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Improving Policy, Impacting Change



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Eugenie KAYITESI
Executive Director

Foreword

It gives me pleasure to present to you the annual report of the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR-Rwanda) for the financial year ending 2023/2024. I am happy to underline that during this period, IPAR-Rwanda maintained its focus on informing policy through research, policy analysis, public policy dialogues and engagements with different stakeholders both in Rwanda and beyond.

It is worthy to note that during this fiscal year, the Institute concluded five research projects which didn't only leave a strong legacy in building institutional capacity, but also provided tangible research outputs that played an instrumental role in informing the implementation of existing policies and those that were still in the development phase. IPAR-Rwanda also continued to implement other six research projects which crossed over to the next financial year.

In line with its mandate to influence policy and impact change, the Institute was able to successfully organize the 11th Annual Research Conference and conducted several other engagements including dialogues and workshops that brought together policy makers and other actors to discuss pertinent policy issues. Additionally, the institute extended its partnerships both in Rwanda and outside through several engagements with development partners, academic institutions, think tanks as well as continental and global organizations.

As we conclude this financial year, we remain strongly committed to conduct sound research to position ourselves as an important source of evidence and data for policies development and programs design. We are also determined to enhance our influence through dialogues, debate and different engagements at local and global levels.

I take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors of IPAR Rwanda for continuous strategic guidance, IPAR staff who didn't spare any efforts in running the institute's daily activities, and our stakeholders who significantly contributed to the achievements attained during this fiscal year. Am optimistic that with such concerted effort from staff, Management and with support from the Board, the Institute will uphold its mandate of informing policy for continued well-being of Rwandans

Thank you.

i. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Background

The IPAR-Rwanda is the leading independent, not-for-profit research and policy analysis Think Tank in Rwanda.

Established in 2008, the Institute has acquired a strong reputation for conducting high quality research and policy analysis and promotion of a culture of debate and dialogue on policy issues.

Mission

The IPAR mission is to enhance evidence-based policy making through research and policy analysis to improve policy and impact change in Rwanda.

Vision

We aim to become an independent internationally recognized Research, and Policy Analysis Centre that promotes a culture of dialogue and debate in Rwanda

Strategic Objectives

- To conduct relevant, timely, and quality policy research and analysis to enable evidence-based policy making in Rwanda;
- To promote a culture of dialogue and debate on public policy issues to influence policy and impact change;
- To build the internal capacity of IPAR and that of collaborating institutions to effectively undertake the tasks of policy analysis and research;
- To build a forum for debate on public policy in Rwanda, East Africa and beyond;
- To respond to the need to build external capacity for public policy research and policy analysis in Rwanda;
- To mobilize resources needed to support and sustain IPAR's strategic objectives to fully fulfil its mandate.

Thematic Areas

- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Economic Growth and Transformation
- Social Development
- Environmental and Natural Resources Management
- Governance

PART I

RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS

This report comprises activities accomplished by IPAR Rwanda in the fiscal year 2023/2024 in line with its mission, vision and strategic objectives. The reports provide key highlights on implemented research projects in across different thematic areas, policy dialogue as well as partnerships engagements. In the financial Year 2023/2024, IPAR Rwanda closed five projects and undertook that had commenced in the previous and implement seven more others as highlighted below. Closed projects included

1.1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

1.1.1. What works for Youth Employment in Africa. A Review and Empirical Analysis of the Existing youth Employment Policies and their impact in Rwanda

The project comprised a review of youth and employment related policies, the status of youth participation in employment in different sectors and youth in education.

A desk review of key policy documents including youth employment policies, strategies, and interventions; and their impact evaluation done. Sources included policy reports, laws and labor market regulations, and academic documents. This approach gave information about impact evaluation studies on YEPs, youth labor market outcomes, general policy context, and existing policies affecting youth labor market.

