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Rwanda TVET Board and Partners Successfully conclude Five-Day TVET Expo 2025

From June 1st to 5th, 2025, the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB), in collaboration with Rwanda Polytechnic and development partners, successfully hosted the TVET Expo 2025 at the Kigali Conference and Exhibition Village (Camp Kigali). Organized as part of the Rwanda FutureSkills Forum 2025, the Expo served as a dynamic platform to showcase excellence, creativity, and innovation across Rwanda's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector.



Exhibitor showcasing to the Visitors during the TVET Expo 2025

The event was officially launched by senior government officials, including the Minister of Public Service and Labour, Amb. Christine Nkulikiyinka and the Minister of State for Education, Hon. Claudette Irere, who reaffirmed the government's strong commitment to equipping Rwanda's youth with skills relevant to today's labour market. The TVET Expo 2025 attracted more than 323 exhibitors and over 1000 visitors per day.



Two Ministers, SDC and Private Sector Representatives launching the TVET Expo 2025

Rwanda hosts Global Skills Connect Conference 2025 to Strengthen Global Collaboration in TVET

As part of the Rwanda FutureSkills Forum 2025, the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB), in collaboration with its development partners, successfully hosted the Global Skills Connect Conference 2025, a landmark event aimed at fostering deeper collaboration among TVET stakeholders across Africa and beyond.



Minister of Education Joseph Nsengimana delivering his remarks at the Global Skills Connect 2025

Held from June 4th to 5th, 2025, at the Kigali Marriott Hotel, the two-day high-level conference brought together over 350 delegates representing government institutions, private sector organizations, development agencies, TVET providers, and youth-led initiatives from 27 countries.



Participants at Global Skills connect 2025

Ubuhinzi Skills Project Held its first Steering Committee Meeting



Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education, Karakye Charles chairing the meeting

On June 11th, 2025, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education, Mr. Karakye Charles, chaired the first Steering Committee meeting of the Ubuhinzi Skills Project—an initiative committed to transforming Rwanda’s agriculture sector by equipping women, youth, and people with disabilities with modern, market-relevant skills.



Participants at the Ubuhinzi Project 1st Steering Committee Meeting

The project aims to promote inclusive agricultural transformation and economic empowerment. It will be implemented by the Rwanda TVET Board in close collaboration with key stakeholders.



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19 TVET Students scoop Medals at the National Skills Competition 2025



Winners of the Skills Competition 2025 during the awarding ceremony

A total of 94 competitors from Technical Secondary Schools and Rwanda Polytechnic Colleges participated in the four-day competition, demonstrating proficiency across 13 skill areas including bricklaying, electrical installation, welding, mechatronics, fashion design, restaurant services, programming, tourism, automobile technology, artistic painting and sculpting, mechanical engineering, plumbing and heating, and culinary arts.



Competitor at TVET Skills Competition 2025

The awards ceremony recognized 57 outstanding performers for their exceptional achievements. Notably, 19 students were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals in various categories, an honour that reflects their dedication, precision, and mastery. These awards not only celebrate individual excellence but also serve to inspire other young Rwandans to pursue technical career pathways with confidence and ambition.



Awarded Winners at TVET Skills Competition 2025

140 TVET Teachers receive Training in Social-Emotional Learning and Career Guidance

RTB conducted a 5-day Career Guidance and Counseling Training for 140 TVET teachers from various schools. The program aims to strengthen teachers' social-emotional learning (SEL) skills, equipping them to effectively lead TVET Corners within.



TVET teachers attending the training

This initiative is expected to enhance graduates' employability, health, and workforer readiness. Additionally, the trained teachers will play a key role in implementing similar training within their own schools, ensuring broader impact and sustainability of their respective schools.



RTB HoD, Solange Uwamahoro during her opening remarks

RTB hosts Shanghai University Delegation to Explore TVET Collaboration



Group photo for All representatives

On May 23rd, 2025, Director General Paul Umukunzi and Deputy Director General Agaba Nassi Bisengo of the Rwanda TVET Board hosted a delegation from the Shanghai University of Electric Power (SUEP) to explore potential areas of collaboration in the field of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).



