Background on Uganda’s Economy

- GDP: $45.9 billion (2011 est.)
- GDP (per capita): $1,300 (2011 est.)
- GDP - by sector: agriculture: 21.8% industry: 26.1% services: 52.1% (2011 est.)
  - Labor force follows this pattern, too
- Inflation: 13.7% (2011 est.)
- 35% below the poverty line (2001 est.)
Uganda’s Investment Authority

* Set up in 1991 as a government agency to drive national economic growth and development.
* The largest areas of investment and growth identified by UIA: agriculture, fisheries, forestry, manufacturing, and IT.
* Other areas for economic growth: energy, education, food products, mining, metals, finance, pharmaceuticals, and transportation.
Other UIA Programs

- SMEs, small and medium enterprises--central to economic development of Uganda; help to mobilize the poor.
- Entrepreneur training programs in place to help improve private sector.
- Programs exist to involve women more in entrepreneurial process and improve their standards of living.
Women’s Well Survey
Temperatures are increasing, and increased rainfall is projected in the future. These changes will affect Uganda’s natural resource availability, crop yields, harvesting, and poverty situation. Climate change will especially affect a main Uganda export, coffee.
Murchison Falls National Park
Many Ugandans rely on farming for their own needs, but many of the current poverty plans rely on having an agricultural market.

Development of education and skills are essential to improving the agricultural sector, and especially improving the lives of the “vulnerable group.”

See World Bank video.  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0t9LUZVL4E&feature=related
Economist Charles Robinson TED talk on Africa’s boom

http://www.ted.com/talks/charles_robertson_africa_s_next_boom