

# UGANDA

## PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT INNOVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENT PRACTICES AMONG SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES IN UGANDA

### BACKGROUND

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) account for a sizeable share of the Ugandan industry and contribute a lot to its economic development. They are a vehicle through which the rural poor and informally employed Ugandans can transform themselves into the middle and the industrial class of tomorrow. The sector has potential for long-term growth and accounts for approximately 90% of the private sector. In addition to lacking the technical capacities and resources to undertake an analysis on energy consumption, many MSMEs employ inefficient and obsolete technologies which are environmentally inappropriate. Furthermore, industrial wastes in form of solid waste; effluent or air emissions are released untreated into the environment. This project addresses the issue of strengthening capacities of the MSMEs on sustainable manufacturing.

### UGANDA SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION (USSIA)

#### PARTNER:

Uganda Cleaner Production Centre (UCPC)

#### LOCATION:

Uganda

#### Budget

 **\$200,000.00**

#### Timeline

 **36 Months**

### OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of this action is to contribute to sustainable development and minimize environmental impact from the small scale industrial sector in Uganda; through the promotion of best practices of sustainable product innovation and energy efficiency.

### ACTIONS

- » Awareness raising training for manufacturing SMEs and media campaigns targeting relevant policy.
- » Undertaking policy advocacy and dialogue; facilitating networking among small scale green businesses and benchmarking on sustainable manufacturing.
- » Identifying market linkages and conducting market assessment studies to identify specific opportunities for new sustainable product designs in local and international markets.
- » Development and dissemination of manuals and training,
- » Promoting an eco-labelling scheme as well as developing and adopting a code of for SMEs in Uganda.