Primary data and qualitative information were gathered from policymakers and implementers of employment policies and programs at the national and district levels. The project was implemented with partnership with Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) in Nairobi with funding from MasterCard Foundation

1.1.2. Fostering a Social Practice Approach to Adult Literacies for Improving People’s Quality of Life in Western Rwanda” Project (SPA-ALE)

The project was implemented for a period of six years by IPAR Rwanda in collaboration with UR-CE, three Teacher Training Colleges (Gacuba II, Rubengera, and Mururu) and the University of Aberdeen with financial support from the Scottish Government International Development funding.

The overall objective of the project was to develop, implement and embed a social practices approach to adult literacy education in Rwanda that can be managed and delivered by local institutions to support people’s livelihood through poverty reduction and inclusive socioeconomic development.

The project was implemented in Rubavu, Karongi, and Rusizi districts in the western province. Particularly, IPAR-Rwanda was involved in this project to conduct research including a baseline study, a scoping survey, and collection of administrative data which informed the study both at the baseline, implementation and final stage.



YES-PACT , Rwanda chapter workshop



SPA-ALE graduates awarded diplomas

1.1.3. Evaluating the Impact of Holistic Participatory Programs on Reducing and Redistributing Unpaid Care Work among Women in Rwanda

IPAR Rwanda in collaboration with Réseau des Femmes Ouvrant pour le Développement Rural, a Local Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), implemented a project entitled “Evaluating the Impact of Holistic Participatory Programs on Reducing and Redistributing Unpaid Care Work among Women in Rwanda”. The project was implemented in five districts of Burera, Rwamagara, Nyabihu, Musanze and Gicumbi and was funded by Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

The project was part of the three-year Growth

and Economic Opportunities for Women (GrOW) East Africa program funded by IDRC. The key objective of the GrOW East Africa program is to contribute towards a positive change in improving the lives of marginalized women and girls in East Africa.

The key deliverable of IPAR through this partnership was to conduct research to evaluate the impact of interventions meant to tackle the issue of Unpaid care work for women in rural areas

The key Interventions meant to address unpaid care work under this project included distribution of water tanks to 550 couples, positive masculinity training, training sessions on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) financial and entrepreneurship education.

The final assessment conducted by IPAR revealed that these interventions made a significant impact in addressing the issues of Unpaid Care Work as highlighted below:



water tanks distributed to communities as intervention to reduce UCW

- The **time women spent on water collection** reduced by **0.5 hour per week**
- **Sexual violence for women** decreased by **67.6%**
- The **time men spent on UCW** increased by **0.26 hour per week.**
- The **number of wives involved in paid work** increased by **92%**

1.1.4. Young Women and Men's Aspirations and Resilience: Prospects for Livelihoods, Employment, and Accountability before, during and beyond COVID-19

This project was implemented by IPAR in collaboration with the Partnership for Africa Social Governance Research (PASGR) and was funded by the MasterCard foundation for Livelihoods, Employment, and Accountability before, during and beyond COVID-19”

The aim of the study was to create a thorough

understanding of young men's and women's aspirations regarding their future, from social, economic and other dimensions of life. The study further aimed at unveil the consequences that the COVID-19 pandemic had on young men and wo

1.1.5. Mainstreaming biodiversity Across Agriculture sector in Rwanda

Implemented by IPAR Rwanda in collaborating with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO Rwanda Since February 2023, the project was intended to conduct a thorough analysis of policies, strategies and plans in agriculture sector (crops, livestock, fishery and forestry) to identify current status, gaps and root causes, proposed interventions and responsible institutions for mainstreaming biodiversity for food and agriculture in those sectors.



1.2. CROSSOVER PROJECTS

In addition to completed projects, during the financial year 2023/2024, IPAR Rwanda implemented other 9 research projects which cut across to the following fiscal year. These projects helped to generate evidence to inform policy and impact change and through research, policy debates and dialogue as per the IPAR's core mandate. Implemented projects include:

1.2.1. Promoting women's rights, accountability, security, and integrated governance" in ECCAS"

IPAR – Rwanda entered into partnership with NKAUFU Policy Institute in May 2023 to implement a research project on Promoting Women's Rights, Accountability, Security and Integrated Governance.

The research intended to contribute to the existing knowledge by analyzing and informing the public on the role of women in promotion peacebuilding in post conflict societies a case of Rwanda. The key deliverable of the study was a publication which aimed at shading light on the efforts that were put in place by the government of Rwanda to empower women so that they effectively contribute to peacebuilding and social cohesion.

