

## I. **PERSONAL INFORMATION**



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**Marital status:** Married with three children.

**Sex:** Female | **Date of birth:** 25/03/1973 | **Nationality:** Rwandese

### **Career Objective**

To give my due inputs to support the East African Community Initiatives for the advancement of the Economic Development of the Region and my Country Rwanda in particular, through Trade in goods and services of Agricultural products and promote Gender Equality and Equity through awareness raising on women's Economic Empowerment in the EAC.

### **Highlights of Qualifications**

- A goal oriented Legislator at the Regional level: ability to quickly cope with the Assembly's procedures (legislation procedures);
- Ability to manage a team successfully: I am the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources of EALA;
- PHD student (ongoing research work);
- Master Degree of Social Sciences in Gender and Development from Kigali Institute of Education (KIE) in 2012;
- Bachelor's Degree of Arts with Education from National University of Rwanda (NUR) in 2006;
- Diploma of Arts with Education from National University of Rwanda (NUR) in 1999;
- ***Admission by TRAPCA (the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa) on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024;***
- Independent Consultant in some NGO's and Projects aiming at Women's Economic Empowerment;
- Experience in quantitative and qualitative data survey and analysis;
- 10 years of experience working with the Ministry of Education in Rwanda (MINEDUC) and the Rwanda Education Board (REB);
- A Gender Expert interested in women's Businesses and access to finance;
- Very flexible and adaptable to new conditions;
- Ability to work under pressure and handle multiple tasks;
- Ability to work collaboratively with wide cross-section of people (adaptation to diversities) while working with the international bodies like EAC, EALA, EAWiB, UNCTAD, TRAPCA, APHRC, GIMAC, UNECA, AfCFTA, AU, IPU, FAO, ISAAA, AFSA, TABIO, ROAM, etc.;
- First-rate organizational and time management ability;
- Ability to understand the rights-based approaches with strong ability to advocate and negotiate with excellent problem solving skills.

## II. WORK EXPERIENCE

### From December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 up to now

#### a) A Member of Parliament (MP) at the East African Legislative Assembly (5<sup>th</sup> EALA: From January 2023 up to now)

Like most legislatures, as a member of EALA, serving for my second term, my core functions are legislation, oversight and representation for EAC Citizens whereby we are in touch with the National Assemblies of EAC on matters relating to the Community. We take part in the debate and approval of the budget of EAC thanks to the Committee on General Purpose. I currently serve the Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources Committee (ATNR) as the Chairperson, and the Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution as a Member. As the Chair of ATNR Committee, I actively advocate for the Sector of Agriculture to get fundamental Policy commitment and investments from Partner States in order to make it contribute effectively to broad-based growth needed for poverty eradication, *for Gender Equality* and enhancement of regional food systems transformation, a Sector that is dominated by women. Hence, a passionate advocate for women's economic empowerment. *I moved a motion on Women and Youth in Trade for their active participation to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and a motion for a resolution of the Assembly recommending to the Council of Ministers to urge Partner States to implement appropriate measures to prevent and manage food loss and wastage in the Community.* The EAC Cultural Heritage Bill 2022, was saved by EALA 5, I will continue to work on it until it's assented to by Heads of States. It has provisions about Gender Equality in music industry that is likely to support women and girls to trade their intellectual properties.

#### Employer's name and locality:

Rt. Hon. Speaker Joseph Ntakirutimana  
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#### b) A Member of Parliament (MP) at the East African Legislative Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> EALA: From 2017 up to 2022)

As a member of EALA serving for my first term, my core functions remain the same: legislation, oversight and representation for EAC Citizens. I served the Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources (ATNR), and the General Purpose (GP) Committees as a Member. I actively advocated for the Sector of Agriculture to contribute to poverty reduction, Zero Hunger for EAC Citizens, for Gender Equality and enhancement of regional food systems transformation. Under the component of EALA core functions again, I do oversight on Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources and report back to the Assembly through the Committee of ATNR I chair. I am an environmental activist. I initiate and take part in actions that aim at fighting against deforestation in order to protect diverse species of wildlife, trans-boundary-ecosystems, profound water bodies, scenic landscapes and cultural heritage. I also initiated various motions on the floor of the House such as "*motion for a resolution of the assembly urging the Council of Ministers to recommend the partner states*

*to enhance utilization and access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern renewable energy in the community” to support women and girls’ households, “Motion for a resolution of the Assembly urging the Council of Ministers to recommend the Partner States to enhance Gender Equality in access to food and nutrition security in the Community”, I introduced the “EAC Cultural Heritage Bill, 2022” in the House.*

**Employer’s name and locality:**

Rt. Hon. Speaker Martin K. NGOGA  
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**From October 3rd, 2016, up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**A Provincial Advisor for Kigali City with Chemonics International, Inc. for Soma Umenye USAID funded Project**

- Oversee the work of Kigali City District Advisors to support District and Sector Education officials of the City of Kigali to implement education reforms that support improved Early Grade reading outcomes and are in line with the Government of Rwanda’s education reforms. Build their capacity as needed to ensure they can be effective in their work. The Rwanda Education system is built on a strong foundation of quality assurance. My role in this was to facilitate sharing of challenges and successes among Provincial Advisors and among the District Advisors in Kigali to promote project learning among Education Sector officials within Kigali City to promote the culture of competence based curriculum by pupils and teachers respectively;
- Gather information from District Advisors related to the implementation of Soma Umenye supported activities at the District and Sector level, share with the Deputy Chief of Party and work with her to devise and implement a strategy if needed (in collaboration with District / Sector level education officials) to address any deficits in implementation;
- Strengthen data driven decision making to enhance learner performance improvement at District and Sector levels;
- Gather information from District Advisors related to coordination with other donor funded implementers, share with the Deputy Chief of Party and work with her to devise and implement a strategy if needed to ensure Soma Umenye interventions are complementary and not duplicative of others’ efforts;
- Contribute to Provincial budget development.

