

## NPT COUNTRY INFORMATION - RWANDA

### IDENTIFICATION OF SECTORS AND PROJECTS

In March 2003, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands added Rwanda to the list of NPT countries. In July 2003, the Royal Netherlands Embassy and Nuffic chose two focal themes that correspond to the Dutch bilateral programme in Rwanda: rural economic transformation, and justice and human rights. In September 2005, it was decided to support the National University of Rwanda to strengthen its management of contracts, grants and consultancy assignments.

#### **A. Rural Economic Transformation**

In November 2003, the sector specialist of the Royal Netherlands Embassy produced an analysis of the main policy documents for the theme of rural economic transformation. At the same time, possible beneficiaries were visited and informed about NPT. These institutes were requested to develop proposals for support.

On 12 February 2004, the sector review and the proposals for support were discussed in a stakeholder meeting with representatives from government and the civic sector, such as:

- The Network of Farmers' Organizations in Rwanda (ROPARWA)
- Rwandese Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA)
- Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)
- Ministry of Agriculture

Consensus was reached that projects would be prioritized on the basis of the quality of the proposals. Eventually, seven proposals were developed into project outlines. The project portfolio for NPT in Rwanda was confirmed by the Minister of Education in Rwanda.

From February to May 2004, the seven project ideas were developed into project outlines that were tendered in the Netherlands.

#### **B. Justice and Human Rights**

In December 2003, the NPT programme officer – in cooperation with the Royal Netherlands Embassy – carried out a desk study to take an initial stock-take of the sector and produce an overview of possible beneficiary organizations. During the Nuffic mission in February 2004, it became evident that a large-scale reform of the judicial sector was ongoing. It was therefore decided to wait until a strategic plan for the sector was developed. In May 2004, the Royal Netherlands Embassy requested Nuffic to start the articulation process for two faculties of law, since these were in urgent need of support in order to prepare for the changes in the judicial sector. The Ministry of Justice and the Supreme Court were consulted about this decision.

On behalf of the Rwandan Authorities, the Minister of Education expressed his formal support for selection of the two Faculties of Law.

