

EPRN Profile_2026

1. Vision and Mission

The Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN) is a member-based Research and Training Institution formally registered in 2018. EPRN is a Non-Governmental Organization registered with the Rwanda Governance Board (Registration No 403/RGB/NGO/LP/2018). EPRN has a business company registered through Rwanda Development Board (Registration Company code No.107900371 and Serial No.440788).

- **Vision:** “To become an international leader in economic policy research and analysis”.
- **Mission:** “To contribute to the evidence based economic policy making by providing high quality research, building capacity and creating networking opportunities”.

2. Services

Key services of the EPRN Rwanda are categorized into the following pillars: (a) research and consultancies, (b) prepare and deliver professional trainings, (c) research mentorship and publication support, (c) networking (we are a pool of experts in various areas); and (d) organize networking events.

3. Networks

EPRN Rwanda is a network of experts in socio-economic fields. Members are mostly individual researchers and analysts; and institutions.

EPRN Rwanda has working relationships with Universities like University of Rwanda, University of Kigali, Mount Kenya University, Kiel University in Germany, etc. ; Government institutions like the Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, National Bank of Rwanda, the National Institute of Statistics Rwanda, Rwanda Management Institute, etc. ; International Institutions like the Regional Network of Agricultural Research Policy Institutes (ReNAPRI), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, etc. to research on policy issues, conduct capacity building activities and organize policy debates.

4. Quality assurance system

EPRN Rwanda has a research and consultancy quality committee that provides guidance and framework for research and consultancy services. The committee oversees efficient and effective delivery of assignment to clients. To ensure that quality services are delivered to clients, EPRN applies the standard operating procedures and internal controls checks on processes and outputs of the consultants.

5. Recent Grants and Consultancies by EPRN

EPRN has built a strong reputation in research, projects' evaluation (baseline, mid-terms and end-line), capacity building consultancies, policy analysis and advocacy, organization of networking events, etc.

EPRN draws its combined experience from its strong pool of experts of up to 1,600 experts/affiliated members in various professional fields, having conducted various assignments both within EPRN and individually. Some of the key institutions served by EPRN in the recent past are summarized in the table below:

5.1. Research Grants by EPRN (Think-tank with an NGO status)

Name and contacts details of the Client	Grant purpose/Assignment	Year
AFRICA NETWORK FOR AGRICULTURAL POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ANAPRI) Dr. Antony Chapoto Executive Director Email: antony.chapoto@anapri.net	SSA Atlas Country use cases/ Promoting Smallholder Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Rwanda: Implications on agricultural productivity and Incomes	2025
UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG Dr. Gunnar Kohlin Director, Environment for Development (EDF) Tel: +46 (31) 786 44 26 Email: gunnar.kohlin@efd.gu.se	Exploring the Potential and Challenges of Voluntary Carbon Markets in the Global South.	2024
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION_ Rwanda Ms. Coumba Sow Country Representative Email: fao-rw@fao.org Tel: 252583719	Building Climate Resilient Food System-Project/GCP.	2022
AFRICAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH CONSORTIUM Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u Executive Director	Financial Inclusion and Market Development in East Africa Community Economies. (Rwanda)	2022
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION_ Rwanda Mr. Gaulbert Gbehounou Country Representative Email: FAO-RW@fao.org Tel: 252583735	Feeding Urbanization "Building Prosperous Small Cities and Towns."	2021
DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FUR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (GIZ) GmbH Mr. Bodo Immink Country Director	Enhancing research capacity to provide reliable evidence for policy making in Rwanda	2019

