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About Us

Capital Solutions Ltd (CSL) is a social enterprise that started its operations in 2014 with a purpose to inspire, transform and build capacity of social entrepreneurs working with low-income communities in Africa. CSL provides high quality services to build sustainable social enterprises through improved financial accessibility and designing innovative and impactful solutions. We have a niche in building and transforming Women-led and Youth-led social enterprises in Africa.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dr. Joyce N Tamale(PhD, FCCA) Co-Founder & CEO

Greetings!

Welcome to our 7th edition of the Capital Solutions quarterly newsletter. This period has been very highly engaging as we have seen lots of progress specifically around the work on social entrepreneurship in Uganda and supporting women and youth social businesses to grow. Our financial access and inclusion agenda has scaled through the Social Investment Fund (SIF) which has supported over 30 social enterprises to accessing low cost financing. Capacity building for social enterprises was scaled through the BSSEN Project organized by Capital Solutions in partnership with the GIZ Civil Society in Uganda Support programme (CUSP), the Social Business Accelerator programme and Organizational development trainings that were conducted during the period. The issue of networking and access to markets has also been scaled through the Social Entrepreneurship Forum (SEF) where in this case we continued engaging our members through the e-coffee sessions by bringing exciting topics and speakers to improve learning and networking amongst themselves.

In this period, we launched the BSSEN Project (Building sustainable social enterprises in NGOs) which is a implemented by GIZ's Civil Society in Uganda Support Programme (CUSP) in partnership with Capital Solutions Limited, co-funded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and is geared to support 10 selected partners in strengthening their social enterprise with the aim of improving their financial sustainability. It was exciting to host 35 participants at our Hub in Kajjansi in a 4-days Boot camp which took place from 26th – 29th June 2023. This was a very educative, highly participatory and insightful training.

We celebrate our contributions to the Sustainable development goals 1,3,5, 8, 13 and 17. Our members of SEF continue to excel in their respective areas where they are making impact in the communities. As we start our new financial year July 2023, we begin with focus since we have a new Strategic plan 2023-2028, thank you all our partners for participating in this exercise.

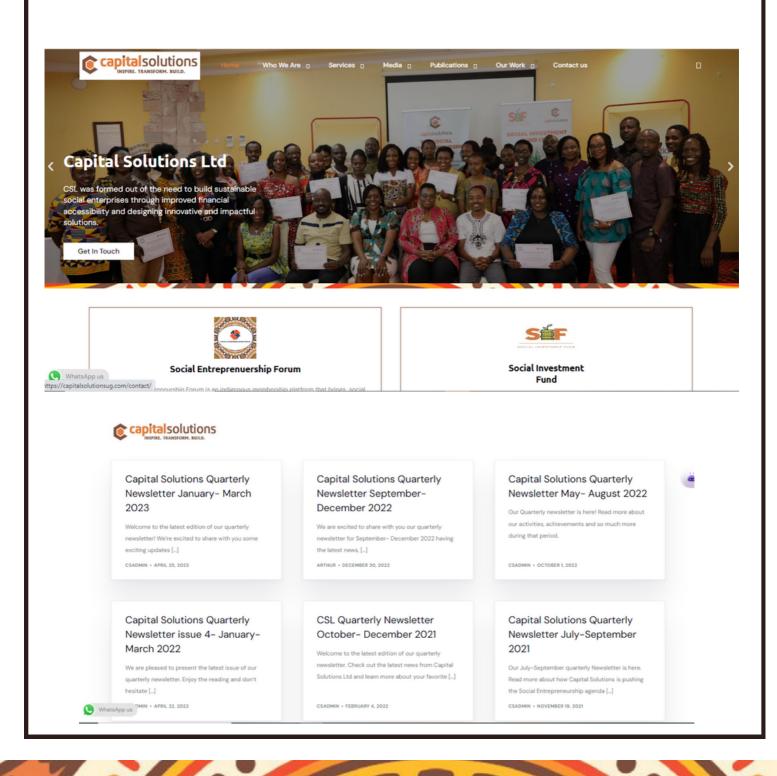
Our passion for social entrepreneurship in Uganda and Africa continues relentlessly and we are pleased that women and youth continue to build and transform their societies using entrepreneurial approaches.

"Social entrepreneurs are not content just to give a fish or teach how to fish. They will not rest until they have revolutionized the fishing industry." <u>Bill Drayton</u>

Enjoy the reading. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please address them to angel@capitalsolutionsug.com / mercy@capitalsolutionsug.com

LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE

Capital Solutions Limited launched a new website, <u>www.capitalsolutionsug.com</u> The website has been enhanced to serve our clientele better with the addition of friendly tools like whatsapp, connectivity link, upcoming events. We are confident that the new website will significantly improve the accessibility and functionality of our services, enabling us to better serve our clients and provide them with the information they need in a userfriendly manner.



SPOTLIGHT SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS



Ms. Bernadette Ojao

She is the CEO/ Founder of Wabibi Pads Limited, a social enterprise dedicated to addressing Menstrual Hygiene Management and period poverty among women and girls in Uganda's most marginalized communities. The organization achieves this mission by producing sustainable and environmentally friendly Reusable (cloth) sanitary pads. Additionally, she actively participates as a member in our Social Entrepreneurship Forum (SEF) and has successfully completed our 360 WEN Social Business Accelerator Program.

Mr. Charles Nalyaali

Mr. Nalyaali is the managing director at Uganda Tree Resources Limited, known for producing high-quality Clonal Eucalyptus plantlets. His expertise lies in creative leadership, institutional building, financial management, and corporate governance. Furthermore, he holds significant positions on various institution Board of Directors, including serving as the chairperson in the Social Investment Fund committee at Capital Solutions. Notably, he actively participated in our Social Business Accelerator Programme in 2020.





