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## TVET Sub-Sector Working Group Reaffirms National Commitment to a Future-Ready Skills Ecosystem

The Quarter 1 TVET Sub-Sector Working Group (TSSWG) meeting held on October 16, 2025, brought together key stakeholders from government, industry, and development partners to strengthen coordination and advance Rwanda's TVET agenda in line with NST2 and Vision 2050. In his remarks, Minister of Education, Joseph Nsengimana emphasized the importance of the TSSWG as a platform for coordinated, evidence-based action, reaffirming the Government of Rwanda's commitment to positioning TVET as a central pillar of human capital development and economic competitiveness.



**HON. JOSEPH NSENGIMANA DELIVERING HIS OPENING REMARKS AT Q1 TSSWG**

During the meeting, participants reviewed progress toward NST2 TVET targets, including the rollout of TVET Centres of Excellence, the digitalization of training programs, and the expansion of industry-led partnerships that align skills training with labour market needs. They also shared new initiatives aimed at improving quality, access, and institutional capacity.



**TVET Stakeholders during the SSWG**

## Rwanda Hosts Africa Europe Skills Forum on Sustainable Agriculture Training

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October, RTB, in partnership with the MeOut Group through the EU-funded PRO S Initiative (Promoting Sustainability and Innovation in Agriculture TVET through Cross-Sectoral Cooperation Project), officially opened the Africa Europe Skills Forum in Kigali. The two-day event brought together delegates from Hungary, Slovakia, Kenya, Poland, and Rwanda to advance dialogue on innovation, sustainability, and stronger Africa–Europe collaboration in agricultural Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).



**Participants from different countries participating in the Africa Europe Skills Forum in Kigali**

During the event, participants engaged in discussions underscoring TVET's strategic role in promoting sustainable development and the importance of reinforcing Africa–Europe partnerships in vocational training. Delegates had the opportunity to visit EFA Nyagahanga TSS, where they observed practical training in agriculture-related trades and exchanged best practices. The forum provided a platform for sharing experiences, strengthening cross-sectoral cooperation, and fostering innovative approaches to skills development in agriculture.



**Participants from different countries after wrapping up a two day forum in Kigali**

## Rwanda, Luxembourg Deepen Partnership in Digital Skills and Modern Agriculture Training

On the 17th October, RTB hosted a high-level delegation from Luxembourg at ESTB Busogo, led by Mr. Georges Ternes, DG of Development Cooperation at Luxembourg's Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and Mr. Manuel Tonnar, DG at the Luxembourg Development Cooperation Agency. The visit underscored the strong collaboration between both countries through the Digital Skills for Quality TVET Project, which focuses on modernizing ICT infrastructure and improving the quality of TVET in Rwanda.



*Delegation in the ICT room where they interacted with students about the imbedded program*

The delegation also toured Mutobo TSS, where they examined progress toward transforming the institution into a TVET Centre of Excellence in Modern Agriculture and Agro-Processing under the ISHEMA Project. Once fully established, the Centre is expected to train over 650 students, support enterprise incubation, and provide teacher development programs, becoming a key hub for innovation and industry-scale learning across Rwanda's agricultural value chain.



*Delegation visited Mutobo TSS where the Centre of Excellence in Modern Agriculture will be build under the ISHEMA project*

## TVET Students Showcase Innovative Solutions at the 3rd RCA Hackathon

The Rwanda TVET Board, through the KOICA-supported RCA Capacity Development Project, hosted the 3rd RCA Hackathon on October 15, 2025, bringing together 96 students from 20 teams across various TVET schools to showcase innovative ICT solutions addressing real-world challenges



*Contestants showcasing their projects*

Contestants presented their projects to a panel of judges, with the top three teams recognized for impactful solutions:

- 1st place- **Smarten** for its smart water management system.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- **ROFAND** a digital platform for recovering lost items and documents
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- **FortiCore** an automated tool for identifying cybersecurity vulnerabilities.



*Group photo for all the participants to the 3<sup>rd</sup> RCA hackathon 2025*

Introduced in 2023 with the aim of bridging the industry and digital skills gap through TVET, the RCA Hackathon continues to play a pivotal role in nurturing Rwanda's next generation of ICT innovators. By linking education, technology, and industry, the initiative contributes to strengthening the country's TVET system and advancing Rwanda's vision of a knowledge-based, innovation-driven economy.

## Rwanda Highlights TVET Priorities at 2025 China-Africa Cooperation Conference

On 6th November 2025, DG Paul Umukunzi participated in a high-level panel at the 2025 China-Africa TVET Cooperation Dialogue and Consortium Annual Conference held in Jinhua, China. During the session, he highlighted Rwanda's priorities in joint talent development, strengthened teacher training, mutual recognition of standards, and enhanced international mobility for learners and trainers.



*DG Paul Umukunzi joining the Panel Discussion during the 2025 China-Africa TVET Cooperation Dialogue*

The conference convened government officials, education experts, and leaders of TVET institutions from across China and Africa to explore innovative and sustainable models for deepening TVET cooperation. Discussions centered on strengthening institutional partnerships, promoting shared learning, and leveraging China-Africa collaboration to address skills gaps. The event served as a platform to reaffirm collective efforts toward advancing workforce development and fostering long-term socio-economic transformation across the continent.



