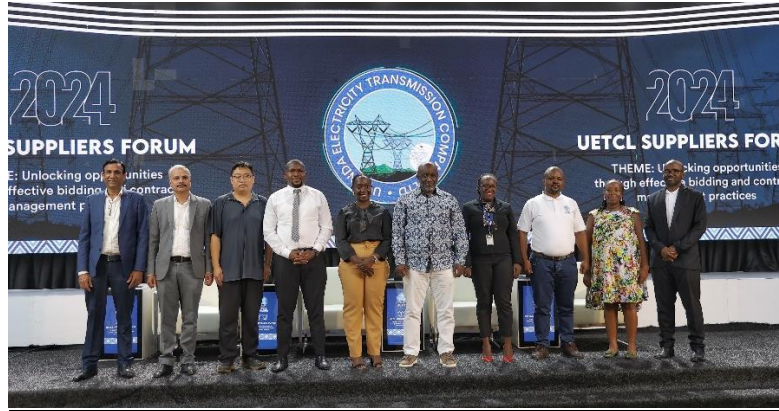




## **UGANDA ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LTD (UETCL) HOSTS ITS INAUGURAL SUPPLIERS' FORUM**



UETCL hosted its inaugural Suppliers Forum on 22nd November, 2024 at the Golf Course Hotel in Kampala. The forum brought together local key suppliers and service providers to explore the theme *"Unlocking Opportunities through Effective Bidding and Contract Management Processes."* This forum was designed to foster greater transparency and fairness in the various procurement approaches, providing valuable insights to suppliers seeking to participate in UETCL's future procurements.

The forum was graced by a distinguished panel of speakers, including Mr. Benson Turamy, the Executive Director (ED) and Dr. Levi Kabagambe, a Board Member of the Public Procurement & Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) who delivered keynote addresses. Their insights emphasized the importance of accessible procurement practices, and they offered guidance on how suppliers can effectively navigate the bidding process to increase their chances of success.

UETCL's CEO, Joshua Karamagi, CFA, addressed the forum's attendees stating that, "During the Financial Year 2023/2024, UETCL issued contracts worth UGX 2.573 trillion in Supplies and Non-Consultancy Services, Consultancy Services and works. Our current supplier list for all the above stands at approximately 250 suppliers and over 90% are local service providers in the spirit of Buy Uganda, Build Uganda."

Mr. Karamagi also stated that, "As the accounting officer of UETCL, I have to ensure that all our procurements are conducted in a fair, competitive, transparent and non-discriminatory manner with value for money in line with the best procurement and disposal standards guided by the PPDA."

The takeaway from this forum was the best practices for bidding, managing contracts, and meeting the requirements set by UETCL. The Suppliers Forum marks a significant milestone in UETCL's ongoing efforts to enhance engagement with its suppliers, promote competition, and ultimately drive greater efficiency in the procurement of goods and services.