**Employer’s name and locality:**

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Type of Business or Sector: SOCIAL SECTOR

**From March 4th, 2016 to February 3rd, 2018****The President of the National Women's Council**

I served women as the President of the National Women's Council (NWC) an elected for, **voluntary work**. During my tenure, I got an opportunity to **work closely with the Gender Machinery** composed by the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion “MIGEPROF”, the Gender Monitoring Office (GMO: for which I was a member of its Consultative Committee since 2016 up to 2018 {I was appointed by the Cabinet of Rwanda at the same time appointed a Member of Chancellery for Heroes, National Orders and Decoration of Honour (CHENO)} and was working closely with the “Forum des Femmes Rwandaises Parlementaires” FFRP (Rwanda Women Parliamentarians). We often met to exchange ideas on how to eradicate GBV through women sensitization, advocacy, capacity building (various trainings on GBV prevention and financial literacy from the Village level up to the national level) and the establishment of gender sensitive Laws and related Penal Code in close collaboration with the Rwanda National Police, Judicial and medical organs. More support was provided for such as:

- Assessing and monitoring of the role of women in environmental sustainability by incorporating gender perspectives in environmental issues; Ensure women have access to land by raising awareness about the available Land Law given that the survival of women and their families is closely linked to the health of the ecosystem that they are the most sensitive to changes in the environment evinced by their being the first line of defence and closest contact with the land;
- Organizing and coordinating various workshops to ensure women are aware of the rapid population growth that leads to economies consuming more resources much faster than they can regenerate which leads people to depend solely on natural resources for a living, which results in increased activity in charcoal burning, fishing, poor farming that lead to deforestation, overfishing and soil erosion respectively; Sensitize women on the logic use of water when available to minimize the soil degradation; Avoid the use of plastic bags and use consciously pesticides; Inform and educate women about alternative methods of cooking, farming, family planning (contraceptives) and waste disposal (if they are well represented at higher levels of decision making, grassroots participation will be more effective. Support for women's collective actions in addressing resource management problems); Fighting against the impact of Climate Changes on women's lives which were assessed and monitored to allow them a more prosperous harvest by using irrigation methods and well selected crops in close partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture (MINAGRI), the Rwanda Environmental Management Authority (REMA) and the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF).

**Supervision:**

Under the Ministry of Gender and family Promotion (MIGEPROF)

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**From March 17th, 2014 to September 30th, 2016****A Provincial Coordinator with EDC/L3, Eastern Province**

- Conduct joint school monitoring visits with ministry officials and local authorities to observe implementation of L3 lessons, trouble-shoot operational difficulties at the school level, support school-based mentors and report on teacher and student progress;
- Work with Districts, Senior Mentors and School-Based Mentors to ensure procedures for accessing district grants for school-based-mentor-initiated trainings around effective use of early literacy materials are understood and followed;
- Support the implementation of L3 activities in the TTCs, working with the VSO volunteers assigned to TTCs to strengthen the instruction of the pedagogy of reading and writing in the institutes;
- Liaise with partner organizations (i.e. VSO, IEE, Concern World Wide, etc.) to ensure that preservice and in-service training initiatives align with the overall L3 work plan and accommodate the community work jointly.

**Employer's name and locality:**

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 Education Development Center, Inc. (USAID Funded Project)  
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**From September 2012, up to March 2013**

**A Community trainer with Rwanda Men's Resource Centre (RWAMREC: Local NGO: Goal: Men and women working together for Gender Equality)**

- Support RWAMREC in recruiting young men, young women, and fatherhood group facilitators and group education participants well engaged in the Community Work;
- Prepare and conduct 'training of trainers' in which program facilitators in the target communities are trained and equipped with the skills to lead young men's, young women's, fathers and mothers group education workshops focusing on the importance of positive masculinity towards women's empowerment for their financial autonomy;
- Assist in the development of the group education schedules and follow up with group education facilitators on its implementation;
- Speak at local public gatherings to sensitize attendees and help them recognize the importance of healthy relationships, because young men and women are good agents of change in their community;
- Visit regularly the groups of fathers, mothers, young men and young women to make sure they are operational and produce a monitoring report;
- Document stories, best practices from these groups; Support the development of a Gender transformative journey.

**Employer's name and locality:**

Mr MUNYAMARIZA Edouard, Executive Secretary of RWAMREC (Rwanda Men's Resource Centre) Phone number: (+250) 78-838-1184 \_ E-mail: [edouard@rwamrec.org](mailto:edouard@rwamrec.org) Kigali\_RWANDA  
 Type of Business or Sector: SOCIAL SECTOR

**From February 2008, up to August 2012**

**A Pedagogical Inspector with the Rwanda Education Board (REB), Department of Education Quality and Standards (EQSD)**

- Playing a key role in the advancement of Parents and Teachers Associations partnership to promote quality and inclusive Education system;
- Coordinating and making follow-up on all activities pertaining to School initiatives in the Province of my purview by facilitating students and teachers to have access to active methods pedagogical materials to allow experiments;
- Supervise and give advice on Best Practices to make sure schools emulate from each other and consider the role of students, teachers and parents in the entire process.

