UNIDO to support government in developing dairy sector

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The United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has secured funding to the tune of USD 3.5 Million from the African Development Bank (ADB) to provide technical support to the Government of Uganda in implementing the Agricultural Value Chain Development Programme Project 1.

The funding will help in enhancing food security and increasing household income by transforming subsistence farms into more commercial operations through investing in commodity value chains.

The project also has a strong focus on women’s participation and youth employment in agribusiness skills development.

UNIDO’s technical assistance and implementation support will be directed towards Market development and trade facilitation of the Dairy/Beef value chain.

UNIDO will work jointly with other implementing agencies including the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED), Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) as well as other counterpart agencies such as the Dairy Development Authority (DDA) and the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS).

The project will be implemented over a five-year period in various districts along the cattle corridor from West to North corridors with the livestock breeding centre in Mbarara district as the springboard.

According to the UNIDO Country Representative Mr Bruno Otto Tokwiny, UNIDO will build capacities of stakeholders to adopt food safety, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures; quality and standards practices along the value chain to avoid post-harvest losses and contribute to income security.

It will further build capacity for compliance with trade-related standards and technical requirements and to further develop local quality infrastructure to assess the conformity of products.
“The project will support capacity development among dairy value chain actors to improve the quality of milk and dairy products in the target milk sheds and support enterprises development,” Mr Otto added.

Left to Right: UNIDO Country Representative Mr Bruno Otto Tokwiny, MoFPED Permanent Secretary (Acting) Ms Maris Wanyera and Ms Rebecca Nanjala, UNIDO National Project Coordinator after a meeting to discuss modalities of kick-starting implementation of the AVCP project