1.2.2. The Influence and Contribution of Co –Curricular and Extra Curricular Activities on Youth Employability Trajectories and Outcomes: The Case of Secondary Schools and Tertiary Institutions in Rwanda

This is a research project implemented in collaboration with MasterCard Foundation and IPAR-Rwanda.

This research was carried out in all the 30 districts of Rwanda and targeted mainly the youth in schools, and those out of school (self-employed, unemployed) teachers, parents, education officials at local level, policy makers, and some NGOs.

The overarching purpose of this study was to understand the national and institutional context in terms of supply and demand of co-curricular activities for the youth in secondary and tertiary institutions with particular reference to the employability trajectories and outcomes.

1.2.3. Study on Community Based Support Mechanisms in Africa- Rwanda Case

This research project was commissioned by the United Nations Development Programme(UNDP) with the aim of providing an understanding of the use and effectiveness of community-based social protection (CBSP) mechanisms in Rwanda, how they are linked to formal social protection schemes and what impact this might have on dealing with covariate and individual risk within communities in Rwanda. In addition, the study generated recommendations on policy actions needed not only to integrate formal and informal mechanisms but also improve the effectiveness of informal community based social protection mechanisms in Rwanda.



A panel discussion during the high-level policy engagement on extra and co-curricular activities

1.2.4. Strengthening Education and Learning Systems to Deliver a Fourth Industrial Revolution Ready-Workforce in Rwanda

The Youth Employment and Skills (YES) program under the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), published a report on strengthening secondary education systems to deliver a workforce prepared for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) in Ghana, Cote D' Ivoire, Niger, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Uganda.

The project consisted of a series of events to facilitate policy engagement and uptake of the YES study findings and recommendations.

1.2.5. Developing Eco-Friendly Packaging from Cassava Waste and Other Bio-waste In East Africa

This project is being implemented by IPAR in collaboration with different partners including BIO INNOVATE, AFRICA, ICIPE and SIDA.

The project consists of utilizing cassava bio-waste (peels) and other bio-wastes to produce eco-friendly packaging products for the East African market, providing a solution to the problem of non-biodegradable plastic bags.

The main objective of the project is to develop, test, and commercialize biodegradable and environmentally-friendly packaging solutions from cassava and other bio-waste resources for the East African Market.

1.2.6. Decent Work and Social Protection in Rwanda

This is a Five-year grant Agreement (2023-2026) between IPAR Rwanda and ENABEL under the ENABEL's program "Social Protection Intervention in Rwanda" for a research work on Decent work and social protection in Rwanda.

The overall objective of the research grant is to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable populations in the region by producing high-quality research that can inform policy and practices and input that can be used to support social dialogue.

The agreement is part of a regional framework of Enabel interventions under the Thematic Portfolio Social Protection (TPSP) in Central Africa, 2022-2026, initiated in Rwanda, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo).



1.2.7. The Contribution (s) of the Non-Profit Sector to African Economies with specific focus on the creation of employment for young people.

The project is implemented by IPAR Rwanda in collaboration with the Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI) at the Wits Business School.

The main components of the project include the non-profit sector's contribution towards the Gross National Product (GDP), the sector's contribution towards dignified and fulfilling jobs for young people between the ages of 15 and 35 in Africa and how disaggregated sectors create and provide opportunities for further employment for these young people.

This project was initiated in December 2023, under a five-year agreement between IPAR-Rwanda and the University of the Witwatersrand.

the effectiveness of informal community based social protection mechanisms in Rwanda.

1.2.8. Strengthening Central African Think Tanks to address inequality and informality and promoting inclusive economic growth in the ECCAS Region

NKAFU Policy Institute and IPAR-Rwanda entered into partnership effective September 2024 to implement the project entitled strengthening the capacities of Central African think tanks to address inequality and Informality and promote inclusive economic growth in the ECCAS region.