**Employer's name and locality:**

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Type of Business or Sector: SOCIAL SECTOR

### **From April, 2007 to February, 2008**

#### **District Educational Officer (DEO) at Rwanamagana District**

- Working closely with UNICEF, UNESCO, etc. to support education for sustainable development, water availability, hygiene and sanitation at school. It involved local communities in looking for suitable and sustainable solutions to local development whereby some of the schools of Rwanamagana District were involved as a pilot study of the Project;
- Planning and following-up on activities pertaining to the project at the District level to help primary and secondary schools improve the quality of their work;
- Making suggestions for increasing access to quality, equity in education at the District level;
- Implement Girls Education Policy at the District Level as far as National Girls Education Program is concerned and give a report;
- Ensure Data collection and Monitoring and Evaluation are done in due time.

**Employer's name and locality:**

RWAMAGANA District. P.O Box 24 Rwanamagana. Website: <http://www.rwanamagana.gov.rw>

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Type of Business or Sector: SOCIAL SECTOR

### **III. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND CONSULTANCIES**

<b>EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Period</b>	<b>Institution Attended</b>	<b>Awards</b>
<b>2024</b>	Admitted by TRAPCA (the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa) on 14th August, 2024 to pursue with scholarship, the 501-503 accelerated courses, but I requested that my offer be put on hold so that I can be free to serve the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural resources I was voted to chair for two and half years from January 2023 to June 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certificate of successful achievement for the Pre-requisites course</li> </ul>
<b>2023</b>	A PhD student (Was also suspended) for the above mentioned purpose. I'm going to resume very soon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resumption to be done soon.</li> </ul>
<b>2011-2012</b>	Former Kigali Institute of Education (KIE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Social Sciences in</li> </ul>

		Gender and Development
<b>2006</b> <b>1996-1999</b>	National University of Rwanda (NUR), National University of Rwanda (NUR),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Bachelor of Arts with Education Grade: First Class Honour.</li> </ul> <p>A Diploma of Arts with Education Grade: First Class Honour.</p>
<b>1989-1996:</b>	Secondary School at the former ENT Kibuye (current Collège Sainte Marie Kibuye)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A technical certificate in Teachers Training College (TTC). Grade: Distinction.</li> </ul>
<b>1981-1988</b>	Primary School at Nyarusange Primary school in Rwanamagana District, Muhazi Sector	No Certificate awarded
<b>1977-1980</b>	Nursery school at Gabiro and Muhima Military camps	No certificate awarded
<b>TRAINING AND CONSULTANCIES</b>		
<b>1994-1995</b>	A teacher at Ruyenzi Primary school in the former Ntyazo District, currently Nyanza District	I was in testing period before I became a nun.
<b>2000-2005</b>	Religious trainings and teaching in primary and secondary schools	I have been a Nun. At that time, I was a mentor in terms of girls' education and was dealing with gender equality and Literacy and Numeracy in various schools.
<b>2002</b>	I am a computer literate with ICT-certificate name: Computer Literacy: "Training of Trainers" in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Power Point and Internet explorer	I was awarded a certificate

<b>2006</b>	Four months training on Political education and Patriotism while a student at the National University of Rwanda (NUR).	A certificate is available (I was no longer a nun)
<b>July-September, 2008</b>	A two weeks traing on Early Childhood Development	A certificate is available
<b>April, 2009</b>	A two week traing on Adults' Education	No certificate awarded
<b>April, 2009</b>	A one week training of the members of the Taskforce for Girls Promotion under UNICEF Directorate at Musanze District	No certificate awarded
<b>September, 2009</b>	A one week training on Inclusive Education	No certificate
<b>May, 2011</b>	A one week training on Public Procurement	A certificate is available.
<b>From th to 10th February 2012</b>	I participated in in a Training of Trainers in Education Management and Leadership organized by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with Canterbury Christ Church University and VVOB School Management Project with topics below:  -School Leadership, Management and Administration; -Facilitation and Participative Approach of Training; -The use of E-Learning in training Peogrammes; -School effectiveness and Quality Improvement; -Designing Adult learning processes; -Peer learning approaches and Techniques.	A Certificate is available
<b>September-October 2013</b>	Two months <i>training and modules development on Engaging men as care givers, maternal and child health by the former Promundo-US</i> (Currently Equimundo)	A certificate is available
<b>July 2014-September 2017</b>	Continuous capacity development to support Rwanda's national efforts to usher in reforms across the education spectrum throught the Literacy. Language and Learning Initiative "L3" for improved student achievement in reading and mathematics, in collaboration with engaged communities that supported literacy and influenced increased access to appropriate teaching and learning materials.	A Certificate is available
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March and December 2015</b>	Two consultancies by the Rwanda Men's Resource Centre (RWAMREC) leaders whereby in Partnership with Concern World Wide <i>I was hired as a consultant to support the training for the beneficiaries of the journey of Change Project in field of promotion of gender equality, prevention of gender based violence and women economic empowerment.</i> This consultancy lasted for the duration of five (5) days at Twiga Hotel in Huye District, Southern Province, where I successfully	