### PROJECTS

#### **A. Rural Economic Transformation: 8 projects**

<p>(NPT/RWA/050)  Dutch partner:  Websites:  Project start/end:  Objectives:</p>	<p>Institut Supérieur d'Agriculture et d'Élevage (ISAE)  Van Hall/Larenstein  www.vanhall-larenstein.nl  October 2004 / September 2008  To improve education and training (in order to achieve rural economic transformation in Rwanda) by investments at ISAE in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strengthening the ties between the professional world involved in the rural economic transformation process;</li> <li>• developing competency-based curricula; education, information and communication; long and short-term training of ISAE staff;</li> <li>• reorientation of ISAE's farms towards education processes as well as production purposes.</li> </ul>
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<p>(NPT/RWA/051)  Dutch partner:  Project start/end:  Websites:  Objectives:</p>	<p>National University of Rwanda (NUR)  UNESCO-IHE  October 2004 / October 2008  <a href="http://www.nur.ac.rw">www.nur.ac.rw</a> / <a href="http://www.unesco-ihe.org">www.unesco-ihe.org</a>  Preparation and implementation a post-graduate Master of Science programme in Water Resources and Environmental Management (WREM) at the NUR.</p>
<p>(NPT/RWA/053)  Dutch partner:  Project start/end:  Websites:  Objectives:</p>	<p>National University of Rwanda (NUR)  Tilburg University - Development Research Institute (IVO)  November 2004 / October 2008  <a href="http://www.nur.ac.rw">www.nur.ac.rw</a> / <a href="http://www.uvt.nl/ivo">www.uvt.nl/ivo</a>  To assist the Faculty of Economics, Social Sciences and Management of the National University of Rwanda (NUR) in building the capacity for training and research in Applied Statistics at the NUR. The NUR eventually intends to contribute to the adequate production and use of economic, social, environmental and demographic statistics.</p>
<p>(NPT/RWA/055)  Dutch partner:  Project start/end:  Website:  Objectives:</p>	<p>Institut d'Enseignement Supérieur de Ruhengeri (INES)  MDF Training &amp; Consultancy  December 2004 / May 2007  <a href="http://www.mdf.nl">www.mdf.nl</a>  The Université Internationale au Rwanda (UNIR) started its activities in 2000. The institute provides or will soon provide programmes and curricula in the field of applied basic sciences, law, administration and good governance, translation, and land and water management. However, the main problem UNIR currently faces is related to institutional issues. This project will contribute through the development and initial implementation of an organizational development plan for UNIR.</p>
<p>(NPT/RWA/061)  Dutch partner:  Project start/end:  Website:  Objectives:</p>	<p>National University of Rwanda (NUR)  Wageningen University  November 2004 / October 2008  <a href="http://www.nur.ac.rw">www.nur.ac.rw</a> / <a href="http://www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl">www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl</a>  The project aim is to build capacity for research, education and training in the field of agro-forestry and soil management at the NUR. Activities include the set-up of an MSc programme, the training of staff for their future teaching positions and the rehabilitation of a soil laboratory.</p>
<p>(NPT/RWA/071)  Dutch partner:  Project start/end:  Website:  Objectives:</p>	<p>National University of Rwanda (NUR)  ITC  January 2005 / December 2008  <a href="http://www.nur.ac.rw">www.nur.ac.rw</a> / <a href="http://www.itc.nl">www.itc.nl</a>  The project aim is to develop the capability of NUR to serve as a training and research outreach centre of excellence in the fields of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS).</p>
<p>(NPT/RWA/087)  Dutch partner:  Project start/end:  Website:  Objectives:</p>	<p>Kigali Institute of Science, Technology and Management (KIST)  DLV Agriconsult B.V.  January 2005 / December 2008  <a href="http://www.kist.ac.rw">www.kist.ac.rw</a> / <a href="http://www.agriconsult.nl">www.agriconsult.nl</a>  The Kigali Institute of Science, Technology and Management (KIST) in Rwanda has established a Centre for Innovations and Technology Transfer (CITT). The CITT has been fairly successful in developing appropriate technologies especially for rural and peri-urban small and medium-sized enterprises. NPT support was sought to enable effective dissemination of technologies.</p>
<p>(NPT/RWA/101)  Dutch partner:  Project start/end:  Website:  Objectives:</p>	<p>Kigali Institute of Science, Technology and Management (KIST)  FACET B.V.  January 2005 / March 2007  <a href="http://www.kist.ac.rw">www.kist.ac.rw</a> / <a href="http://www.facetbv.nl">www.facetbv.nl</a>  The project will establish a Technology and Business Incubation Facility (TBIF), with a multi-tenancy facility, and shared services at the Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer (CITT) of KIST. It will target all graduates from Rwandan institutions of higher education, innovators, technicians, together with practicing entrepreneurs, particularly Small Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs).</p>

## **B. Justice and Human Rights**

(NPT/RWA/102) National University of Rwanda (NUR) and the Universite Libre de Kigali (ULK)  
Dutch partner: CILC  
Project start/end: June 2005 / May 2009  
Websites: [www.nur.ac.rw](http://www.nur.ac.rw) / [www.ulk.ac.rw](http://www.ulk.ac.rw) / [www.cilc.nl](http://www.cilc.nl)  
Objectives: The project aims to strengthen the Faculties of Law of NUR and ULK in providing legal education that will reflect recent domestic reforms as well as international and regional trends.

## **C. Project management**

(NPT/RWA/190) National University of Rwanda (NUR)  
Dutch partner: MDF Training & Consultancy  
Project start / end: March 2006 / February 2009  
Websites: [www.nur.ac.rw](http://www.nur.ac.rw) / [www.mdf.nl](http://www.mdf.nl)  
Objectives: The purpose of this project is to streamline and strengthen the financial and administrative systems and routines through the establishment of a Programme Management Unit (PMU) for the efficient and effective management of various 'contracts, grants and consultancy assignments' within the National University of Rwanda. Building the new capacity will entail not only the provision of physical infrastructure and tools, but also will require development of a new set of systems, processes, policies and skills to ensure the sustainability of the new capacity over the long run.

### **CONTACT**

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### **INTERESTING LINKS**

Republic of Rwanda [www.gov.rw](http://www.gov.rw)  
Rwanda Development Gateway Group [www.rwandagateway.org](http://www.rwandagateway.org)