5.2. Consultancies by EPRN Consult Co Ltd:

Name and contacts details of the Client	Assignment	Year
<p>Thomas Semahoro Mazuru Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Expert Heifer International Rwanda heifer.rwanda@heifer.org</p>	<p>Development of 15 Districts Profiles and Consolidated Reports (including video documentary) for PRISM Project</p>	<p>2026</p>
<p>Clarisse Himbaza Finance and Administration Manager, Rwanda TAF DAI Global UK in Rwanda Tel: +250 788 485 015</p>	<p>Development of a City Development Strategy for City of Kigali and District Development Strategies</p>	<p>2025</p>
<p>Olivier Bizimana Programmes Director Tearfund Rwanda Tel: +250 788 317 615 E-mail: olivier.bizimana@tearfund.org</p>	<p>Endline evaluation of the “catalyzing market prospects for horticulture smallholder farmers and small and medium enterprise in Rwanda” project 2020-2025</p>	<p>2025</p>
<p>Bryan Kalinda CASA Rwanda Market Manager Swisscontact Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation Tel: +250786337339 Email: bryan.kalinda@swisscontact.org</p>	<p>Baseline Data collection for the Commercial Agriculture for Smallholders and Agribusiness (CASA)</p>	<p>2023</p>
<p>ACTION AID RWANDA Clare KATWESIGYE Women’s Rights and Advocacy Coordinator Tel: +250788636257 Email: Clare.Katwesigye@actionaid.org</p>	<p>Baseline study of the resilient communities and vibrant social justice movements in the face of climate change in the great lakes region/ transformative impact fund (TIF) project</p>	<p>2025</p>
<p>WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL Protogene Mugisha MEAL Manager E-mail: protogene mugisha@wvi.org</p>	<p>Baseline survey of the transforming household resilience in vulnerable environment (THRIVE 2030) programme</p>	<p>2024-2025</p>
<p>WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL Protogene Mugisha MEAL Manager E-mail: protogene mugisha@wvi.org</p>	<p>Final Evaluation of the Maraba Area Programme (AP)</p>	<p>2024</p>
<p>AFRICAN EVANGELISTIC ENTERPRISE (AEE) Ndayisaba Julius Project Manager Tel: 788852242 E-mail: jndayisaba@aeerwanda.ngo</p>	<p>Baseline study for resilient and nutrition sensitive agricultural program in Gatsibo, Nyaruguru and Gakenke districts</p>	<p>2024</p>

<p>SAVE THE CHILDREN Marcel Sibomana Child Rights Governance Programme. Manager Tel : 0788439995 E-mail: Marcel.Sibomana@savethechildren.org</p>	<p>Baseline survey protocol for “the low-cost health clinic project</p>	<p>2024</p>
<p>EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(EUCORD) Jean Claude Muhirwa Project Coordinator Tel: 0784352840 E-mmail: jcmuhirwa@eucord.org</p>	<p>Baseline Survey for Promoting an integrated farming system around sunflower, maize and vegetables to stimulate resilient agriculture and nutrition security for smallholder farmers (PROFARM) Project in Rwanda</p>	<p>2024</p>
<p>FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY Uwitije Cyprien Program Director E-mail: cuwitije@fh.org Tel:0788887583</p>	<p>Gender Analysis for Food for the Hungry Rwanda - to enhance the gender responsiveness of FH Rwanda's program interventions, to generate essential data and information</p>	<p>2024</p>
<p>LEONARD CHITONGO Consultant at the Southern African Development Community (SADC) E-mail: leonardchitongo7@gmail.com</p>	<p>Consultancy services to develop recommendations on business development support (BDS) for financial access, which includes financial literacy/ technical assistance support for improving the investment and business environment in the southern African development community region (SIBE)</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>
<p>The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation Bridget Rhinehart Head of Office Rwanda E-mail : bridget.rhinehart@kvinnatillkvinna.se</p>	<p>Mapping opportunities for women SMEs to access financial products from financial institutions and other service providers</p>	<p>2023</p>
<p>AGRITERRA Vincent Sinduhunga Program Manager E-mail: sinduvic2001@gmail.com Tél : 0784247200</p>	<p>Assessment of the regulatory environment of cooperatives and Farmers' Organizations in Rwanda for an effective lobby and advocacy trajectory development</p>	<p>2023</p>
<p>CONSEIL DE CONCERTATION DES ORGANIZATIONS D'APPUI AUX INITIATIVES DE BASE (CCOAI B) NGENDANDUMWE J. Claude Executive Secretary E-mail : ccoai br@gmail.com Tél.(+250) (0) 788302065</p>	<p>Farmer survey on post-harvest capacities and impacts of aflatoxin on food security in Rwanda</p>	<p>2022</p>