	applied my experience and competences in leading the group trainings. Managers of Promundo-US in Rwanda and in US also engaged me in 2015 as an independent consultant for a two week in-depth interviews with women participants of Fathers groups in Nyaruguru and Rwamagana Districts and some local authorities who were previously involved in the monitoring of MenCare Project activities in the mentioned Districts that were as well interviewed.	
August 2017	One month <b><i>Capacity building as the Chairperson of the National Women's Council on Leadership</i></b> by Rwanda—Human and Institutional Capacity Development Project (HICD/R: A USAID Project) for increased performance in implementing the decisions of the General Assembly and coordinating activities of stakeholders involved in <b>women's promotion</b> .	A certificate
December 2017	Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza was sworn in as EALA MP, first term during the swearing-in ceremony of the 4th East African Legislative Assembly (EALA 4) on December 18, 2017 to serve her first term. EALA is the legislative arm of the East African Community (EAC). EALA 4 was inaugurated on 18 December 2017 in Arusha, Tanzania. This marked the start of a five-year term (2017–2022) for 54 members elected from the then-six EAC Partner States: Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. It was the first sitting of the 1st Session of the 4th Assembly, emphasizing EALA's roles in legislation, representation, and oversight to advance regional integration. Hon. Francoise served EALA 4 through the Standing Committee on General Purpose – GP (that deals with matters related to Gender Equality such as the monitoring of the Gender Mainstreaming practices in the EAC, Youth, Culture, Education, Sports, Languages, the Pre-budget and the EAC-Budget scrutiny and reporting to the House) and the Committee of Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources – ATNR (that deals with matters related to Agriculture and Food, Co-operation in Environment and Natural Resources Management, Cooperation in Tourism and Wildlife Management), for the first half period of her term (two and a half years). For the second half of EALA 4 term, Hon. Francoise continued to actively and passionately serve the Community through the Committee on GP and ATNR, but was granted by her Rwanda Chapter a privilege to serve the third Standing Committee—given the fact that the Rt. Hon. Speaker Martin Carol Ngoga was coming from Rwanda- (Legal, Rules and Privileges – LRP, whose main functions are broadly to receive, review, scrutinise,	

	investigate the complaints against legal entities within EAC of denial/ deprivation of enjoyment or inappropriate enjoyment and use contrary to provisions of the Treaty, Protocols and Agreements by any persons resident with EALA Legal matters, oversight of the work of EAC-Sectoral Committees and Organs. These functions hinge on complaints under Legal and Judicial Affairs (such as EAC Citizens' petitions, the breach of EAC citizens' privileges and immunities, breach of established code of conduct, Dress code for Members, staff and strangers, breaches of the declaration of a Member's financial interests, the receipt and disposal of proposals for the amendment of the Rules of procedure, alleged non compliance with the provisions of the Treaty and examine and give recommendations on Governance matters under the Treaty) From.	
<b>March 2018</b>	From 24th to 28th March 2018, I participated in <i>the 138th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly held in Geneva</i> which ended in a motion she moved in June 2021, for a resolution of the Assembly to urge the Council of Ministers to recommend the Partner States to enhance utilization and access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern renewable energy in the community by recalling the resolution of the 138 <sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union relating to renewable energy, among others, to engage the Private Sector in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, especially on renewable energy.	<b>Available motion Web</b>
<b>November 2018</b>	<i>From November 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018</i> , Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza actively participated in <i>Women Cross border training workshop</i> : The four-day residential workshop held at Breeze Hotel in Busia Kenya, bordering Uganda. The East African Community Secretariat has formulated a Simplified Guide for Micro and Small-Scale Women Cross Border Traders and Service Providers within the East African Community (EAC). The guide provides information on key EAC trade rules, regulations and procedures related to trade within the EAC in a simplified and user-friendly manner.	Available group photo and soft copies of the STR booklets (English and Swahili). <b>Web</b>
<b>July, 2019</b>	From 15-20 July 2019, Hon. Francoise was involved in the Learning Exchange, a visit initiated by ECOWAS Network of Parliamentarians on Gender Equality, responsible investment in land and food security. The meeting is organized by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), FAO, and Oxfam with the support of the Rwanda Parliament.	Pictures
<b>December, 2020</b>	On 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020, Hon. Francoise attended a Zoom meeting for a Handbook launch of the role of Parliamentarians in enhancing responsible investment in Agriculture for the transition towards more sustainable Food Systems in Africa by FAO, IISD, AU, EAC and ECOWAS.	Available Handbook <b>Web</b>

<b>October 2021</b>	<p>From 4th to 8th October 2021, Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza was nominated by the Rt. Hon. Speaker Martin K. Ngoga to represent him in the 6th East African Local Government Forum (EALGF) Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the East African Local Governments Association (EALGA) Annual General Meeting, from October 4–8, 2021, in Kigali, Rwanda. The Kigali EALGA took place under the theme: “<i>Leveraging the role of Local and County Governments to fast track the achievement of the EAC Integration Agenda.</i>” It was a critical post-COVID gathering focused on recovery and regional integration. Hosted by Rwanda's Ministry of Local Government (MINALOC), it convened over 200 participants, including ministers, local government association leaders, EAC officials, and development partners (e.g., Commonwealth Local Government Forum [CLGF], UNDP, EU, UNCDF). The event produced <b>key recommendations and outcomes</b> centered on recovery strategies, decentralization, and EAC integration:</p> <p><b>Key recommendation: Accelerate EAC Integration through Local Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prioritize cross-border cooperation, including infrastructure for markets and removal of non-tariff barriers, to boost regional trade;</li> <li>- Integrate local governments into EAC protocols (e.g., Common Market, Customs Union) via joint working groups with EALA and EAC Secretariat.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Institutional outcome:</b> EALGA Strategic Planning: inclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with EAC for better coordination on integration.</p> <p><b>Long-Term Impact:</b> The forum contributed to broader EAC efforts, such as the EALA-EALGA collaboration on service delivery accountability, as noted by then-Speaker Rt. Hon. Martin K. Ngoga who was represented by Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza.</p>	Photos are available <a href="#">Web</a>
<b>November 2021</b>	<p><i>On 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, Hon. Francoise participation to the Gender is my Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) CSO's Consultative Meeting African Union Men's Conference was outstanding.</i></p> <p>The meeting was held under the theme: “African Men Leaders Engage Positive Masculinity to End the Scourge of Violence against Women and Girls in Africa” whereby she took part to the acknowledgement of the ending of Violence against women and girls (VAWG) as a way of advancing gender equality and the human rights of African girls and women. Various recommendations were made among them, the recommendation to support the agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs; the 10th anniversary of the creation of UN</p>	