The project funded by the Denis and Lenora Foretia Foundation consist of collaborative research projects on poverty and inequality, institutional capacity strengthening, peer-to-peer learning and Collaborative findings dissemination

IPAR was among the six selected think tanks set up to fine-tune the strategy of think tanks to address inequality and informality and promote inclusive economic growth in ECCAS.

1.2.9.UTAFITI SERA (Research-Policy Community) project on urban Governance in Rwanda

In collaboration with the Partnership for African Social Governance Research (PASGR), IPAR Rwanda has been implementing a research project on urban governance, focusing on six secondary cities. Utafiti Sera is a Swahili phrase meaning research policy. Through Utafiti Sera, PASGR creates platforms (research policy communities) that seek to use research evidence to enhance policy processes and outcomes. The project core objective was to institutionalize the culture of evidence-informed policymaking in Rwanda.

The research approach involves mapping all stakeholders and build a constituency of policy actors in all secondary cities. Thereafter, all stakeholders are brought together in convening to share ideas to ensure that links between existing policies and evidence are explored, gaps identified, new evidence supporting policy and programing is generated, and a negotiated settlement approach is used to bridge the gap between evidence and policy based on a multi-actor approach.

Stakeholders convening has been held in five secondary cities; namely: Musanze, Rubavu, Rusizi.

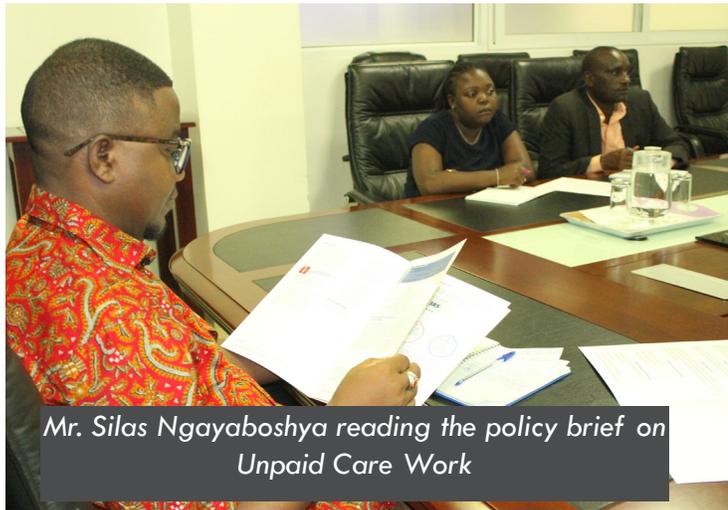
PART II

POLICY DIALOGUE AND ENGAGEMENTS

2.1. POLICY DIALOGUES, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

In line with its mandate to influence policy and impact change, IPAR Rwanda organized several policy dialogues, conferences and workshops to engage policy makers and other stakeholders on different subjects related to conducted research. These engagements generated recommendations that influenced formulation and implementation and other government and stakeholder activities

2.1.1. Meeting with MIGEPROF to discuss issues related to Unpaid Care work



Mr. Silas Ngayaboshya reading the policy brief on Unpaid Care Work

On October 4, 2023 IPAR researchers met with the Ministry of Gender and Family promotion represented by Silas Ngayaboshya, the Director General for Gender Promotion and Women Empowerment. Their discussions focused on the inequitable burden of unpaid care work in Rwanda based on the findings of a baseline study conducted by IPAR Rwanda and the subsequent policy brief formulated to advise policymakers to address the issue.

MIGEPROF commended the work done by IPAR through research and other community-based interventions as a contribution to addressing the issue of unpaid care work in Rwanda.

2.1.2. Policy engagement with the Ministry of Education on promoting adult literacy

On 27 October 2023, IPAR team held an engagement with the Ministry of Education to discuss ways to promote adult literacy in Rwanda.

The discussion focused on the findings of an impact assessment of the project on “fostering social practice approach to adult literacies” implemented by IPAR Rwanda in partnership with University of Rwanda and the University of ABERDEEN under the support of The



State Minister Claudette Irere interacting with IPAR research team on adult literacy

Scottish Government.

IPAR presented figures and success stories showing the impact of the projects interventions on local communities and provided policy recommendations for the Government consideration.