DG Paul Umukunzi during the discussions

Rwanda TVET Board Joins Ishema Project Partners for Strategic Planning Retreat

On May 8, 2025, RTB Director General, Paul Umukunzi, joined key partners of the Ishema Project in a strategic retreat held in Musanze District. The retreat provided a platform to review progress made so far and align on priorities for the 2025–2026 implementation phase.



Stakeholders of the Ishema Project during the retreat

Through this initiative, the Rwanda TVET Board will establish three specialized TVET Centers of Excellence in Agriculture, designed to equip learners with advanced skills for today's evolving agricultural sector



Stakeholders of the Ishema Project during interactions

Investing in the Future: DG and DDG address Youth at Ngarama Rehabilitation Center



DG Paul Umukunzi and DDG Agaba Nassi Bisengo

On Wednesday, April 16th, 2025, the Director General and Deputy Director General of the Rwanda TVET Board visited Ngarama Rehabilitation Center to assess ongoing skills development programs for youth undergoing rehabilitation.



Youth at Ngarama Rehabilitation center during the visit of the DG and DDG

During the visit, they engaged directly with 1,475 young men currently in rehabilitation, emphasizing their value to the nation and their vital role in Rwanda's social and economic development.



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2,000 TVET Teachers were trained in AI and Emerging Technologies

On April 15, 2025, a cohort of 2,000 TVET teachers successfully completed a six-day intensive hands-on training program focused on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies.



Teachers during the training

This transformative initiative—implemented in partnership with Edified Generation Rwanda—aims to bridge curriculum gaps and equip educators with future-ready skills aligned with technological advancements. After this, teachers will go through a 14-day industrial attachment, where they will be guided by experts to apply the acquired knowledge in real-world settings. They will also conduct research on AI and other digital technologies used in the workplace.



Teachers during the training



Participants at the Labour Day2025

On May 1st, 2025, DG, Paul Umukunzi, participated in a high-level panel discussion on "Private Sector and Academia Cooperation for Youth Employment" as Rwanda celebrated International Labour Day under the theme "Job Creation: Our Shared Priority."



DG Paul Umukunzi during Panel Discussion

As part of the celebration, the Ministry of Public Service and Labour officially launched the National Employment and Skills Strategy (NESS)—a bold roadmap aimed at aligning Rwanda’s workforce with current and future economic demands. The strategy emphasizes youth employment, the expansion of TVET, strengthened collaboration with the private sector, and the promotion of innovation and inclusion



Participants at the Labour Day2025



All representatives during the discussions

On May 14th, 2025, Director General Paul Umukunzi and Deputy Director General Agaba Nassi Bisengo of the Rwanda TVET Board welcomed a delegation from Zhengzhou Electric Power College (ZPEC) along with representatives from Forever TVET Institute.



Delegates from ZPEC

The meeting focused on exploring a potential partnership to support Forever TVET students in pursuing advanced studies in China, strengthening international cooperation in technical and vocational education.



DG Paul Umukunzi and DDG Agaba Nassi Bisengo during discussions

H.E. Jeanne Crauser visits School Benefiting from Digital Skills for Quality TVET Initiative



Ambassador Jeanne Crauser's briefing during her visit at Kanyinya TSS

On June 25, 2025, we welcomed the Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to Rwanda, H.E. Jeanne Crauser, at Kanyinya TSS, one of the schools implementing the Digital Skills for Quality TVET in Rwanda project. This initiative aims to enhance ICT infrastructure, strengthen teacher capacity, and improve the quality of training delivery.



Ambassador and the delegates during the school tour

During her visit, the Ambassador, received by Nyarugenge District Executive Administrator and the Director General of the Rwanda TVET Board where she visited the school's workshops and engaged with students benefiting from the project's blended learning facilities.



Delegates during the visit of the ambassador

Over 500 Hospitality Workers assessed under RPL through Ubukerarugendo Project

From May 23rd to June 5th, 2025, the Rwanda TVET Board, through the Ubukerarugendo Project, conducted Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessments for over 500 hospitality and tourism practitioners without formal academic qualifications in the field.



Assessors during the assessment

This initiative aims to certify individuals based on the skills and competencies acquired through hands-on experience, thereby enhancing their employability and professional recognition within the sector.



Tourism workers setting the camping tent during the assessment