	Women and marked the beginning of the African Union Decade of African Women's Financial and Economic Inclusion (2020-2030), just to mention a few.	
<b>February 2022</b>	<p><b><i>From 03<sup>rd</sup>to 04<sup>th</sup>February 2022, Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza Participated to the 38th GIMAC Pre-Summit CSOs Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union and Member States.</i></b></p> <p>The African Union Commission Heads of States Assembly has marked the year 2022 with the theme 'Building Resilience in Nutrition on the African Continent: Accelerate the Human Capital, Social and Economic Development'. The theme has been informed by Aspiration (1) of Agenda 2063, which envisions a 'prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development'. The African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), Ipas Africa Alliance, and the Spotlight Initiative hosted two pre-summit panel discussions in which I actively participated under the Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Network, which is a platform of over 55 civil society organizations (CSOs) promoting gender equality and accountability for women's rights in Africa.</p> <p>Through the GIMAC Pre-Summit CSOs Consultative Meeting, CSOS will give key recommendations that will be utilized in advocacy towards the African Union (AU) Summit and for the GIMAC Network to outline its roadmap and strategies with specific action points to inform effective coordination and implementation of AU Declarations at the RECs and national levels.</p>	
<b>April, 2022</b>	Hon Francoise Uwumukiza participated to <b><i>the interview with the University of Minnesota to assess the impact of IISD's work</i></b> on the recommendation of IISD given that she has been an active Member of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources (ATNR Committee), and EALA has been working for more than 10 years to promote responsible investment in agriculture through notably, the drafting on the EAC model contract for farmland investment for EAC; the learning exchange in Kigali with the ECOWAS Parliament, and the capacity building for Members of Parliament she was participating in.	
<b>April - May 2022.</b>	<p><b><i>From 20th April to 6th May 2022, Hon. Francoise attended the online course for parliamentarians: Achieving Gender Equality in Climate change and food systems:</i></b></p> <p>The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), together with the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) and in partnership with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), OXFAM, and Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF). I attended online as an</p>	Certificate is available

	opportunity aimed at deepening the knowledge of parliamentarians and policy makers on key gender equality issues in agriculture and food systems, and assist them with the design and implementation of gender-responsive interventions and policies to contribute to the advancement of gender equality in relation to climate change and food security.	
	On 9th June 2022, Hon. Francoise <b>moved a motion</b> for a resolution of the Assembly urging the Council of Ministers to recommend the partner states <b>to enhance Gender Equality in access to Food and Nutrition Security in the Community</b> . The motion was passed as a resolution of the House with slight amendments which improved it further.	A PDF copy is available for the <a href="#">Web</a>
<b>June 2022</b>	From 13 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> , June 2022, she participated <b>as a Speaker to the Ideation Workshop on key recommendations for women and Youth in trade under the AfCFTA</b> , invited and funded by the UN Economic Comission for Africa (UNECA).	
<b>June 2022</b>	Participation to <b>CHOGM women's Forum</b> at the Kigali Serena hotel from 21 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022, which aims were oriented to promoting gender equality policies to garner strong support and advocate for high-level policies that directly address gender equality and human rights across the Commonwealth. Women's empowerment; accountability for progress and identifying solutions by involving women in decision-making.	Pictures are available <a href="#">Web</a>
<b>June to 22 July 2022</b>	From 30 <sup>th</sup> June to 22 <sup>th</sup> July 2022, Hon. Francoise participated in a three week workshop on <b>Google Digital Skills for Africa prepared by ImpactHer on the following topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Use Data And Insight To Help Grow Your Business;</b></li> <li>- <b>Create your Digital Marketing Strategy;</b></li> <li>- <b>Stay Productive online;</b></li> <li>- <b>Build Your Brand And Sell Online;</b></li> <li>- <b>Get Set Up On Google My Business.</b></li> </ul>	Available certificate <a href="#">Web</a>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	She participated virtually as one of the Panelists in the Regional Policy Dialogue on <b>Enhancing Participation of Women cross border traders in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)</b> , organised by the East African Sub-Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women (EASSI) on July 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, where she briefed the audience on the role of EALA in supporting EAC women in business and prospects for AfCFTA.	
<b>August 2022</b>	She was invited by UNECA to participate in AfCFTA <b>Women in Trade Conference</b> held in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 12-14 September, 2022.	
<b>November 2022</b>	She participated to a two week pre-requisite courses under the <b>Trade Policy Training Center in Africa (TRAPCA)</b> .	<b>A certificate is available</b> <a href="#">Web</a>

