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# FORWARD

Dear readers,  
I am pleased to present the latest edition of the Rwanda Water Resources Board (RWB) newsletter, showcasing our ongoing efforts and achievements in advancing water security and sustainable development in Rwanda.

In this edition, we are happy to have convened the 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG) meeting, which underscores Rwanda's commitment to this pivotal cause. The meeting was led by Director General of RWB, and reflected a visionary outlook for sustainable water security, emphasizing the significance of collaborative efforts in realizing our collective goals.

Community engagement remains at the heart of RWB's mission, illustrated by our participation in events like the Nyagatare Joint Action Development Forum Expo. This platform allows us to directly engage with citizens, disseminate information, and gather invaluable feedback.

Collaborative efforts have yielded tangible outcomes, as evidenced by the development

of catchment management plans for key catchments. These plans, crafted through collective engagement, aim to address prevalent challenges such as soil erosion, floods, and water pollution, laying a strong foundation for effective management and preservation of vital catchments.

Furthermore, RWB's proactive outreach extends to raising public awareness through documentary videos broadcasted on Rwanda Television (RTV). This initiative, launched in conjunction with World Water Day celebrations, aims to educate the population on efficient water utilization practices and promote catchment restoration efforts.

We hope you find the stories in this edition inspiring. In any case, RWB continues to champion initiatives prioritizing water security, community empowerment, and sustainable development, solidifying Rwanda's position as a global leader in water resource management.

**DR. EMMANUEL RUKUNDO**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL**



## RWB HOSTS THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

March 7th 2024: Rwanda Water Resources Board Director General, Emmanuel Rukundo, chaired the Multi-stakeholders Platform on Water resources meeting attended by the 2030 WRG 2030 Water Resources Group Program Manager, Regional Coordinator and other delegates of World Bank Mission.

Other participants included representatives of WASAC Group, ARCOS Network, Rwanda Mountain Tea.

In his opening remarks, Director General, Dr. Emmanuel Rukundo expressed his excitement to host 2030 WRG team and his hope for sustainable water security in Rwanda.

“We are honored to host the 2030 WRG mission team today in this meeting aimed at Strengthening Water Security in Rwanda.” He Said

During this meeting participants were briefed on responsibilities of about Rwanda

Water Resources Board’s and the Multi-Stakeholders Platform.

Additionally the meeting discussed constraints in water resources management, investment priorities in water sector and the need for advancing Rwanda Water Fund, Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES), and circular economy of water resources.

The key responsibilities of the Multi-Stakeholder Platform are; to advise on aspects related to water security, flood mitigation, planning for water storage, droughts mitigation and other aspects of water resources management; to advise technically the Policy Consultative Committee; and to advise on projects or on draft laws related to water resources management at national, regional and international level.



## RWB PARTICIPATES IN NYAGATARE JOINT ACTION DEVELOPMENT FORUM OPEN DAY & EXPO 2023-2024

Rwanda Water Resources Board participated in a five-day exhibition organized by Nyagatare District in partnership with different partners.

The Nyagatare Joint Action Development Forum Open Day and Expo kicked off on 13th March 2024 and closed on 17th March 2024 at Nyagatare Stadium.

Rwanda Water Resources Board was among the public institutions and other development partners who took the opportunity to engage with Nyagatare citizens.

The main objectives of RWB to attend this event included raising awareness of the Muvumba Multipurpose Water Resources Development Program, generating interest in the program and its benefits, gathering feedback on the program from beneficiaries, and promoting RWB's commitment to water resource development.

The RWB booth attracted a diverse audience. Visitors received detailed information about RWB's mission and gained a deeper understanding of the Muvumba Multipurpose Water Resources Development Project which is being implemented in Nyagatare district.

This project aims to improve water, energy, food, and nutrition security by harnessing water resources for irrigation, domestic, livestock use, and hydropower generation while ensuring the sustainability of the resources and building resilience against climate change and variability.

Nyagatare District leadership commended RWB for its participation and acknowledged the institution's efforts in transforming lives through effective water resource management.





## THREE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLANS FINALIZED

The Lower Akagera, Upper Nyabarongo and Mukungwa catchment committees have successfully completed the formulation of the catchment's management plan, set to be implemented over the course of the next two years.

This significant milestone was reached during meetings which took place on different occasions in March 2024.

The achievement is a result of a collaborative effort among various stakeholders, including the Rwanda Water Resources Board, local government officials, environmental organizations, and water users.

The catchment management plan is designed to tackle a range of challenges, including soil erosion, floods, and water pollution, among others. With the plans finalized, it is now time to take decisive actions toward the sustainable management and preservation of the Lower Akagera, Upper Nyabarongo and Mukungwa Catchments.



# 2024 WORLD WATER DAY MESSAGE



Dear Partners,

As we celebrate the World Water Day, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our resilient stakeholders, partners and Rwandan community in general for their unwavering commitment to safeguarding our precious water resources. Under the theme of "Water for Prosperity," we are reminded of the critical role water plays in fostering sustainable development and ensuring peace within our communities. Water is not merely a source of life; it is the bedrock upon which prosperity thrives and conflicts are resolved. As we reflect on the significance of this day, let us recommit ourselves to the responsible stewardship of our water bodies, recognizing that their preservation is paramount for the prosperity of current and future generations.

