

1st International Conference on the Knowledge-Based Economy

Organised By:

**Kigali Institute of Management (KIM), Kigali, Rwanda and
Rwanda Development Board (RDB), Kigali, Rwanda**

Conference Venue:

**Kigali Institute of Management, Kigali, Rwanda
1-2 September, 2009**

THE CONFERENCE

The **Rwanda Development Board (RDB)** and **Kigali Institute of Management** are jointly organizing a two-day Conference on Developing Human Resource for the Knowledge-Based Economy. The conference is a testimony of our commitment to aid Government's effort of transforming the nation to a knowledge-based society by the year 2020.

THE CONFERENCE THEME

The Theme of the Conference is "**Developing Human Resource for the Knowledge-Based Economy**". One of the main pillars of Rwanda's "vision 2020" is: Skilled Human Capital. To transform Rwanda into a knowledge-based society demands a strategic development, optimization and utilization of human capital. Strategic Human Capital Management is the most powerful lever for innovation, sustainable growth and development in the knowledge-based economy.

The underlying idea behind this conference theme is to highlight and share the role of 'the human side' of the transformation and the role of Human Resources actualizing the vision in a sustainable manner.

Conference Highlights

Conference Chair:

Akinyemi Benjamin, Kigali Institute of Management, Kigali, Rwanda

Conference Programme Director:

Deogratias Harorimana, Rwanda Development Board (RDB), Kigali, Rwanda

Keynote Speaker

**Professor Joseph W.M. Kessels
Chair, Human Resource Development
University of Twente
The Netherlands**

Guest Speakers:

**Professor Alan Sibbald, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Anglia Ruskin University, UK
Professor Robert (Bob) Ford, CGIS, National University of Rwanda
Professor Mayunga H.H. Nkunya, Tanzania Commission for Universities
Deogratias Harorimana, Rwanda Development Board, Kigali, Rwanda
Dr. Sonal Minocha, Ashcroft Business School, UK
Profesor Geoffrey Rugege, National Council for Higher Education, Rwanda
Professor Nshuti Manasseh, The Presidency, Republic of Rwanda
Lyndon Jones, Association of Business Executives, UK
Professor Abraham Ogwu, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology, Rwanda
Profesor Verdiana Grace Masanja, National University of Rwanda, Rwanda
And Others.**

Conference Sub-Themes

Based on the Conference Theme, the structure will cover (although not limited to) the following contents:

**Education Reform for the Knowledge Economy Skills
Development in the Knowledge Economy
Adult Education and Life-Long Learning
Technical and Vocational Education and Training Vocational Training Systems
Information and Communication Technologies for the Knowledge-Based Economy
Investment in Human Capital for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development Research and
Development in Science and Technology for the Knowledge Economy Challenges,
Opportunities and Progress towards the Knowledge Economy in Rwanda
Strategic Talent Management for the Knowledge Economy
Etc.**

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