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Role of IPAR-Rwanda in SDGs implementation

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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF IPAR

IPAR's Vision

To become an internationally recognized Centre on Policy Research in Rwanda

IPAR's Mission

To Enhance evidence based policy making and promote dialogue and a culture of debate on policy issues in Rwanda through conducting Timely, Relevant ,High quality Public Policy Analysis and Research.

ALIGNMENT OF PLANS

- We align our selves with the government national development programs of Vision 2020, and EDPRS 2, the Seven year Government programs
- These are usually aligned to Intentional development programs MDGs and now SDGs
- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Centre for Africa, is to be established in Rwanda,
- IPAR is always consulted on a number of policies, at the designing stages but more at the impact assessment stage,
- We have concluded evaluations of last years 3 yeas government performance contracts in central and local government
- IPAR is also be to be contracted by the PMO to evaluate the7YG program

Potential contribution of IPAR towards delivery of SDGs

SDGs	How IPAR activities help to deliver it?
Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	E.g. Understanding and supporting sustained pathways out of extreme poverty and deprivation, done in collaboration with Overseas Development Institute (ODI),
Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	E.g. Feed the Future Africa Great Lakes Region Coffee Support Project, initiated by Michigan State University and funded by USAID
Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	E.g. 1) Promoting health in rural areas, 2) Lifestyle and Sexual and Reproductive Health in Rwanda .need for inclusive.

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<p>Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p>	<p>Assess competing preferences for investment, including schooling, that might pose a barrier to inclusive and equitable quality education (e.g., School funding and equity in Rwanda research project) -DFID PROJECTS</p>
<p>Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</p>	<p>Actively engage women in the communities through Participatory Rapid Appraisal and in deliberative forums with service chain actors. Help women access appropriate finance and employment in the agriculture sector (e.g. Empowering Women in Agriculture, EWA funded by ACBF project etc..) Oxfarm project , Action</p>
<p>Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management</p>	<p>E.g. 1.Consistency Analysis of Existing policies, plans and programs for development of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), funded by SNV, in</p>

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<p>Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all</p>	<p>2 linked the previous project that assessed potential environmental sanitation (e.g. waste recovery options such as energy through sanitation research project</p>
<p>Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all</p>	<p>We have on project on aid Effectiveness on Mobilizing and managing external development assistance for inclusive growth research project funded by African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), 2) Strengthening the Impact on Employment of Sector Policies: A joint Initiative of MIFOTRA, ILO and European Union; We organize public lectures e.g 2) ‘What determines Economic Development in Africa with a special focus on Rwanda’ that brings academicians, policy makers and civil society.</p>
<p>Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation</p>	<p>E.g. Building Capacity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Africa’s Transformation, funded by African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)</p>

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<p>Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</p>	<p>E.g. 1) Building resilience in Rwanda through business collaboration to deal with flooding in Kigali, a research project funded by the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), 2) A workshop on building resilient businesses in Kigali, 15th March, 2016, 2) 5th IPAR Annual Research Conference with the theme ‘Climate Change and Economic Resilience’ in 24th March, 2016</p>
<p>Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</p>	<p>E.g. Presentation on ‘Sustainable lifestyles and consumption for green growth’ during World Environmental Day 2015 IPAR staff participates and contributes in a number of workshopt are related most of these goals.</p>

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<p>Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</p>	<p>E.g, 1) Building resilience in Rwanda through business collaboration to deal with extreme weather events, funded by the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), 2) Carrying out a mid-term phase evaluation of Rwanda’s National Climate Change and Environment Fund,(FONERWA), 2) 5th IPAR Annual Research Conference with the theme ‘Climate Change and Economic Resilience’ in 24th March, 2016</p>
<p>Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development</p>	<p>E.g. Reviewing policies that promote or hinder biodiversity informatics in Sub-Saharan Africa, funded by JRS Foundation (US based foundation): A number of peer-refereed journal articles, policy briefs have been producted</p>
<p>Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</p>	

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<p>Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels</p>	<p>E.g. To assess the performance (<i>imihigo</i>) of all districts and ministries against the targets, identify challenges encountered, establish gaps and give recommendations to inform the future generation of the Government of Rwanda <i>Imihigo</i> planning and implementation process.</p> <p>senate report</p>
<p>Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>-</p>

What IPAR aims to achieve more in its new strategy 2016-2020?

- Research agenda is being revised to make sure that some un-tackled goals of SDGs are clearly included in new strategy (e.g., Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, innovation, Reduce inequality within and among countries, etc.);
- To think about new emerging issues (sustainable transportation in cities, urbanization and its consequences,
- knowledge (involving stakeholders in co-designing, co-producing and co-delivering knowledge);
- Mobilize evidence for impact (involving stakeholders (including community in research and using technology to ensure it reaches those who can use it);
- Build enduring partnerships with other think tanks (through TTI) and other channels to jointly support governments to effectively implement SDGs through delivering high-quality research.

Key requirements for effectively supporting the implementation of SGDs

- Strong human Capital (qualified and experienced researchers in all fields
- Innovative way to engage community (Research uptake/Peer take/ down take, publication , conferences and workshops, deliberative forums etc) ;
- Availability of funds (financial sustainability); to continuously support the sustainability of the Institutions and ensure effective collaboration with the Policy makers
- Strong partnerships , collaboration and networks with other relevant stakeholders both in the region and beyond

Thank you