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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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Bootcamp
under the THRIVE Programme

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AGREEMENT

1 August 2025
Kampala, Uganda

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between

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD)

and

UGANDA WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS ASSOCIATION (UWEA)

concerning

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PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter 'MOU') is entered into by and between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), an organ of the United Nations General Assembly established in 1964 under General Assembly Resolution 1995 (XIX), represented by Ms. Amina Nkosi, UNCTAD Country Coordinator, Uganda (hereinafter 'UNCTAD'), and the Uganda Women Entrepreneurs Association (UWEA), a registered non-governmental organisation incorporated under the laws of Uganda (Registration No. NGO/2018/0047), represented by Ms. Patricia Namukasa, Executive Director (hereinafter 'UWEA').

UNCTAD and UWEA are hereinafter individually referred to as a 'Party' and collectively as the 'Parties'.

Article I: Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for collaboration between UNCTAD and UWEA for the joint design, delivery, and follow-up of the Women's Entrepreneurship Bootcamp (hereinafter 'the Bootcamp') under the THRIVE Programme (Trade-led Harnessing of Rural Innovation and Value-chain Enterprises), funded by the European Union.

The Bootcamp is a 5-day intensive training programme targeting women-led micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the agro-processing sector in Eastern and Northern Uganda. The collaboration covers the following activities:

- Joint curriculum development and contextualisation for each target district;
- Mobilisation and selection of Bootcamp participants;
- Co-facilitation of Bootcamp sessions;
- Post-Bootcamp mentorship and follow-up support;
- Joint monitoring, documentation, and reporting.

Article II: Responsibilities of UNCTAD

UNCTAD shall be responsible for:

- Providing overall programme management and coordination of the Bootcamp;
- Financing all direct costs of Bootcamp delivery, including venue, materials, meals, and participant transport allowances, from the THRIVE programme budget;
- Providing technical expertise in business development, financial literacy, and value chain integration;
- Ensuring compliance with UNCTAD and EU visibility and branding requirements;
- Preparing and submitting all donor reports related to Bootcamp activities.

Article III: Responsibilities of UWEA

UWEA shall be responsible for:

- Mobilising and pre-screening eligible women entrepreneurs for Bootcamp participation, in accordance with THRIVE eligibility criteria;
- Providing co-facilitation expertise in women's entrepreneurship, gender-responsive business practices, and peer learning;
- Contributing UWEA's network and relationships with financial institutions, buyers, and business support organisations;
- Supporting post-Bootcamp follow-up through UWEA's existing district-level networks;
- Providing UNCTAD with monthly progress updates on post-Bootcamp participant outcomes.

Article IV: Financial Arrangements

This MOU does not constitute a financial agreement. No funds will be transferred between the Parties under this MOU. UNCTAD will finance all direct costs of Bootcamp activities as described in Article II. UWEA's contributions are in-kind (staff time, network access, and facilitation expertise). Any financial arrangement arising from this collaboration shall be governed by a separate, duly executed Sub-Agreement or Letter of Agreement.

Article V: Duration and Termination

This MOU shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in effect until 31 December 2026, unless extended by mutual written agreement. Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing 30 days' written notice to the other Party. Termination shall not affect obligations already incurred or activities already commenced.

Article VI: Confidentiality and Intellectual Property

All information shared between the Parties in the context of this MOU shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties without prior written consent. All intellectual property developed jointly under this MOU — including training curricula, toolkits, and publications — shall be jointly owned by the Parties, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Article VII: Privileges and Immunities

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as a waiver of any privileges and immunities enjoyed by UNCTAD under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations or any other applicable international agreement. UWEA acknowledges UNCTAD's status as an organ of the United Nations General Assembly.

Article VIII: Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be resolved through good-faith negotiation between the Parties. If a dispute cannot be resolved through negotiation within 30 days, the Parties may agree to submit the matter to mediation.

FOR UNCTAD	FOR UWEA
Ms. Amina Nkosi UNCTAD Country Coordinator, Uganda	Ms. Patricia Namukasa Executive Director, UWEA
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____