<p>PLAN INTERNATIONAL Armel Mugenzi Programme Manager Tel:0784328908 E-mail: Armel.Mugenzi@plan-international.org</p>	<p>Value Chain Analysis of the Agricultural Commodities in Nyaruguru, Bugesera and Gatsibo Districts</p>	2023
<p>FOOD AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) Dr Christine Mukantwali Contact person: Mukantwali, Christine Tel :0788445328 E-mail: Christine.Mukantwali@fao.org</p>	<p>Develop National Level Strategy for the Kigali Food System Resilience and provide training to actors selected from farmer cooperatives, agro dealers, PSF and local authorities (Stakeholder Advisory Group)</p>	2023
<p>RWANDA FARMERS ORGANISATION "IMBARAGA" MUNYAKAZI Jean Paul, Legal representative, E-mail : imbaraga@gail.com</p>	<p>Research on home grown solutions to mitigate climate related shocks and aflatoxins within cooperatives working with Imbaraga Farmers Organization in North and Western Provinces</p>	2021
<p>OXFAM RWANDA COUNTRY OFFICE Alice U. Anukur Country Director Mobile :+250788302137 Email: AAnukur@oxfam.org.uk</p>	<p>Assessment of aggregators study in horticulture value chains in Rwanda and storage/warehouses issues and capacities in 4 districts where OXFAM support grain farmers (maize, rice, peas,...)</p>	2021
<p>CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION Eugenie Mukantagwera CBM Country Director, Rwanda E-mail: info.rwanda@cbm.org</p>	<p>Mid-Term Evaluation Promotion of antidiscrimination practices for Persons with Disabilities in Rwanda Project, funded by BMZ and CBMD</p>	2021
<p>RWANDA FARMERS ORGANISATION "IMBARAGA" Mr MUNYAKAZI Jean Paul, Legal representative, E-mail : imbaragta@gail.com</p>	<p>Final project evaluation of the 'ijwi ry'abahinzi n'aborozi' - farmers' voice project (FVP)</p>	2021
<p>FOOD AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) Contact person: Mukantwali, Christine Tel:0788445328 E-mail: Christine.Mukantwali@fao.org</p>	<p>Food Systems Analysis including producing georeferenced maps with GIS in Rulindo District</p>	2021

<p>CONSEIL DE DES CONCERTATION ORGANISATIONS D'APPUI AUX INITIATIVES DE BASE (CCOAIB) NGENDANDUMWE J. Claude Executive Secretary E-mail : ccoaibr@gmail.com Tél.(+250) (0) 788302065</p>	<p>Research on “Valuing and integrating women farmers’ knowledge and views on agricultural practices and food systems into agricultural policy development and implementation”.</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p>GAHINI REHABILITATION CENTER Daniel Mugunga Matabaro Director E-mail: d.mugunga@grcrwanda.org Tel : +250788309921</p>	<p>Final Project Evaluation for Improvement of Health Services for People With Disabilities In Rwanda</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p>OXFAM GERMANY PROGRAMME AND DUTERIMBERE NGO Nina Harder Programme Coordinator, Email: nharder@oxfam.de</p>	<p>End of Project evaluation of “Strengthening of Climate Resilience & Food Security of Smallholders in Nyagatare, Nyamagabe & Muhanga Districts, Rwanda” for DUTERIMBERE</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p>BNR AND MINECOFIN THROUGH GIZ FUNDING. Thierry Mihigo Chief Economist, Rwanda Central Bank Tel: +250786674188 E-mail: tkalisa@bnr.rw</p>	<p>Consultancy on conducting studies about Rwanda’s Financial Sector and Capital Market as a source of Finance for Economic Growth.</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>EQUINOCIO SL, UNDER EUROPEAN UNION CONTRACT Hande Güneykaya Akpınar Project Manager , Calle Núñez de Balboa, 114 – 3º ofic. 19.28006 Madrid (España). E-mail: hakpınar@equinoccio.eu Mobile: +90-5336836866</p>	<p>Assessment of cross border trade at Rusizi II (Rwanda) and Bukavu (DRC). A project funded by EU to identify CHALLENGES and opportunities to enhance cross border trade.</p>	<p>2018</p>

In addition, EPRN partnered with the following institutors to organize Research Conferences and Policy Dialogues:

- 2021 and 2025: Partnered with the World Bank (Rwanda office) to organize a dissemination sessions of findings from Rwanda Economic Outlook Reports
- 2018-2025: We partnered with various Government Institutions in organizing policy

dialogues around NST2, Visions 2050, regional integration, Tourism promotion, Etc.: MIFOTRA, RDB, MNICOM, MINECOFIN, BNR, etc.

- 2018-2024: We partnered with GIZ Rwanda to organize research conferences and policy dialogues around various topics: Employment promotion, Tourism promotion, Manufacturing, Etc.
- 2019, 2021, 2022: Partnered with UNCTAD in organizing Research Conference discussions around topics related to enhancing productive capacities of Rwanda
- 2019, 2020: Partnered with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to organize policy dialogue sessions around African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- Etc.