State Minister in the Ministry of Education, Irere Claudette commended the achievements of the project and assured the commitment of the Government to adopt and integrate provided recommendations for the promotion of social approaches to adult literacies in Rwanda.

2.1.3. Stakeholder validation workshop on Africa young men and women Aspirations and Resilience and adaptation



participants group photo at the validation workshop on youth aspirations

A validation workshop of the research findings on Africa young men and women Aspirations, Resilience and Adaptation was held at Kigali Marriot Hotel on 21 November 2023. The workshop brought together IPAR research team and representatives of partners from the Partnership for African Social Governance and Research (PASGR) and MasterCard Foundation.

The workshop attracted stakeholders from different public institutions, non-governmental organizations, private sector and youth representatives who participated at different stages of the study.

2.1.4. Stakeholders workshop on adult literacy



Policy dialogue on institutionalizing the SPA approach for adult literacy

On February 28, 2024, an advocacy workshop on adult literacy was held in Kigali bringing together different stakeholders representing Government, civil society, private sector and members of academia to discuss modalities for sustaining and institutionalizing the Social Practice Approach to adult literacies (SPA).

The workshop was part of the Project implemented by IPAR -Rwanda in collaboration with University of Rwanda, Teachers Training Centers and the University of Aberdeen, funded by the Scottish Government.

2.1.5. IPAR Rwanda engages members of parliament in ongoing advocacy to address unpaid care work related issues.

On March 12, 2024 a delegation of IPAR Rwanda led by the Executive Director, Eugenia Kayitesi met the Rwanda's Parliament Standing Committee on Political Affairs and Gender, to discuss the findings of a study on unpaid care work (UCW) in Rwanda. The session aimed to engage MPs to advocate for addressing UCW as a barrier to achieving gender equality goals. The study was conducted through a three-year project implemented in collaboration



MPs of parliament with a team of IPAR-Rwanda following a discussion on UCW

with Reseau de Femmes, funded by the International Development Research Center (IDRC). The findings of this study revealed significant disparities in redistribution of unpaid care work among men and women in households.

The MPs commended the methodology and findings and recommendations of the study and work of IPAR-Rwanda and pledged their support in the continued advocacy to engage the Government on recognition of UCW and address associated challenges.

2.1.7. Dissemination workshop of Rwanda's report on Youth Aspirations and Resilience



On 14 March 2023 in Kigali, IPAR and PASGR with the support of MasterCard Foundation held a dissemination workshop of Rwanda report from the study on Africa youth aspirations and Resilience. The study was conducted by IPAR Rwanda in the framework of a regional project of the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) funded by MasterCard Foundation. Participants to the workshop were drawn from Government institutions, civil societies and private Sector who were involved in the whole process of this research project.

2.1.8. IPAR 11TH Annual Research Conference



group photo of participants at the 11th Annual Research Conference

The IPAR-Rwanda 11th Annual Research Conference took place on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at Kigali Marriot Hotel.

The conference was held under the theme of ***Reducing and redistribution of the burden of Unpaid Care Work as a catalyst for inclusive national development.***

it attracted around 80 participants from public institutions, Local and International Non-Governmental Organizations, private sector, universities and higher learning institutions, think-tanks and individual researchers from in and outside Rwanda.

Participants discussed based on findings of studies presented at the conference and data from existing interventions meant to address the issue of unpaid care work.

The findings presented by IPAR Rwanda during the conference were from a study conducted with funding from the IDRC conducted under the project funded by the International Development Research Center (IDRC) that aimed at assessing the impact and scalability of holistic and participatory programs on reducing and redistributing unpaid care work among women in Rwanda. It covered

five districts namely, Rwamagana, Gicumbi, Burera, Musanze and Nyabihu.

The conference was officiated by Mr Silas Ngayaboshya, Director General for Gender promotion and Women Empowerment in the Ministry of Gender and family promotion. He reiterated the commitment of the Government of Rwanda to use the findings and ideas shared during the conference to inform policies and programs meant for the promotion of gender equality and women empowerment in particular.