The Social Entrepreneurship in Africa Podcast

Discover Our Latest Podcast Episodes

Financing Agri-Businesses in Uganda to unlock social impact.

Dr. Edward Isingoma Matsiko (FCCA), the Managing Partner at Pearl Capital Partners Limited shares insights on the intersection of agriculture, finance, and social impact in Uganda. Discover how innovative financial solutions and strategic partnerships are driving positive change in the agricultural sector, unlocking opportunities for smallholder farmers and rural communities.



20 Minutes



Starting and Running an impactful Coffee agri-business as a young woman entrepreneur in Uganda.

Ms. Mercy Atugonza, the managing director, Banura Coffee Limited shares insights into her journey into the coffee business, the challenges she has faced, and the lessons she has learned along the way

20 Minutes

Transforming communities through converting chicken wastes into reusable energy.

Ms. Hawa Namubiru, Co- Director, Camelot Agroecology Farm guides on the process of converting chicken manure into fuel pellets briquettes production and how to start chicken manure business with limited costs.





Want to listen more?

https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/capital-solutions

SOCIAL ENTREPENEURSHIP MASTER CLASS SESSION



We are thrilled to share with you the highlights and insights from our recent master class session on deepening and understanding social entrepreneurship. This session brought together passionate individuals from various backgrounds, all driven by a common goal of making a positive impact through their entrepreneurial endeavors. The master class also involved an interactive Q&A session, allowing participants to seek further clarification and share their own experiences and perspectives. This engaging dialogue fostered a sense of community and collaboration, enabling attendees to learn from one another and expand their perspectives.

The masterclass provided valuable insights into building a strong organizational culture and the significance of starting a social enterprise. Participants left with a deeper understanding of how to create purpose-driven businesses that contribute positively to society while achieving sustainable growth and success.

Stay tuned for more exciting initiatives as we continue to support and empower social entrepreneurs in their journey towards making a meaningful difference.

LAUNCH OF THE BSSEN PROJECT

In June, as part of our continuous efforts in Capacity Development for social enterprises, we proudly initiated a 4-day bootcamp tailored specifically for 10 NGOs participating in the BSSEN (Building Sustainable Social Enterprises for NGOs) project. This intensive program was designed to offer participants practical and hands-on training, empowering them with the essential knowledge and skills required to scale their social enterprises. The BSSEN project is implemented under the GIZ Civil Society in Uganda Support programme (CUSP) which is co-funded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.



FIELD VISITS TO SOCIAL SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

We are delighted to share with you the remarkable field visits and tremendous impact from the inspiring social entrepreneurs. These visits allowed us to witness the incredible work being done by these changemakers and gain deeper insights into their ventures. Here are some of the highlights:



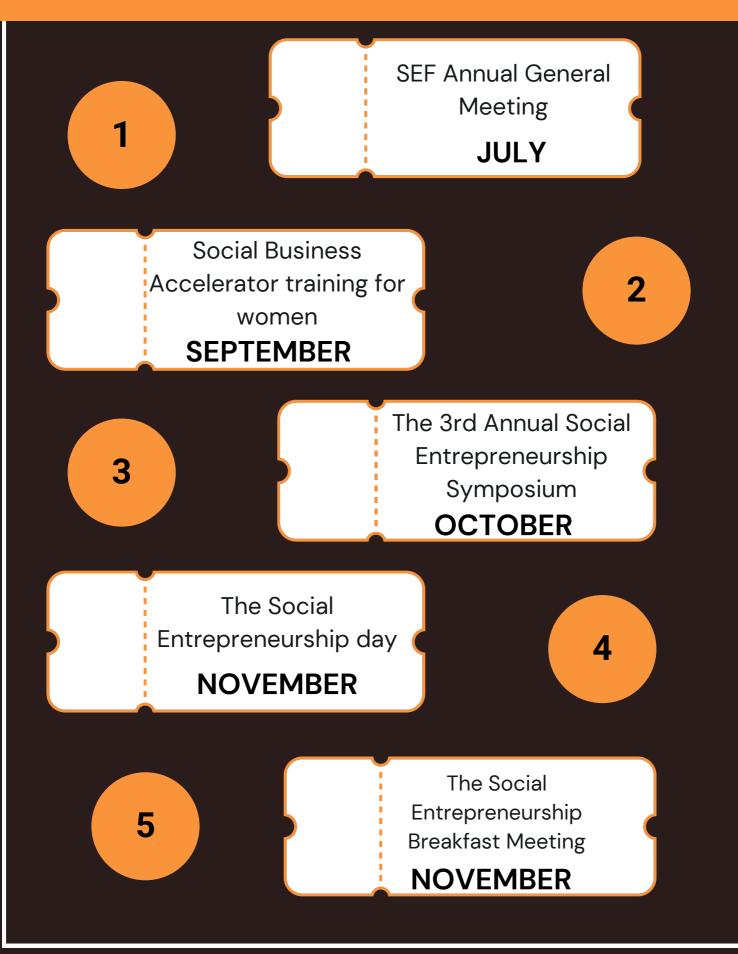








UPCOMING EVENTS



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

JOIN OUR ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME!

Are you woman running a social enterprise?

This is your chance to participate in our upcoming 6 months accelerator program that aims at enhancing local Social Enterprises capacities, promoting business resilience and sustainability while preparing them for business growth opportunities.



APPLY NOW!!



BENEFITS

- Business Growth.
- Business scaling.
- Leadership.
- Investment readiness.
- Investment pitching.

Send a 1-page motivation letter to capitalsolutionsug@gmail.com

Application Link: forms.gle/112wQsfs5CXj2VkWA

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