



CONCEPT NOTE

MINECOFIN and EPRN Public Lecture on National Strategy for Transformation II
14th May 2025, 10am at University of Kigali (UoK) Kigali Campus

Background

The National Strategy for Transformation is a government developmental plan of the country which preceded after the Economic Development for Poverty Reduction Strategy. These strategies are ambitious road map to achieving Rwanda's overall developmental transformations. Along the way, some targets were met, and new strategy evolved to supplement past strategies. Over the period of NST I, under the economic transformation pillar, the country achieved steady economic growth, with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expanding at an average of 7% and per capita income increasing from \$729 to \$1,040 in 2023. Under the social transformation pillar, life expectancy rose from 66.6 years to 69.9 years, reflecting advancements in healthcare and overall well-being. Under the transformational governance pillar, Rwanda has ensured continued stability, peace, and security, underpinned by a citizen-centered governance model, which is the foundation for realizing developmental gains. From NST I, now NST II, there are more to be achieve as the country draws to vision 2050 for sustainable economic growth, prosperity and high quality of life for all citizen, taking one step at a time.

The National Strategy for Transformation II is the country new developmental plan. With respect to the transformational pillars (economic, social, and transformational governance pillars) which are enshrined in the NST II, the strategy aims to deliver long-term success and positively impact on the lives of citizens by prioritizing sustainable development and climate resilience, development of domestic manufacturing industries to reduce the trade deficit, creating sustainable and decent jobs, improving the quality and relevance of education, enhancing nutrition and early childhood development to reduce stunting, improving the quality of service delivery while strengthening citizen engagement and participation. (www.minecofin.gov.rw)

By the ambitious plan, it is only good enough that more awarenesses are carried out, so that the citizenry is informed of government transformative plans, as well to know their share responsibilities, so the plan is achieved collaboratively.

About facilitating partners

MINECOFIN

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN) was formed in March 1997 from the joining of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Planning. This was done in order to improve the co-ordination between the functions of finance and planning. In the ministerial re-structuring of February 1999, the Ministry took on the function of development cooperation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MINECOFIN's Mission is to raise sustainable growth, economic opportunities, and living standards of all Rwandans, whereas its vision is to develop Rwanda into a country free of poverty. (www.minecofin.gov.rw)

EPRN Rwanda

The Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN Rwanda) is a Non-Governmental Organization aiming at strengthening the capacities of individuals and organizations active in or with an interest in economic policy research and analysis. EPRN Rwanda therefore responds to economic policy gaps resulting mainly from lack of quality and informative research and the challenge of human capacity in terms of limited numbers of economic researchers and active involvement. The mission of EPRN Rwanda is to contribute to the evidence based economic policy making by providing high quality research, building capacity and creating networking opportunities. (www.eprnrwanda.org)

UoK (Proposed HOST for EPRN_MINECOFIN)

The University of Kigali was founded by a team of promoters who conceived the noble idea of establishing a first-class Private University in Rwanda, offering market-driven, industry-relevant academic and professional programmes that meet the dynamic market demand, global competitiveness, and personal development goals. It is a fully accredited and chartered University by the Government of the Republic of Rwanda. It offers varieties of career study at undergraduate, Masters, and PGDE programmes. (www.uok.ac.rw)

Vision: To be a pole of radiance and excellence nationally and internationally, with quality education, research and provision of innovative service to the community.

Mission: To provide quality higher education programmes that match the labour market and development needs of Rwanda, the region and the world.

Purpose

Development is about inclusivity, and for the developmental objectives to be achieved, the citizenry, especially the youth should be informed. On that basis, given the fact that your institution hosts many young people (national and international) who are studying in different programs, MINECOFIN and EPRN wish to organize a one-day public lecture on the National Strategy for Transformation II, so that youth can be inform of government strategy as well engage with stakeholders of government.

Participants

This public lecture is expected to attract the students of UoK, academicians, researchers and students from other universities in Kigali.

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Tentative Agenda

Time	Activity	Responsible
10:00 - 10:20	Participants arrival and registration	EPRN
10:21 – 10:25	Welcome Remark	UoK
10:26- 10:30	Overview of the Public Lecture	EPRN
10:31-11:00	Presentation on National Strategy for Transformation II	MINECOFIN
11:05 – 11:35	Q&A	All
11:40-11:45	Closing remarks	MINECOFIN/EPRN/UoK
11:50	Group Photo	All

Moderator: Seth Kwizera, EPRN Executive Director