

THE 13TH CPA ECONOMIC FORUM EDITION

JULY 2025

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) held the 13th CPA Economic Forum from 9 - 11 July 2025 at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel in Entebbe, and online.

The conference was organised under the theme, *Sustainable Economic Growth: Transforming Today, Thriving Tomorrow*, bringing together accountants and other professionals to discuss national economic policy issues.

Recommendations from the discussions are forwarded to the government to influence the national budgeting process.

Mr. Ramathan Ggoobi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development was the event keynote speaker.

The conference drew 853 participants. We bring you some of the key highlights from the event.

NEWS



Ggoobi Outlines Policy Priorities for Uganda's Sustainable Growth

Uganda is on the verge of a significant economic transformation but must intensify its efforts to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth. Ugandans have been urged to work together, stay disciplined, and support policies that promote long-term prosperity. [Read More...](#)

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Accountants as Contributors to Economic Growth

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda called upon government partners to strengthen the accountancy profession through fair remuneration of public accountants for they play a strategic role in shaping policy and driving inclusive growth. [Read the President's speech ...](#)



Understanding the Role of Accountants in Advancing Green Economy & Climate Finance

Accountants were challenged to take centre stage in driving Uganda's transition to a green economy through sustainable finance practices and climate accountability. Finance professionals were equipped with practical policies and financing pathways to advance environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

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Accountants Recommend Increasing VAT Threshold from Shs 150 million to Shs 500 million

Accountants, policymakers and revenue experts called for a reset of Uganda's tax culture to one anchored in trust, professionalism, and economic growth. Reforming the tax policy is not about extracting more, it is about enabling growth, rebuilding institutional credibility, and nurturing a culture of compliance through fairness, inclusion, and transparency. [Read More...](#)



NARO Urges Accountants to Invest in Agricultural Research

Dr. Yona Baguma urged accountants to support agricultural research and innovation as key pathways to unlocking the country's economic transformation, emphasising that commercial agriculture, supported by science and value addition, is essential for Uganda's goal of building a fully monetised economy. [Read More...](#)



ICT Developments Should Focus on Creating Value - Niyitegeka

Despite considerable investments in cloud servers and digital platforms, Uganda still struggles with underutilisation due to poor alignment between innovation and business needs. Hence, the call to accountants to leverage ICT to drive sustainable economic growth. [Read More...](#)

Turn Waste into Fortune – CEO Takataka Plastics

Accountants, policymakers, and business leaders have been urged to rethink economic models and champion the transition from a linear to a circular economy. Uganda's journey towards sustainable economic transformation must start with a shift in how the nation views waste and wealth.

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Creatives Call for More Investment in the Creative Arts Industry

Creatives highlighted the untapped economic power of creative sectors such as music, fashion, film and crafts, noting that although these industries are rich in potential and employment opportunities, they remain underutilised due to fragmented policies and limited coordination across government institutions. [Read more.....](#)



Sejjaaka Calls for Strategic Action Amid Global Shifts

Drawing on global trends and Uganda's socio-economic realities, Professor Samuel Sejjaaka called for deliberate, organised and forward-looking economic strategies to help Uganda navigate an increasingly turbulent global environment. He outlined the tectonic shifts taking place in geopolitics, economics, society and the environment, noting that the post-World War II era of multilateralism is gradually giving way to rising unilateralism, as global powers retreat from international cooperation. [Read more.....](#)

THE 13TH CPA ECONOMIC FORUM IN THE NEWS

Ggoobi roots for inclusive hospitality in Housing, Managing Urbanisation and Centering Green Growth

<https://softpower.ug/ggoobi-roots-for-inclusive-prosperity-in-housing-managing-urbanisation-and-centering-green-growth/>



Ramathan Ggoobi, Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury

13th CPA Economic Forum: Building Sustainable Growth for Tomorrow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfEZ0o-s1LA>



Uganda to Lose \$2.09B in Coffee Exports

<https://x.com/nbstv/status/1943617960028844307?s=46&t=APVrhakPx3CvmbUdc2yLBA>

New ICPAU President Timothy Edimu rallies Accountants to Lead Uganda's Economic Future

<https://softpower.ug/new-icpau-president-timothy-edimu-rallies-accountants-to-lead-ugandas-economic-future/>



CPA Timothy Edimu, the newly elected President of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU)

Ggoobi Charts Path to \$500 Billion Economy, Defends Urbanisation and Calls for Affordable Housing at CPA Economic Forum

