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African Experiences: Leveraging Education for Growth and Development

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Vision for the future of Uganda

**Economy transformed from
predominantly peasant, subsistence and
poor to modern, competitive,
industrialized and prosperous**

Vision for the future of Uganda

- **Some target indicators**

- GDP per capita increases from USD 440 to at least USD 900 (becoming a middle income country)
- HDI rises from 0.49 (156 out of 179) to at least 0.7 (100)
- Global competitive index improved from 3.35 (128 out of 124) to at least 4.0 (76)

Strategies for achieving the vision

- Increase human capital contribution to economic growth
- Increase share of manufacturing in GDP
- Increase manufactured exports in total exports
- Modernize agriculture through increased value addition and agro processing facilities
- Intensify physical infrastructure development

To achieve this, Uganda needs a participatory population and labor force that:

- Is highly literate
- Mastering science and mathematics
- Has the ability to harness science, technology and innovation
- Has the capacity to apply knowledge to problems

This requires:

- Committed political leadership
- Adequate resources allocated to education and skills development
- An education sector-wide strategy

Finding solutions

- **Ministry of Education**: What strategy and programs do **you** propose for our country to achieve its vision?
- **Private sector/civil society**: You are not only the consumers of human capital but also contributors to its development
- **External partners**: Be willing to diversify your support to all levels of the education system