

UR-Sweden Programme for Research, Higher Education and Institutional Advancement

Start-up Meeting UR-Sweden Programme

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Sida Headquarters, Stockholm

Background

Sida has supported research and higher education in Rwanda through three phases of a bilateral research programme since 2002—first at National University of Rwanda and from 2014, at University of Rwanda. The overall objective of the fourth phase of the programme, which started on 1st July 2019, is to *increase the production of relevant high-quality scientific knowledge that contributes to Rwanda becoming a knowledge-based economy*. The programme is implemented through 17 sub-programmes, out of which 13 are research training sub-programmes, while the remaining four support research and higher education at University of Rwanda.

Objectives

The expected outcome of the meeting is for the Swedish collaborating universities in Sida's bilateral cooperation with Rwanda to get an understanding of:

- (i) Sida's approach to research capacity building in general;
- (ii) The programme objectives;
- (iii) The programme set-up;
- (iv) The role of the different actors in the Programme;
- (v) The agreement conditions;
- (vi) Programme management (in particular, annual planning and reporting).

Participants

Her Excellency the Ambassador of Rwanda to the Nordic Countries Ms. Christine Nkulikiyinka, Team leaders, Deputy Team leaders, and others involved on the Swedish side of the UR-Sweden Programme, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Amb. Dr. Charles Murigande, University of Rwanda, the Director of Research and Innovation Prof. Deo Jaganyi, University of Rwanda, the Overall Programme Coordinator Mr. Raymond Ndikumana, University of Rwanda, the Deputy Overall Programme Coordinator Dr. Sylvie Mucyo, University of Rwanda, representatives of the International Science Programme, Uppsala University, Sida representatives.

Location

Hörsalen, Sida Headquarters, Valhallavägen 199, Stockholm

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Agenda for the Start-up Meeting		
<i>09:30–10:00</i>	<i>Fika, registration</i>	
10:00–10:20	Welcome note, presentation of participants, presentation of the agenda	Sida
10:20–10:30	Note from the Embassy of Rwanda to the Nordic Countries	Her Excellency the Ambassador of Rwanda to the Nordic Countries Ms. Christine Nkulikiyinka
10:30–11:00	Sida's approach to research capacity building	Sida
11:00–11:20	Presentation of University of Rwanda	Amb. Dr. Charles Murigande
11:20–11:40	Presentation of the UR-Sweden Programme: Background, objectives, sub-programmes	Mr. Raymond Ndikumana
11:40–12:00	Presentation of ISP	Dr. Peter Sundin
<i>12:00–13:00</i>	<i>Lunch at Sida Headquarters</i>	
13:00–13:30	Agreement conditions	Sida, ISP
13:30–14:30	Programme management & roles of the different actors in the Programme	UR, ISP
14:30–14:45	PhD students and postdocs	UR
14:45–15:00	Migration issues and allowances for PhD students and postdocs	ISP
<i>15:00–15:30</i>	<i>Fika/Refreshment break</i>	
15:30–15:55	Further discussions	
15:55–16:00	Closure of the meeting	Sida

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Participants Swedish Universities

First name	Last name	Sub-programme	University
1. Yonas	Alem	Project FP1924_8b: Sustainable socio-economic transformation of Rwanda through relevant and high-quality economics research	University of Gothenburg
2. Franklin	Amuakwa-Mensah	Project FP1924_6: Engendering rural transformation for sustainable development	Environment for Development Initiative
3. Lena	Andersson	Project FP1924_20: Towards sustainable social development: Strengthening social work education, research and practice in Rwanda	University of Gothenburg
4. Sara	Arvidson	Project FP1924_45: Research Management Support to strengthen the UR strategic and operational research capacities	Örebro University/Communication and collaboration
5. Edgar	Asiimwe	Project FP1924_48:48: University of Rwanda ICT Infrastructure and Business Solutions	Stockholm University
6. Sofia	Birgersson	Project FP1924_31: Infectious Diseases	University of Gothenburg
7. Gunilla	Blomqvist Sköldberg	Project L1924_19: Strengthening Research Capacity and Research Training Partnership in Peace, Conflict and Security	School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg
8. Olof	Brunninge	Project FP1924_8a: Institutional capacity building for relevant management and economics research of high quality towards sustainable socio-economic transformation of Rwanda	Jönköping International Business School
9. Linley	Chiwona-Karlton	Project FP1924_6: Engendering rural transformation for sustainable development	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
10. Ioannis	Dimitriou	Project FP1924_1: Integrated agricultural production systems: an obliged path towards one-health,	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)