	From 17 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022, she actively participated to the <b>EAC Policy Dialogue on Mosquito Engineering</b> aiming to combat malaria transmission, a major public health challenge in the EAC Region. It took place at Sea Cliff Hotell in Dar-ES-Salaam, Tanzania.	
<b>December 2022</b>	Invited and funded by EAPA-FSN, she participated to <b>the 4<sup>th</sup> Eastern Africa Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (EAPA-FSN) General Assembly</b> Meeting in Kigali Rwanda from 9 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, an FAO initiated Alliance.	
<b>March 2023</b>	Since 2018, Hon. Francoise participated in Various <b>EAC International Women's Day Commemoration</b> with different Governments, Civil Society Organisations and Private Sector's stakeholders such as the International Women's Day celebration in Rwanda, with the EAC Secretariat in collaboration with GIZ in Arusha, Tanzania, in March 7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023, with Fungua Trust jointly with EALA Women's Caucus in Dar-Es -Salaam.  On 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023, Hon. Francoise received her Admission Letter by the Trade Policy Trainig Centre in Africa (TRAPCA) after she had successfully accomplished her prerequisite courses in December, 2022. However, she decided to put the offer on hold given the fact that she was chairing the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources.	
<b>June 2023</b>	Participation to two day virtual webinar on popularization of soft laws under the mandate of the special rapporteur on <b>the rights of women in Africa</b> of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights from 6 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023, a very informative and interactive session in terms of advancing the gender agenda, especially women and girls rights.  From 15 May to 18 June 2023, Hon Francoise Participate successfully to <b>the online class on Trade and Gender Linkages with a Focus on E-commerce</b> from a Gender Perspective.	<b>Available certificate</b>
	From 15 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023, Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza was invited and funded by FAO Parliamentary Partnerships in Rome, as the Chair of the EALA ATNR Committee. She participated to the 2nd Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition in Chile, Valparaiso with the objective to provide a space for parliamentarians from different regions in the World to discuss the challenges agri-food systems are facing. Among the outcomes of the Summit, Parliamentarians committed themselves to honor <b>a Pact</b> which aims at safeguarding sufficient and adequate budgetary allocations working towards the transformation of afri-food Systems.	<b>A copy of the PACT is available Web</b>

<b>July, 2023</b>	<p>In July 11th, 2023, invited and funded by TradeMark Africa in collaboration with the East African Business Council (EABC), Hon Francoise Participated as a Panelist to the <b><i>AU High level meeting</i></b> during the agribusiness and food security panel session in Nairobi Kenya, to analyse the existing agribusiness policy framework, ongoing government incentives towards achieving food security and the current level of private sector participation in the agribusiness value chain towards AfCFTA in close collaboration with EAC and the (EABC).</p>	
	<p>Hon Francoise participated to the sixth edition of <b><i>Women Deliver 2023 Conference (WD2023)</i></b> that took place in Kigali from <b><i>17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023</i></b> at the Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda under the theme “<i>Spaces-Solidarity and Solutions</i>”.</p>	<b>An individual report is available (for Web?)</b>
<b>September 2023</b>	<p>She actively participation online to a Master Class: “<i>Trade and Gender Linkages in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) from a Development Perspective</i> organized by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in collaboration with the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) from 03<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2023</p>	<b>Available three certificate for the Web</b>
<b>October 2023</b>	<p>From 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, Hon. Francoise Participated to the 5<sup>th</sup> Eastern Africa Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (EAPA-FSN) <b><i>General Assembly Meeting</i></b> in Nairobi Kenya.</p>	
	<p>Invited by The Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) –Uganda, <b><i>she actively participated to the Making Agricultural Trade sustainable (MATS)</i></b> Annual high level dialogue held in Moshi, URT, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2025. The aim was to identify key leverage points for changes in agricultural trade policy that foster the positive and reduce the negative impacts of trade on sustainable development and human rights such as high food prices and their impact on famers, especially women’s small scale farmers. It has been a great opportunity to have an an interface with the Eastern and Southern Africa small scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF-Tanzania) to discuss about their Views on Food Prices in EAC Regional and how farmers are affected.</p>	
<b>December 2023</b>	<p>Hon. Francoise’s participation <b><i>to the 28<sup>th</sup> United Nations Conference of Parties, (COP28)</i></b>, held in Dubai from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, a high level platform that allowed her to advocate further for the Right to Food for all persons through Climate Change mitigation and adaptation discussions not only in the EAC but also globally, especially in Africa, supporting small scale farmers, custodians of Bio-Food, with most of them being women. She attended as a Panellist twice at the Globe Legislators Pavilion with aim “<i>making</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>The article is available (Web);</i></b></li> <li>- <b><i>Available document of what she did next after COP28 in Dubai.</i></b></li> </ul>

	<p><i>Parliaments count</i>" an event after which she crafted an article entitled "Tripling Africa's Energy Capacity and Boosting Food Systems transformation <a href="https://africlimc.com/posts/a-new-pathway-to-action/">https://africlimc.com/posts/a-new-pathway-to-action/</a>" that was shared at the Globe Parliamentary Platform, EALA MPs and other related social media. She also participated in a panel about <b><i>Gender Equality and Climate Change adaptation.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon Francoise shared with Globe International her commitments post COP28 thru her document "<i>I went to COP28 in Dubai, as a Member of Parliament from the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources and one of the Champions of Climate Change in the Regional. Below is what I did next. (available document).</i></li> </ul>	
<b>January 2024</b>	<p>From 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024, she Participated as a panelist in <b><i>the high-level Panel titled "Realizing the Right to Adequate Food: Ending hunger and leaving no one behind"</i></b> held on 19th January 2024 in Berlin, Germany, on the invitation of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Available FAO article on the same: <a href="https://www.fao.org/partnerships/news-archive/news-article/en/c/1676798/#:~:text=On%20the%20other%20hand%20when,crucial%20to%20achieve%20zero%20hunger">https://www.fao.org/partnerships/news-archive/news-article/en/c/1676798/#:~:text=On%20the%20other%20hand%20when,crucial%20to%20achieve%20zero%20hunger</a>.</p>	
	<p>From 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024, invited by the East African Women in Business Platform (EAWiP), Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza successfully participated as a Speaker in the Capacity Building Workshop on <i>Enhancement in Branding, Packaging, Digital Marketing and E-Commerce Skills for Women in Agribusiness</i> held at M. Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda.</p>	Available Certificate
<b>February 2024</b>	<p><a href="https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/eala-mps-push-for-food-security-interventions/">https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/eala-mps-push-for-food-security-interventions/</a></p> <p>Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza led the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Committee on Agriculture, Tourism, and Natural Resources which has called for collaborative efforts among the East African Community (EAC) partner states to end hunger and boost food security. As the Committee Chairperson, she highlighted that the region was racing against time to end hunger by the year 2025 calling on partner states and agencies to scale up efforts to achieve the target. "This is a tough goal to achieve in less than two years." Climate change, is the biggest impediment to the realization of the goal calling for concerted regional efforts to mitigate the adverse effects of the phenomenon.</p>	Available report