Eugenia Kayitesi,
Executive Director
of IPAR-Rwanda
delivering remarks
at the 11th Annual
Research Conference

2.1.9. Stakeholders Convening Urban Governance Secondary Cities

The institute of Policy Analysis and Research, IPAR Rwanda organized stakeholders meeting to discuss urban governance challenges and devise appropriate solutions to address them. The forums was organized as part of the Research Project being implemented by IPAR-Rwanda in collaboration with the Partnership for Africa Social Governance Research (PASGR) which focuses on Urbana Governance challenges in secondary cities in Rwanda.

The convening were heled in three secondary cities namely Musanze, Rubavu and Rusizi.

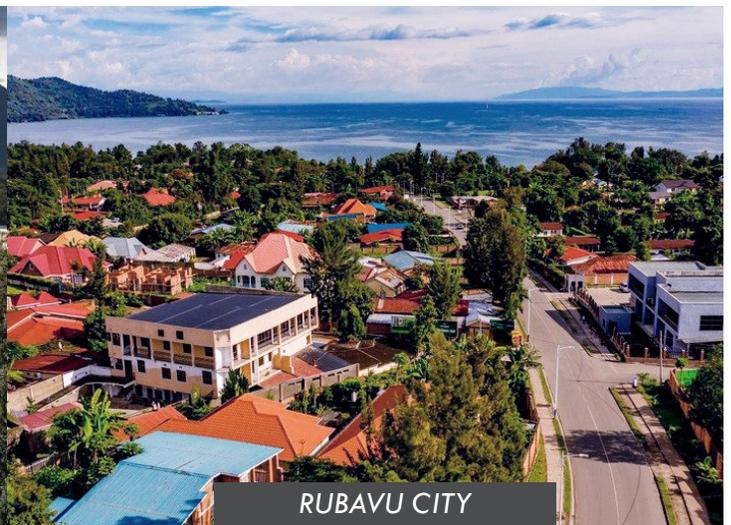
They brought together stakeholders including District officials, representatives other Government institutions based in Districts, higher learning institutions, civil society, private sector and media.



participants at UTAFITI SERA convening in different secondary cities.