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		sustainable agriculture and healthy food production	
11. Jimmy	Ehnberg	Project FP1924_35: Research Capacity Development in Sustainable Energy	Chalmers University of Technology
12. Petra	Fabel	Project FP1924_6: Engendering rural transformation for sustainable development	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
13. Uno	Fors	Project FP924_29: Strengthening Research Capacity and Expertise in Digital Health	Stockholm University
14. Åke	Grönlund	Project FP1924_45: Research Management Support to strengthen the UR strategic and operational research capacities	Örebro University/School of Business
15. Bo	Göransson	Project FP1924_45: Research Management Support to strengthen the UR strategic and operational research capacities	Lund University
16. Lars	Hartvigson	Project FP1924_8a: Institutional capacity building for relevant management and economics research of high quality towards sustainable socio-economic transformation of Rwanda	Jönköping International Business School
17. Elisabeth	Hedström	Project FP1924_45: Research Management Support to strengthen the UR strategic and operational research capacities	Karolinska Institutet
18. Peter	Johnson	Other	Uppsala University/Faculty of Law
19. Tomas	Kjellqvist	Project FP1924_44: Fostering innovation and entrepreneurship for increased relevance of University of Rwanda to the country	Södertörns Högskola
20. Gunilla	Krantz	Project L1924_41: Undernutrition an interdisciplinary programme focusing on children and their mothers	Gothenburg/Sahlgrenska Academy

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21. Daniel	Kristiansson	Project FP1924_49: Research support to Rwanda through the University of Rwanda Library Services - Library research support	University of Borås
22. Björn	Kull	Project FP1924_45: Research Management Support to strengthen the UR strategic and operational research capacities	Karolinska Institutet
23. Ewelina	Kurczynska	Project FP1924_45: Research Management Support to strengthen the UR strategic and operational research capacities	Karolinska Institutet
24. Gunaratna	Kuttuva R	Project FP1924_11: Enhancing water resources and environmental management (E-WREM) for sustainable livelihood in Rwanda	KTH Royal Institute of Technology
25. Anna	Kågedal	Project FP1924_49: Research support to Rwanda through the University of Rwanda Library Services - Library research support	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
26. Theresa	Lagali	Project L1924_40: Strengthening Research Capacity in Mathematics, Statistics and Their Applications	Linköping University
27. Magnus	Larson	Project FP1924_11: Enhancing water resources and environmental management (E-WREM) for sustainable livelihood in Rwanda	Lund University/Water Resources Engineering
28. Ida	Mattiasson	Project FP1924_31: Infectious Diseases	University of Gothenburg/Sahlgrenska Academy
29. Erik	Nilsson	Project FP1924_11: Enhancing water resources and environmental management (E-WREM) for sustainable livelihood in Rwanda	Lund University/Water Resources Engineering
30. Gustav	Rudd	Project L1924_19: Strengthening Research Capacity and Research Training Partnership in Peace, Conflict and Security	Globala studier, Göteborgs universitet

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31. Martin	Singull	Project L1924_40: Strengthening Research Capacity in Mathematics, Statistics and Their Applications	Linköping University/Department of Mathematics
32. Frida	Sjöström	Project L1924_41: Undernutrition an interdisciplinary programme focusing on children and their mothers	University of Gothenburg
33. Camilla	Söderquist	Project FP1924_49: Research support to Rwanda through the University of Rwanda Library Services - Library research support	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
34. Erika	Svensson	Other	KTH
35. Erik	Thuning	Project FP1924_48:48: University of Rwanda ICT Infrastructure and Business Solutions	Stockholm university
36. Veronica	Trépagny	Project FP1924_49: Research support to Rwanda through the University of Rwanda Library Services - Library research support	University of Borås
37. Ewa	Wredle	Project L1924_41: Undernutrition an interdisciplinary programme focusing on children and their mothers	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)

Participants University of Rwanda

Last name	First name	Role
1. Jaganyi	Deo	Director of Research and Innovation
2. Murigande	Charles	Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement
3. Mucyo	Sylvie	Deputy Overall Programme Coordinator
4. Ndikumana	Raymond	Overall Programme Coordinator

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Participants International Science Programme, Uppsala University

Last name	First name	Role
1. Rantakokko	Therese	Administrator UR-Sweden Programme
2. Sundin	Peter	Programme Director ISP
3. Turesson	Bengt Ove	Coordinator UR-Sweden Programme

Participants Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in Sweden

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1. Nkulikiyinka	Christine	Ambassador of Rwanda to the Nordic Countries
2. Butera Akay-ezu	Josée	IT, Education and Culture Affairs Officer

Participants Sida

Last name	First name	Role
1. Akuffo	Hannah	Sida's unit for Research Cooperation
2. Molnar	Emilia	Former Senior Programme Manager for Research and Higher Education, Swedish Embassy, Rwanda
3. Nor	Barni	Programme Manager for Research and Higher Education, Swedish Embassy, Rwanda
4. Norling	AnnaKarin	Sida's unit for Research Cooperation
5. Oltorp	AnnaMaria	Head of Sida's unit for Research Cooperation
6. Pohjolainen	Katri	Sida's unit for Research Cooperation