

# KAMONYI

## DISTRICT LANDUSE PLAN 2050

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## KICK-OFF MEETING NATIONAL LEVEL

National Land Authority (NLA), the in-charge institution mandated to manage land resources in Rwanda, held an induction conference at Lemigo Hotel on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for the 5 select District Land Use Plans (DLUP) with all partner consultants to harmonize positions of the task at hand as they set eyes on delivering comprehensive land use and management tools.

The deliberations and expectations on that day were a clear signal of the aspirations of a country that is on the move as Rwanda looks towards vision 2050 for green growth and sustainable development. Vision 2050 is the new horizon for Rwanda's ambitions to build on a largely successful Vision 2020 that delivered on most of its promises as reflected in the country's socioeconomic development trajectory in

the recent past.

Rwanda is viewed as one of success stories told globally despite its near total collapse during the dark days that characterized it during the 1994 genocide against Tutsi.

As stipulated in the National Strategy for Transformation (NST1), the current national development guiding tool, among other things, the country looks forward to leveraging efficient land use as one of strategies to sustainable development alongside the new efforts for green growth revolution.

The ongoing processes for various Districts Land Use Plans (DLUP) therefore are a great way to fulfill the aspirations of NST1, but also other international development agendas such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Paris Agreement on climate change.

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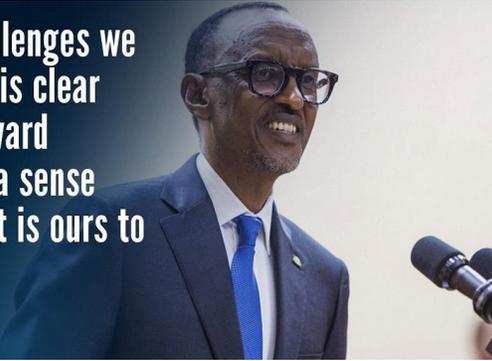
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Anil Nagrath Associates, experts Urban planning and other related disciplines therefore looks forward to working with every individual and group that matter to deliver a thorough and comprehensive Kamonyi

District Land use Plan that depicts national development aspirations and Kamonyi citizenry values and needs as per their participatory inputs.

“Despite the challenges we still face, there is clear evidence of forward movement, and a sense that the moment is ours to seize.”

PAUL KAGAME



## KICK-OFF MEETING AT KAMONYI DISTRICT HALL

Facilitating the Consultants and orienting them to their individual areas of operation was one event that from the set provided ground for what will be the resulting Land

Use Plan for the Kamonyi District sustainable development.

So far, the District has come to be known for its cooperation and the urge for greater things, as seen from the first moment teams from NLA and the Consultants set Foot in the District to launch the activities for a comprehensive Kamonyi District Land Use Master plan.

The event, officiated by the Mayor of the District Dr. Nahayo Sylivere was graced by all representatives from the District to the Cell levels of local administration in an interactive session to assess the task at hand.

Key note addresses from both the Mayor and the NLA representative MR. Protais Mpayimana the Division Manager, all pointed at the need for a land use master plan that takes into account national developmental interests through citizens ideals and values.

More so, there were great voices that made plea for a land use master plan that is practically possible to implement and further requests were submitted for advisory details on the implementation of the master plan.

Such ideas were well captured and will be among other factors the consultant team will base on for the Kamonyi District land use master plan 2050.

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## A ONE ON ONE VIEW POINT

One on one interaction with individual key District leaders is among the techniques employed to dive deeper into the Kamonyi District land use issues and concerns. Two among the top leaders at the District that are in better position to provide quality opinion are the Vice Mayor in charge of economic affair Mr. Uzziel Niyongira and the Director of One Stop Center Ukwishaka Willius Abraham charged with land administration at the District.

The Vice Mayor’s view point on land use master plan reflects on the aspirations for vibrant economic activities

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in the whole district for sustainable development. He says that Kamonyi District is blessed with many attributes that should give it an upper hand in utilizing land as a key resource to economic prosperity.

Such attributes, he says, include fertile soils for Agriculture, good settlement sites, water resources and other social amenities that if utilized well could serve the people of Kamonyi without necessarily having to go looking for them anywhere else.

Having worked and lived in Kamonyi District for the last 15 years, first as private business operator, and now among the top decision making team at the District, the Vice Mayor has an authoritative take on economic issues and other factors



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that affect land usage. He says that the Kamonyi residents' willingness and desire to partner with the authorities as key stakeholders, is a key input in realizing most

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of the district's goals and is certain that with the new District land use master plan, a lot will be achieved towards an all-inclusive developed Kamonyi District.