MUSANZE CITY



RUBAVU CITY



RUSIZI CITY

2.2. PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS

2.2.1. IPAR takes part in the 9th Africa Think Tank Summit

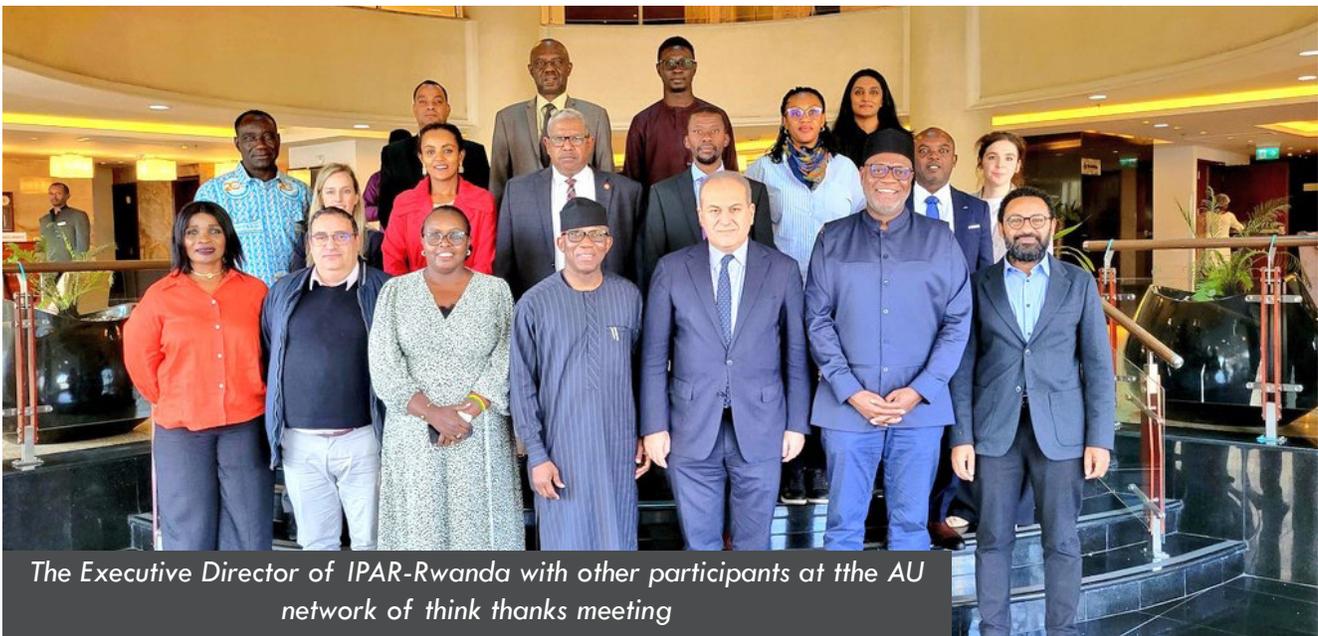


The Executive Director of IPAR-Rwanda with participants at the summit

IPAR represented by its Executive Director Executive Director Eugenia Kayitesi attended the 9th Africa Think Tank Summit held in Lusaka/Zambia from 8th to 10th November 2023.

The Summit was organized by The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), the Africa Think Tank Network (ATTN) and the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry (MCTI) of Zambia, and convened under the theme “Linking Evidence, Policies, and Practice to Contribute to the Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement”. It provided an opportunity for participants to discuss what capacities are required to accelerate the implementation of the AfCFTA and how it translates into the delivery of sound policies and actions at regional and country levels that can guarantee sustainable development in Africa.

2.2.2. IPAR participate in the Strategy Group Meeting of the AU Network of Think Tanks



The Executive Director of IPAR-Rwanda with other participants at the AU network of think tanks meeting

IPAR Rwanda, represented by the Executive Director Eugenia Kayitesi attended the meeting of the Strategy Group of the African Union Network of Think Tanks for Peace (NeTT4Peace) held at Marriott Hotel, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1 – 2 December 2023.

The meeting aimed to review one year of NeTT4Peace existence, fine-tune the operational mechanisms of the Network and adopt a work plan for 2024 based on the priorities to be set by the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the African Union.

2.2.3. IPAR Rwanda and Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance discuss to partner for implementation of the AfCFTA

On 16 November 2023 IPAR Rwanda received at its office Prof FAIZEL ISMAIL, Director of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance with Penny Parenzee, Senior Program Manager. During the conversation, the Prof Faizel gave an overview of the school mission which is mainly to provide professional and academic training and forums for discussion for senior public officials and those engaged in public policy



The Executive Director of IPAR-Rwanda with Prof FAIZEL, Director of the Nelson Mandela School

across Africa and the world. Their visit to IPAR was meant to discuss how both organizations can work together in the areas of partnership in capacity building, research and Knowledge sharing to facilitate the implementation of AfCFTA.

2.2.4. IPAR and Interpeace Rwanda discuss possible partnership



21 November 2023 Executive Director Eugenia Kayitesi with a team of IPAR researchers met with a team of Interpeace Rwanda led Frank Kayitare, the organisation's country representative. The meeting was an opportunity for both organizations to share information about their respective mandate and identify potential areas of partnership. Both organizations agreed to initiate the process of developing a framework for partnership in the areas of research, policy analysis & dialogue and capacity building in relation to mandates of both organizations.

2.2.5. Agence Française de Development (AFD) seeks partnership opportunities with IPAR.

On 30 November 2023, a team of IPAR researchers received a delegation from Agence Française de Development (AFD) represented by Arthur Germond, Rwanda country Director and Sophie Salomon, Deputy Director-Economic assessment and Public Policy Department from France. The dialogue focused on identifying potential research projects that both institutions can implement together in areas including green economy, climate change, social cohesion and others related to both organizations' priorities.



2.2.6. Enabel delegation pay courtesy visit to IPAR to review the progress of the study on decent work in Rwanda.



On January 16, 2024, IPAR management and research team met with the team from Enabel Rwanda in an information sharing session about the ongoing study on decent work in Rwanda. Both sides appreciated the progress made vis-a-vis the project's implementation timeframe.