<b>June 2024</b>	<p>She participated as the Chairperson of the ATNR Committee, in the Capacity Building of EALA MPs on Climate Change, organised by the EALA Forum on Climate Change (of which she's a Member) in partnership with PACJA on 29th June, 2024, in the EALA Chamber, Arusha, the United Republic of Tanzania (URT).</p>	<b>Pictures</b>
<b>July 2024</b>	<p>On 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, she successfully participated to the interview organised by FAO under the theme: "Voices from Parliamentary Networks partnering with FAO". The link can be accessed at <a href="https://www.fao.org/partnerships/parliamentary-alliances/news/news-article/en/c/1697841/">https://www.fao.org/partnerships/parliamentary-alliances/news/news-article/en/c/1697841/</a> and it was shared with the office of the Rt. Hon. Speaker.</p> <p>From 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, Hon. Francoise participated in the Eastern Africa Parliamentarians Regional meeting on strengthening capacity of national parliaments on oversights in Climate Action Accountability and reporting at Mount Meru hotel in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania where she delivered a remarkable speech on climate change mitigation and adaptation in EAC.</p>	<b>Available article for the Web</b>
<b>In October 2024</b>	<p>On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 she participated as a panellist in a conversation under the theme "<i>catalysing Parliamentary action through CFS Policy Products and the Global Parliamentary Pact on Food Systems Transformation</i>" which took place in in Rome, Italy.</p>	
	<p>On 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, she participated in the side event to CFS52 that called the power of the right to food for a collective action –“<i>Global governance, policy and legislation to realize the right to adequate food</i>”, organized by the Office of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food together with allies.</p>	
<b>November 2024</b>	<p>In May 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming the year 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF). The UN Resolution A/RES/78/279 invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to serve as the lead agency for the Year, in collaboration with the other Rome-based Agencies, international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders. To guide and coordinate activities for this initiative, an International Steering Committee (ISC) was established and Hon. Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza <b>was nominated by FAO to join the ISC, recognizing her extensive work in promoting gender equality and rural women's empowerment in the context of Food Systems Transformation</b> believing that her involvement will greatly have an impact on the enhancement of the committee's efforts to achieve the goals of IYWF 2026.</p>	

	<p>Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza chaired the EALA/ATNR Committee, and in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO-Rome) with support from the Centre for Food and Adequate Living Rights (CEFROHT), <b><i>the Committee endorsed officially a resolution recognising agro-ecology as a strategic priority for formulating and recommending sustainable policies in agriculture, tourism, and natural resource management across the East African region:</i></b></p> <p>EALA: <a href="https://www.eala.org/media/view/east-african-legislative-assembly-signs-a-resolution-with-food-agriculture-organization-fao-recognizing-agro-ecology-as-a-strategic-priority-in-the-eac?s=09">https://www.eala.org/media/view/east-african-legislative-assembly-signs-a-resolution-with-food-agriculture-organization-fao-recognizing-agro-ecology-as-a-strategic-priority-in-the-eac?s=09</a></p> <p>FAO: <a href="https://www.fao.org/partnerships/news-archive/news-article/fr/c/1740626/">https://www.fao.org/partnerships/news-archive/news-article/fr/c/1740626/</a></p>	<b>Available articles</b> for the Web
<b>2024</b>	In 2024, Hon. Francoise participated in the World Bank Business-Ready activity known as B-Ready for Rwanda and was awarded a certificate of Appreciation.	<b>Available certificate</b>
<b>January 2025</b>	From 9 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2025, invited by the African Union Commission on Agriculture (AUC), Rural development and Blue Economy, she participated in the Summit of Heads of State which adopted a new CAADP Strategy and Action Plan: 2026-2035 and the Kampala CAADP Declaration on Building Sustainable and Resilient Agrifood Systems in Africa whereby her role as the Chair of the ATNR Committee <b><i>has been instrumental in the lobbying for adoption of amendments made to the Kampala Declaration provisions, giving parliamentarians from across Africa louder voice for their oversight role.</i></b>	
<b>April 2025</b>	From 29 to 30 April 2025. Invited by the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), she participated as a Panellist in the Validation Meeting on Agro-ecological Produce Cross-Border Trade in the EAC, in Nairobi Kenya.	
<b>May 2025</b>	<p>-On the FAO (Parliamentary Partnerships recommendation), Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza was nominated as <b><i>a Member of the International Steering Committee of the International Year of the Woman Farmer, 2026</i></b> where she's currently advocating for women's farmers more visibility, access to land and resources, etc.</p> <p>-On 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025, she initiated and chaired a virtual meeting between EALA (Committee on Agriculture) and development Partners among them FAO, AFSA, ESSAF, ROAM, etc. in order to draw a partnership roadmap in Agro-ecology Sector.</p>	
	On 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2025, invited by the African Agricultural Technologies Foundation (AATF), she attended as a Speaker the Ministerial Dialogue of the African Conference in Agricultural Technologies (ACAT) to discuss about the Next Generation of	