The Director One stop Center Mr. Willius says that settlement sites with all amenities and infrastructure should be among great things Kamonyi District Land Use master plan must consider to promote good neighborhoods in view of attracting the public to urban and rural settlements that are well planned in the District.

However, beyond that, Mr. Willius says the District is still limited by land management related issues such as capacity building of the office of the One Stop Center to fully operate, understand and undertake its mandate in serving both the general

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public and potential investors who come looking for opportunities.

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION THROUGH DISCUSSIONS, SURVEYS, AND MEDIA PLATFORMS

There can never be a truly working land use master plan without public's input to reflect a truly belonging tool for the citizen. The process to make a District Land Use Plan is a decision making process that affects the district citizenry and far beyond, other stakeholders who include investors and other friends of the District.

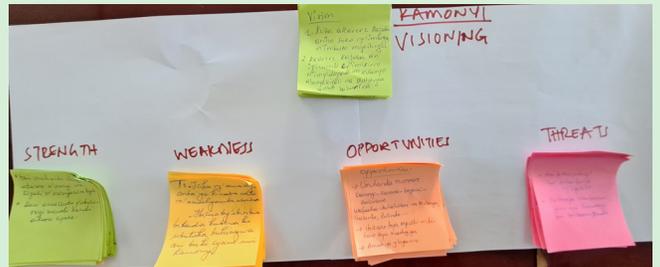
Drawn from experts, professionals, the general public and local leaders during the ongoing land use master plan making process, participants were and will still be engaged in different approaches that range from structured questionnaire, open public discussions and communication and awareness drive through media platforms such as radio, social media platforms and branded materials to instigate public reaction and participation towards concerns related to land use for sustainable development.

This practice makes the public true owners and users of the District land use plan. Some accusations have

been leveled against planners for either delivering an unrealistic plan or sometimes just ignoring some facts. But a process that is

SWOT ANALYSIS AND VISIONING EXERCISE WERE CONDUCTED THROUGH A PUBLIC CONSULTATION APPROACH.

inclusive of the public direct input minimizes and harmonizes desires positions reflecting both national and local interests of what the district should look like with phased development overtime per projected socio-economic growth to achieve much of what is desired to be seen in the district development aspirations. The public get to know that they are the first line of stakeholders in implementation of the master plan alongside other partners such as the government, investors, and development partners. Kamonyi District citizenry have no doubt exhibited willingness to undertake their



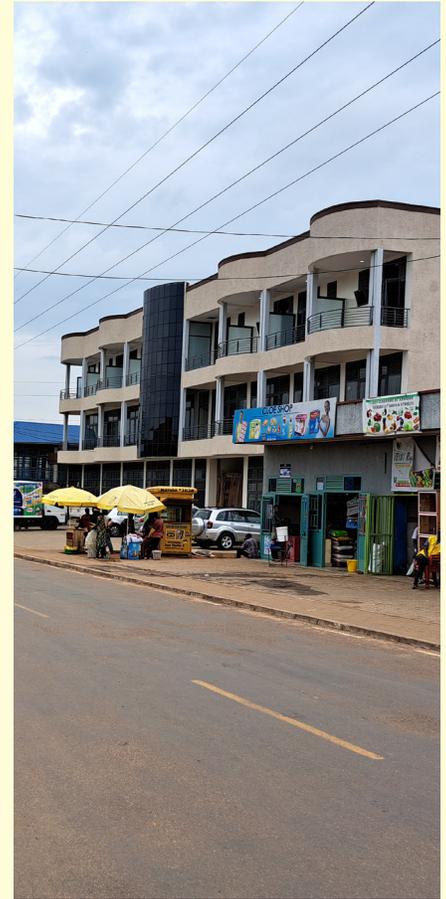
part as key stakeholders of the District Land Use Plan.

## THE KAMONYI DISTRICT URBAN WALK

Even with all the expertise and the experience the consultant may have, there can never be a claim of physical knowledge of areas around where land use plan will cover and address in its due process. It has always been important to make physical visits and have a hands-on 'feel' and 'sight' of most of the features of the District or any other planning area for that matter.

It's upon such belief that the the consultants working on the Kamonyi Land Use Plan conducted the District Urban Walk to have a feel of the culture, the people, the scenery, the available infrastructure and nature of Kamonyi District.

In the company of the District staff, many sites were visited to ascertain the characteristics of some features such as areas that stretch towards Nyabarongo River and its surrounding swamp, the newly created settlement sites, the traditional features and public amenities in the urban and commercial centers among others.



It is worth noting that one of the key observations is that Kamonyi District is among a few districts that are endowed with a variety of economic activities and potentialities more especially trade, manufacturing, mining and agricultural production. These potentially viable economic activities provide an advantageous edge, making the District well placed to develop further with a comprehensive Land Use Plan towards vision 2050.

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