and Evidence-Based Planning

The workshop highlighted the need for reliable data to guide decision-making and agreed that Local Governments should:

- » Conduct data collection on the functionality of agro-processing infrastructure and other government investments in the region.
- » Regularly assess the performance of government-supported investments and economic infrastructure.
- » Generate evidence to support planning, resource allocation, and investment promotion.

Responsible Officers: District Commercial Officers.

## 07

### Enhancing Revenue Mobilization and Government Programme Uptake

Participants agreed on the need to:

- » Increase responsiveness and community uptake of government programmes.
- » Profile contractors operating within Local Governments to support the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) in the collection of withholding tax and enhance local revenue performance.
- » Strengthen awareness and sensitization programmes aimed at increasing participation in government interventions.

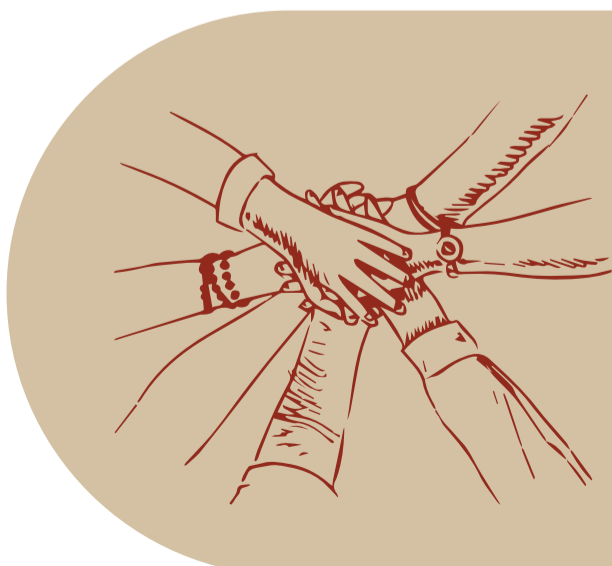
Responsible Officers: Chief Finance Officers (CFOs), DCDOs, CAOs, and TCs.

## 08

### Strategic Actions Requiring Further Engagement

The workshop also identified several strategic interventions that require continued engagement with the Ministry of Local Government and other stakeholders, including:

- » Establishment of dedicated budget lines for LED coordination meetings and investor awareness activities.
- » Integration of Local Economic Development indicators into Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) performance assessment frameworks.
- » Engagement with relevant authorities to establish a One-Stop Centre to facilitate investment services and improve ease of doing business within the Karamoja Sub-region.



### Participant Commitment

At the conclusion of the presentations, participants unanimously committed themselves to implementing the agreed action areas and strengthening collaboration among Local Governments to accelerate investment, job creation, household income growth, and local revenue generation throughout the Karamoja Sub-region.

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**Chairperson of the Karamoja Chief Administrative Officers**

"Local Economic Development should not be viewed as an initiative that depends solely on the availability of funds, but as a continuous strategy that requires commitment, coordination, and effective implementation. The knowledge shared during this workshop should translate into tangible actions that transform our communities. As we return to our respective Local Governments, we must assess the status of our local economies, fully operationalize the Local Economic Development and Investment Committees (LEDICs), and implement the resolutions agreed upon here. Karamoja is uniquely positioned for socio-economic transformation, supported by both the Regional Development Plan and District Development Plans, and we remain committed to working with the Ministry of Local Government to drive this agenda forward," said the Chairperson of the Karamoja Chief Administrative Officers and Chief Administrative Officer of Kabong District Local Government.



**Mr. Namara Anthony, Commissioner for LED**

"Karamoja remains a priority region in Uganda's socio-economic transformation agenda, and this engagement marks an important milestone in strengthening collaboration between the Ministry of Local Government and Local Governments in the region. As we implement Local Economic Development initiatives, we must remain committed to the President's vision of 'no sleep and no corruption' by upholding integrity and accountability in our work. I encourage all stakeholders to align existing development programmes with Local Economic Development strategies and prepare for the forthcoming National LED Strategy, which will provide further guidance for coordinated implementation across the country," said Mr. Namara Anthony, Commissioner for Local Economic Development.

## Official Closure

In his closing remarks, the Resident District Commissioner of Moroto District Local Government, Mr. Benon Kwikiriza, officially closed the two-day workshop and commended the Ministry of Local Government for organizing the engagement. He expressed appreciation to all participants for their active participation, valuable contributions, and commitment throughout the workshop.

The RDC noted that the workshop had provided an important platform for Local Government leaders, technical officers, and stakeholders from across the Karamoja Sub-region to reflect on the region's economic potential, share experiences, identify challenges, and collectively develop practical solutions for strengthening Local Economic Development and investment promotion.

He encouraged participants to translate the knowledge, recommendations, and action points agreed upon during the workshop into concrete interventions that would improve livelihoods, create employment opportunities, increase household incomes, and enhance Local Government revenues.

He further emphasized that the success of the workshop would ultimately be measured by the level of implementation and impact achieved within communities across the region.



**Mr. Benon Kwikiriza, Resident District Commissioner, Moroto District Local Government.**

“Over the past two days, we have shared experiences, identified challenges, and agreed on practical actions that can transform our local economies. I encourage all participants to return to their respective Local Governments with renewed commitment to implement these resolutions and promote Local Economic Development as a vehicle for job creation, investment, and poverty reduction. The future of Karamoja depends on our collective efforts to unlock its immense potential and ensure that development translates into tangible benefits

for our communities,” said Mr. Benon Kwirikiza, Resident District Commissioner, Moroto District Local Government.

The Resident District Commissioner thereafter officially declared the workshop closed and wished all participants safe travel back to their respective stations.

The workshop concluded with a closing prayer led by the Environment Officer from Kabong District Local Government.

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