

## UIA Hosts Business Development Delegation from Trento, Italy



***Members of the visiting delegation, representatives of UIA and ACAV, pose for a group photo L-R: Ms Sara Ferrari (3rd left) with Mr George Piwang-Jalobo (centre) and Ms Silvia Angey Ufoyuru (Board member Uganda Development Bank Ltd).***

Earlier today, Uganda Investment Authority (UIA) hosted a business delegation from Italy led by Ms Sara Ferrari, a member of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and also a Minister in the Regional Government of Trento in Italy.

She informed the UIA officials that she, together with her ten (10) member delegation were in Uganda to carry out a study on Uganda at the national and regional level (West Nile in particular) that would assist them to identify possible strategies and 'areas of intervention in the social, community and private engagements with emphasis on agribusiness, tourism and timber & wood manufacturing', she said. These areas are mutually beneficial in that Italian businesses have expertise in them, while they have the capacity to create many jobs for the Ugandans.

Mr. George Jalobo-Piwang, who represented the

UIA Board and was one of the coordinators of the visit, emphasized the historical relationship between Italy and Uganda and was happy about the continued collaboration. The leadership of ACAV, an Italian developmental organization based in West Nile for the last 30 years in the areas of education, training and community development, comprised part of the visiting delegation. ACAV has proposed a developmental model in West Nile that will integrate refugees, youth and women. If successful, the model will be replicated in the whole country.

The visiting delegation will study the model in relation to cross border community and business development. The team's strategy is aligned towards the EU's strategy of engagements and interventions at regional levels.

Eng. Dr. Frank Sebbowa, UIA Executive Director, together with other UIA officials attended the meeting. UIA is tasked with identifying the viable investment opportunities available for the European/Italian/Trento enterprises that could spur development in West Nile and the other regions in Uganda.



***Eng Dr Frank Sebbowa (centre) discusses investment options with Ms Farrari and Mr. Jalobo-Piwang during the meeting***