*Participants at the 2025 China-Africa TVET Cooperation Dialogue*

## Swiss Delegation Visits Gacuriro TSS to Assess Dual TVET Implementation



*Swiss Delegation interacting with the students at Gacuriro TSS who are benefiting from the Dual TVET Program*

On 20th November 2025, RTB welcomed a Swiss delegation led by Piero Marchesi, a member of the National Council of the Swiss Parliament, at Gacuriro Technical Secondary School. The school is among the 16 institutions implementing the Dual TVET model under the project “Contribution to Support the National System of Dual TVET in Rwanda,” supported by the Government of Switzerland through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.



*Group photo aof Swiss Delegation, RTB and the school representatives after touring the school*

During the tour, the delegation interacted with students and observed practical training sessions, where learners demonstrated competencies acquired through the Dual TVET approach that combines classroom instruction with workplace-based training. The Swiss delegation commended the strong partnership and joint efforts that continue to reinforce Rwanda's national Dual TVET system, noting its impact on preparing young people with industry-ready skills and enhancing their employability in a competitive job market.

## World Bank Officials Engage with Beneficiaries of Rwanda's SDF Program

On 17th November, a delegation of partners led by Daniel Dulitzky, the World Bank's Regional Director for Human Development, visited Garage Atecar to interact with trainees benefiting from the Skills Development Fund (SDF) in Rwanda. The delegation toured various workshops where trainees demonstrated the hands-on competencies they have gained through the program, highlighting the role of practical, industry-aligned training in enhancing employability and strengthening the country's skilled workforce.



*SDF students showcasing their practical skills to the World Bank Delegates*

The Skills Development Fund continues to make significant strides in expanding opportunities for youth and adults across Rwanda. During its first two phases, the program trained 23,296 beneficiaries, with an impressive 84.3% securing employment after completion. Building on this success, the third phase aims to train more than 70,000 beneficiaries over the next four years, reinforcing the SDF's commitment to accelerating skills acquisition and supporting Rwanda's broader economic transformation agenda.



*Group photo of SDF students and delegates after the inspiring experience for the program*

## Rwanda Launches Inserjeune TVET Career Portal to Bridge Skills and Jobs

The official launch of Inserjeune Rwanda (TVET Career Portal) marked a major milestone in strengthening the link between technical and vocational education and the labour market. Developed locally in partnership with the Institut de la Francophonie pour l'Éducation et la Formation (IFEFF), the digital platform is designed to facilitate internships and job placement for TVET graduates while providing employers with direct access to a pool of qualified and industry-ready TVET talent.



*Léna DIOP WATT specialist in Youth Training and Professional Integration Programs at l'Institut de la Francophonie pour l'éducation et la formation (IFEFF) delivering her speech*

Inserjeune Rwanda represents a significant step forward in boosting employability and productivity. The launch concluded with a collective commitment from all stakeholders to work together to ensure the platform's effective use, maximizing its impact and expanding opportunities for young people to transition smoothly from training into employment.



*Group photo of all participants after the launch event*

## World Bank Delegation Visits C&D Products to Review Impact of Skills Development Fund in Rwanda



*Delegates touring the company to witness the tangible progress of the students*

On 20th November 2025, a World Bank delegation led by Mr. Qimiao Fan, Division Director for Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, and Uganda, visited C&D Products Rwanda, a leading garment manufacturing company actively training and employing Rwandan youth through the Skills Development Fund (SDF) Program. The visit provided an opportunity to observe firsthand the progress achieved under the program and to assess its tangible impact on skills development and youth employability within the manufacturing sector.



*Group photo of the whole team after visiting the C&D Product Company*

C&D Products Rwanda currently employs more than 7,000 people and continues to expand its operations, with 3,227 employees trained and recruited through the SDF program since the partnership began in 2020. The visit highlighted the broader objective of the SDF Program, which is to support the development of a dynamic, skilled, and competitive workforce aligned with Rwanda's National Skills Development and Employment Promotion Strategy (NSDEPS). Through such partnerships, the program continues to play a critical role in strengthening industry-led training and driving sustainable employment outcomes.

## ISHEMA Steering Committee Reviews Progress on Agricultural TVET Centres of Excellence



*The ISHEMA Project Steering Committee reviewing the progress of the project at Kinazi TSS*

The ISHEMA Project Steering Committee gathered on 20th November 2025 at Kinazi Technical Secondary School to review progress and share key updates on the implementation of the project, which seeks to establish three TVET Centres of Excellence in Agriculture. The meeting brought together key stakeholders to assess milestones achieved, discuss challenges, and align on strategic priorities aimed at strengthening agriculture-focused skills training and enhancing workforce readiness in the sector.



*Group Photo of the Steering Committee after the review of the project's progress*

The Committee received updates on the Ubuhinzi Skills+ project, an initiative designed to establish two additional TVET Centres of Excellence in Agriculture. As part of the visit, members toured Kinazi TSS to observe ongoing developments and infrastructure improvements, ensuring that implementation remains aligned with agreed objectives and next steps. The engagement reaffirmed the collective commitment to advancing high-quality agricultural TVET and supporting Rwanda's transformation toward a modern, skills-driven agricultural economy.