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GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AND UNITED NATIONS SIGN NEW COOPERATION FRAMEWORK COMMITTING TO ACCELERATE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Kigali, Rwanda | 20th May 2025 – The Government of Rwanda and the United Nations have today officially signed the **United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2025–2029**, charting a renewed path of partnership to advance Rwanda's national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The signing ceremony was officiated by **Mr. Yusuf Murangwa**, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, and **Mr. Ozonnia Ojielo**, UN Resident Coordinator in Rwanda.

Anchored in Rwanda's **Second National Strategy for Transformation (NST2) 2024–2029** and aligned with **Vision 2050**, the UNSDCF represents the UN's most important strategic planning and implementation instrument at the country level. It outlines a shared commitment to support **inclusive economic transformation, human capital development, and transformational governance**—with a cross-cutting emphasis on **gender equality, climate resilience, and innovation**.

"This new Framework is a testament to our enduring partnership with the United Nations and to Rwanda's vision for a more inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable future," said Minister Murangwa. "It reflects our shared priorities and values, and our resolve to leave no one behind."

The UN system in Rwanda through this Cooperation Framework commits to mobilize resources—estimated at **USD 1.04 billion** over five years—which will be operationalized through joint programmes, innovative financing, and catalytic partnerships involving Government, civil society, the private sector, and international partners.

UN Resident Coordinator Ozonnia Ojielo emphasized, "As the United Nations turns 80, this Framework reaffirms our commitment to Delivering as One in support of Rwanda's transformation journey. It is both a call to action and a platform for results—driven by national ownership, powered by partnerships, and guided by the ambition to achieve the SDGs."

The UNSDCF 2025–2029 was developed through an inclusive and consultative process involving over 50 national institutions, UN entities, and key development actors. It responds to emerging challenges such as climate change, regional instability, and financing gaps—while leveraging Rwanda's potential in digital innovation, green growth, and youth empowerment.

As the world enters the final stretch toward 2030, Rwanda and the UN are stepping forward with a bold, forward-looking framework—one that translates global commitments into local action, and ensures that development reaches those furthest behind.