<https://sunrise.ug/economy/202507/ggoobi-charts-path-to-500-billion-economy-defends-urbanization-and-calls-for-affordable-housing-at-cpa-economic-forum.html>



ICPAU Economic Forum Ignites Dialogue on Sustainable Growth, Green Economy, and Human Capital

<https://publicisteastafrica.com/icpau-economic-forum-ignites-dialogue-on-sustainable-growth-green-economy-and-human-capital/>



THE 13TH CPA ECONOMIC FORUM IN PICTURES



(L-R sitting) CPA Christine Mugume – Council member, CPA Sandra Nakibuule Batte – Council member, CPA Timothy Edimu – ICPAU President, Ramathan Ggoobi – Permanent Secretary, MoFPED (Keynote speaker), CPA Josephine Ossiya – 10th ICPAU President, CPA Alfred Kabuchu – ICPAU Vice President, CPA Frederick Kibeddi – ICPAU 8th President with (L-R standing) Eng. Steven Serunjogi – former ICPAU Council member, CPA Prof. Laura Orobia – former ICPAU Council member, CPA Nancy Amuge – ICPAU Council member, CPA Patricia Onjangole - Managing Director, Uganda Development Bank, CPA Derick Nkajja – Secretary/CEO ICPAU, CPA Ronald Mutumba – former ICPAU Vice President during a photo moment with some other members of the Institute.



(L-R) CPA Sandra Nakibuule Batte – Council member chairing a session on Uganda's culture and creative industry presented by Ms Aisha Nabwanika – CEO Ewaffe Cultural Village, Mr Mathew Nabwiso – Actor & Film Director with Mr. James Wasula – Executive Director, Parliamentary Forum for Creative Industries and Afrigo Band.



CPA Rehema Nakiremba, a member of the Events Management Committee handing a certificate of appreciation to a representative from Bank of Uganda. Bank of Uganda was the gold partner for the 13th CPA Economic Forum



CPA Paul Owor, a member of the Events Management Committee handing a certificate of appreciation to a representative from the Uganda Printing and Publishing Corporation (UPPC). UPPC was a sponsor of the 13th CPA Economic Forum.



CPA Rehema Nakirembe, a member of the Events Management Committee handing a certificate of appreciation to a representative from the Electoral Commission, sponsor of the 13th CPA Economic Forum.



CPA Derick Nkajja, Secretary/CEO - ICPAU handing a certificate of appreciation to representatives from National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO). NARO was a sponsor of the 13th CPA Economic Forum.



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CPA Derick Nkajja - Secretary/CEO, ICPAU handing a certificate of appreciation to a representative from Uganda Electricity Generation Company Limited (UEGCL). UEGCL was a partner for the 13th CPA Economic Forum.



Participants enjoy the wildlife scenery at the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre Entebbe.



Participants boarding a boat to enjoy a boat sailing leisure activity at Nakiwogo landing site.



Medical team-Entebbe Regional Referral Hospital attending to participants at the 13th CPA Economic Forum.

FROM THE PARTICIPANTS



I highly encourage fellow members and stakeholders to participate in future CPA Economic Forums. These events are not only a source of professional enrichment, but they also offer excellent platforms for networking and contributing to national discourse. I look forward to the next forum and commend the Institute for its continued commitment to professional development and thought leadership.

CPA Joseph Osako
Finance Manager
GA Insurance Uganda Limited



The forum was not only insightful and uplifting but also a powerful reminder that our nation's economic transformation does not rest solely on policies, but on personal commitment, intentional action, and the courage to do what is right for the good of our people and our country. As accountants, each of us has a fundamental role to play in our various spheres. We must rise above challenges and dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to nation-building.

CPA Matilda Kashamba
Finance & Board Affairs Director
BM Investments Limited



At the 13th Economic Forum, key insights emphasised the evolving role of accountants in driving value and sustainability. The PSST underscored the need for stronger verification of financial reports to reflect true economic value. CPA Patricia Ojangole, Executive Director of UDB, highlighted the growing importance of sustainability reporting and green finance—encouraging accountants to align with emerging funding opportunities. Additionally, the Executive Director of NARO shared impactful interventions aimed at supporting farmers through agricultural research and education, particularly in seed development and innovation. These insights were very key to our role as finance professionals but most importantly, the need to involve all other stakeholders in this forum was key.

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