

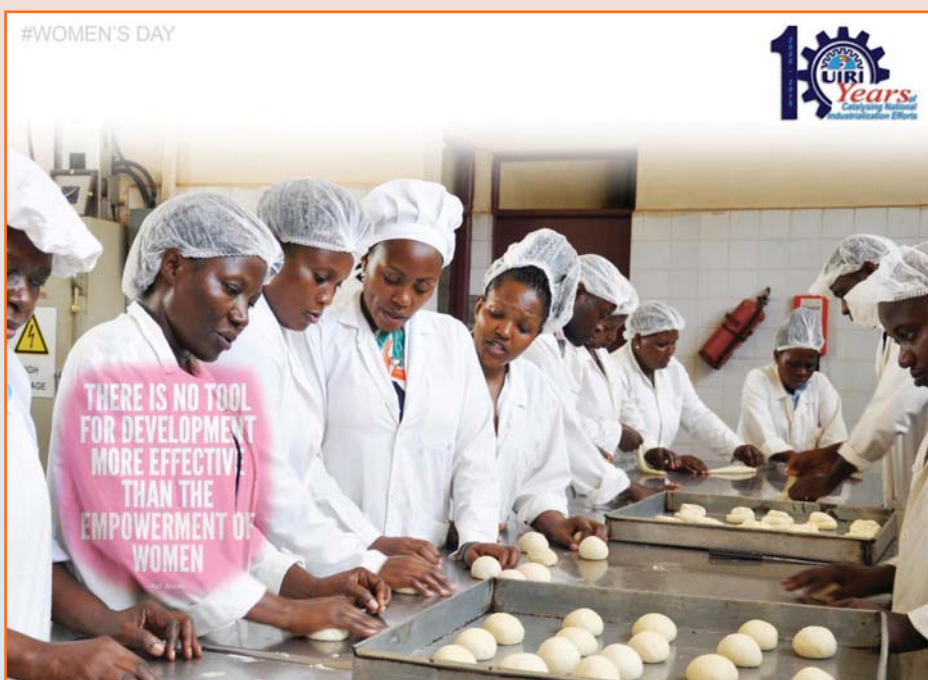


# UGANDA INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

*“A Lead Agency in Industrialisation of Uganda”*



## EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR DEVELOPMENT



**Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations, “There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women”.**

As the nation celebrates this year's International Women's Day, Uganda Industrial Research Institute takes cognizance of the pivotal role and contribution of women in national development and industrialization.

UIRI is proud to have in its management and staff ranks several women scientists, engineers and other professionals who have been empowered to lead key divisions and departments that underpin the Institute's numerous innovations in agriculture, health, renewable energy and engineering.

The Institute continues to prioritize empowerment of women through its skills training programme. Women groups in Kalangala, Rakai, Soroti, Mukono, Lira, Kabale and Namutumba Districts have been trained in the processing of meat, dairy, fruits and vegetables, wines, baking, laundry and cosmetic production, weaving and embroidery, and briquette production.

UIRI's Business Incubation programme has produced a number of women-founded enterprises some of whose founders have won both national and international recognition for their efforts in promoting industrialization through innovation and entrepreneurship. Notable among these are Oribags (*producers of handmade paper products*), K-Roma Ltd (*producers of Bella Wine*), Ugastove (*manufacturers of energy-efficient stoves*), Praise Beverages (*producers of the sorghum beverage drink – bushera*), Pelere Uganda Limited (*manufacturers of detergents*) and Josmak International (*producers of a range of pumpkin products*).

UIRI will continue to create opportunities to harness the hitherto under-tapped reservoir of women talent at all levels in a bid to realize greater levels of industrialization and ultimately contribute to the attainment of middle-income status of the Ugandan economy by 2020.

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