The study on decent work in Rwanda is being conducted by IPAR Rwanda with funding from Enabel Rwanda and covers the sectors of mining and construction

2.2.7. IFPRI delegation visit IPAR-Rwanda to discuss project progress



On 22 January 2024, Executive Director, Eugenia Kayitesi with a team of researchers received a delegation from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) led by Dr. James Thurlow, Director of Foresight and Policy Modeling Unit.

Their discussions focused on the study on the Drivers of Agricultural Growth in Rwanda conducted by IPAR-Rwanda with the funds from IFPRI.

Overall the IFPRI team appreciated the progress and expressed optimism for the project to be completed within the planned timeframe

2.2.8. East and Southern Africa Regional Youth Convening for CAPSI-MasterCard Foundation Project

From 13th to 14th March 2024, IPAR Rwanda hosted the East and Southern Africa Regional Youth Convening under the CAPSI-MasterCard Foundation Project on the contribution of the Non-Profit Sector to African Economies with focus on the creation of employment for young people. IPAR-Rwanda is a local partner collaborating with CAPSI and Witwatersrand University of South Africa to implement this project which aims to investigate the role of the non-profit sector in promoting youth employment and economic livelihoods in Africa.



2.2.9. Manchester University students visit IPAR in learning and Knowledge exchange trip to Rwanda

20 Mach 2024, Executive Director, Eugenia Kayitesi received a delegation of students from Manchester University who were in Rwanda for a learning visit. They were explained how IPAR executes its mandate as an independent think-tank that informs policies through research an policy dialogue. The discussions mainly revolved around the role of Good governance in spearheading urbanization and how research conducted by IPAR has played a role in shaping related policies.



2.2.10. Engagemnet with the World Vision on scaling up the Social Practice Approach in its adult literacy programs

In an engagement held at World Vision Head Office on 05th March 2024, IPAR team meet with Chief of Party and other staff working for Uburezi Iwacu Project, funded by USAID. The discussion focused on the effectiveness of the Social Practice Approach for adult literacy, based on the findings of the study conducted by IPAR Rwanda. Inspired by its tangible impact, World Vision expressed interest to adopt the approach and IPAR pledge to provide required support.



2.2.11. Reflection convening and closeout meeting for the Africa Youth Aspirations and Resilience Research project



Officiating the meeting, Executive Director of IPAR-Rwanda, Ms Eugenia Kayitesi expressed gratitude to PASGR for having chosen IPAR-Rwanda as its implementing partner of the project in Rwanda and appreciated the enjoyable collaboration that have characterized the partnership of both institutions during the whole period of the project implementation.

From 11th to 14th June 2024, IPAR Rwanda hosted the reflection convening and closeout meeting for the Africa Youth Aspirations and Resilience Research project. The convening held in Kigali gathered participants from seven countries namely: Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Senegal, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Ghana.

INSIDE NEWS

IPAR-Rwanda gets a new Board of Directors

The new IPAR Board of Directors entered into its functions in a handover that took place on 12 June 2024. The new Board is chaired by Mr. SEMINEGA Augustus who replaced Dr UWIZEYE Odette who has been at the helm from 2021.

Other members of the Board are: Ms. Josephine UWAMARIYA (Vice Chairperson), Ms. Rose BAGUMA, Prof. Jeane KAGWIZA, Mr. Anatole MULINDWA, Prof. Aggee SHYAKA MUGABE, Mr. Vincent MUNYESHYAKA, Mr. MUSHABE Richard, Ms. MUKANTABANA Marie.

The new Board members were elected and appointed by the General Assembly as provided by IPAR-Rwanda Constitution, on 30 May 2024.

The Board of Directors is constituted by members representing a wide range of stakeholders from the government, the civil society, private sector, development partners, academic and research institutions.



Dr. UWIZEYE Odette, Outgoing Chairperson

SEMINEGA Augustus, incoming Chairperson



group photo at IPAR-Rwanda General Assembly held on 30 May 2024.





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