In Rwanda, we are blessed with abundant water resources, yet we face challenges such as pollution, flooding, soil erosion, landslide and inadequate access to clean water, and unsustainable agricultural practices. Therefore, it is imperative that we join hands in a collective effort to protect and conserve our lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater. By adopting sustainable water management practices, promoting water conservation, and investing in water infrastructure, we not only ensure the availability of clean water for all but also contribute to the peace and prosperity of our nation. Let us seize this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding our water resources, knowing that in doing so, we pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for Rwanda.

**DR. EMMANUEL RUKUNDO**

Rwanda water Resources Board Director General

## URUHARE RW'UMUTUNGO KAMERE W'AMAZI MU ITERAMBERE



**BURI WA GATATU**  
SAA 19:30



### RWB LAUNCHES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON RWANDA TELEVISION

The Rwanda Water Resources Board (RWB) has launched a series of documentary videos airing on Rwanda Television, aimed at raising awareness about various water resources management initiatives.

This awareness campaign was initiated as part of the celebrations for World Water Day 2024, held under the theme "Leveraging Water for Prosperity."

The 12-week campaign seeks to achieve the following objectives:

Raise awareness of the need to protect water resources infrastructures  
Promote efficient water use and enhance

productivity

Raise awareness on catchment restoration, erosion control, and flood management

Raise awareness on water law and other water-related regulations

Share best practices and experiences on various aspects related to water management and development

The TV program, titled "Uruhare rw'Amazi mu Iterambere" which translates to "Leveraging Water For Prosperity", airs every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. This initiative aims to engage the public, educate viewers, and encourage sustainable practices in water resource management for a prosperous future.

[WATCH VIDEOS](#)



## RWB HOSTS THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON DAMS MEETING

On March 28th, 2024, the Rwanda Water Resources Board hosted the second Technical Committee on Dams Meeting, focusing on the responsibilities, annual action plan, and status of ongoing dam construction projects in Rwanda.

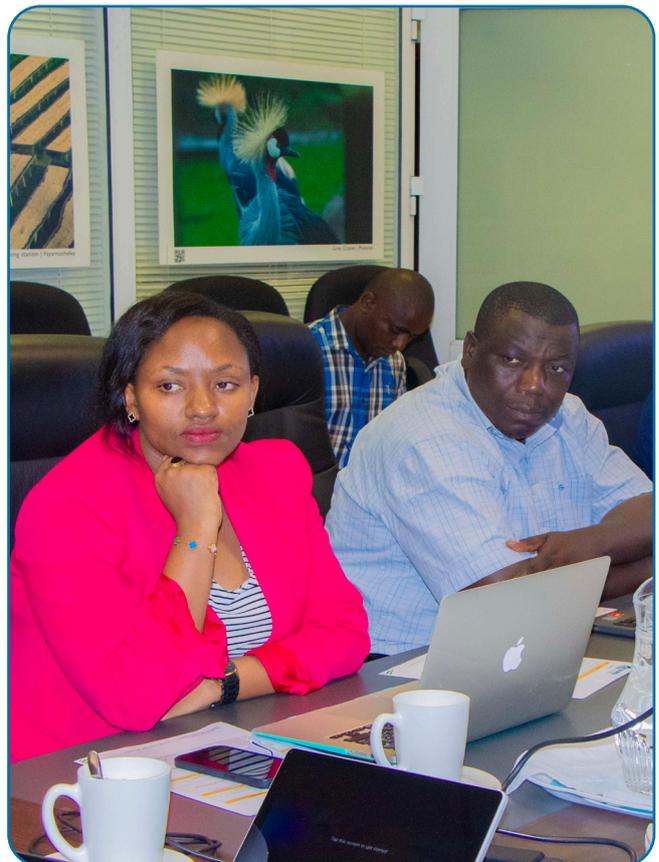
The Technical Committee on Dams consists of nine members appointed by Ministerial Order No. OO2/MoE/22 dated January 31, 2022.

Chaired by the Deputy Director General, Evariste Nsabimana, the second meeting of this technical committee took place at the Rwanda Water Resources Board headquarters.

During the meeting, the members discussed various challenges threatening dams in Rwanda and proposed potential solutions.

The committee also noted that Rwanda became a member of the International Commission on Large Dams last year.

Among the major ongoing dam projects are the Nyabarongo II Dam and the Muvumba Multipurpose Dam, expected to provide significant benefits.



## CALL FOR WATER RESOURCES MODELLING

# HACKATHON 2024



### PARTICIPANTS

All undergraduate and master's students enrolled in universities, IPRCs and other high learning institutions in water resources, climate, urban planning and geography related programs.



### HACKATHON

The participants will use HEC-HMS or SWAT model to produce a well calibrated hydrological model for one of the following level 2.5 Rwandan sub catchments: Kamiranzovu, Sebeya Pfunda, Sebeya Bihongoro and Mbirurume. The competitors will use a set of data from the available data sources local or global datasets.



### ENTRY & PRE-SELECTION

The registration period to the competition is from 3rd March to 15th April, 2024 Participants are required to submit a filled form available at [www.rwb.rw](http://www.rwb.rw) together with a valid student card. -The pre-selected students will be notified not later than 19th April,2024



### EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Source and quality of data
- Model parameterization
- Model calibration
- Results interpretation and its use in water resources management



### AWARDS

1st winner: 1,000,000 RWF | 2nd winner: 800,000 RWF | 3rd winner: 600,000 RWF  
4th winner: 500,000 RWF | 5th Winner: 400,000 RWF | 6th Winner: 300,000 RWF  
7th winner: 200,000 RWF



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