

Political Economy of Uganda
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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



Climate Change Effects

- * 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

Climate and Credit Considerations

- * 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=_ot9LUZVL4E&feature=related

The Future

- * Economist Charles Robinson TED talk on Africa's boom
- * http://www.ted.com/talks/charles_robertson_africa_s_next_boom



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