	Agri-Technology for the African Farmers (Among them women in Agribusiness).	
	<p>On 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, Hon. Francoise participated in the Zoom high-level hybrid side event: “Stop the Poison, Support the Seed; A Call for Solidarity” as a Panelist, which was held in the lead-up to the AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial Conference, co-convened by SECAM and its partners, including CIDSE, AFSA, and ESAFF. The event sought to address two urgent issues central to Africa’s food sovereignty and ecological justice:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protecting and enhancing farmer-managed seed systems, and</li> <li>2. Phasing out the export of highly hazardous pesticides to Africa, many of which are banned in Europe.</li> </ol>	<b>Available list of banned HHP</b>
<b>July 2025</b>	<p>On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the Law Maker moved a Committee motion that led to a resolution by the East African Legislative Assembly/EALA, officially recognising agro-ecology as a strategic priority for formulating and recommending sustainable policies in Agriculture, Tourism, and Natural resource management across the East African region.</p>	Available motion.
	<p>From 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025, she participated to the first African Chefs Gathering and Policy Convening that took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from July 23–25, 2025, organized by the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) and Ethiopia's Ministry of Planning and Development. The event brought together chefs, <i>policymakers, and other leaders from 23 African nations to celebrate the continent's culinary heritage and discuss food sovereignty and sustainability. It concluded with a declaration that highlighted the importance of indigenous foods, challenged colonial food system narratives, and committed to building a more just and sustainable food future for Africa.</i></p>	
	<p>From July 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Hon. Francoise actively participated in the 2nd UN Food Systems Summit Stocktake (UNFSS+4) that took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, co-hosted by Ethiopia and Italy. As we approach four years since the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), UNFSS+4 provided a platform for reflecting on progress, strengthening collaboration, and unlocking finance and investments to accelerate food systems transformation.</p>	
<b>August-September 2025</b>	<p>Invited by the African Union Commission on Agriculture, Rural development and Blue Economy (AUC), as an active Member of the African Food Systems Parliamentary Network/AFSPaN, she actively participated in the African Food Systems Forum (AFSF) that took place in Dakar, Senegal from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. The Africa Food Systems Forum is the world's premier forum for African agriculture and food systems, bringing together stakeholders to take practical action and share lessons that will move African food systems forward. In Dakar,</p>	

	Hon. Francoise contributed as both a Speaker and a Panelist respectively in the two important Side Events (one for the Youth inclusion organised by the Consortium of the Youth in Agriculture and Climate Change (CCAYAC) and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), another one during the Parliamentarians' Round Table).	
<b>September, 2025</b>	Participation in the Capacity Building of EALA Members' of Parliament on Agro-ecology by the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA).	
<b>October, 2025</b>	<p>Invited by TRAPCA/ESAMI Centre in Arusha, in close collaboration with the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa /AFSA, Hon. Francoise successfully attended the Capacity Building Workshop on Navigating Cross-Border Trade Regulations &amp; Market Dynamics for Agroecological Produce at the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (ESAMI), Arusha, Tanzania, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2025:</p> <p>Smallholder producers, women and youth entrepreneurs, informal traders, border agents, and policymakers all play a vital role in shaping Africa's regional trade future. Yet, challenges such as Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs), SPS/TBT measures, and complex Rules of Origin often limit their participation.</p> <p>ESAMI - Esami-trapca, in collaboration with AFSA, delivered this training to turn challenges into opportunities - equipping participants with the knowledge and tools to thrive under the #EAC and #AfCFTA frameworks.</p> <p><b>The workshop featured:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Training on agroecology principles &amp; their alignment with regional trade goals;</li> <li>✓ Practical modules on STR, NTBs, SPS/TBT measures &amp; Rules of Origin;</li> <li>✓ Orientation on navigating the EAC trade environment &amp; use of the EAC Agroecological Produce Trade Knowledge Hub (EAC-ATKH);</li> <li>✓ Field-based learning: peer exchange, mock border simulations &amp; a visit to a key cross-border hub.</li> </ul>	Available certificate
	In October, 2025, Hon. Francoise was appointed the Deputy Secretary General (DSG) of the African Food Systems Parliamentary Network (AFSPaN) to assist the Secretary General in Coordinating activities of the Network.	
	Invited by the Secretariat of the Knowledge Centre for Global Food and Nutrition Security, <b>European Commission</b> , Joint Research Centre, Unit D5 – Food Security, Ispra (VA), Italy <a href="https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/global-food-nutrition-security_en">https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/global-food-nutrition-security_en</a>	<b>Summary document available for the Web</b>

	<p>Hon. Francoise attended virtually, a meeting on “<b>Neglected no more: Unlocking the potential of Neglected and Underutilised Species (NUS) for sustainable food systems and food security</b>” on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025: <a href="https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/KC-FNS_Summary_Webinar_NUS_15-10-2025.pdf">https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/KC-FNS_Summary_Webinar_NUS_15-10-2025.pdf</a></p>	
	<p>Invited by the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), she actively participated <b>in the Regional Multi-Stakeholder Conference on Advancing Agroecological Trade in the East African Community (EAC)</b>, held under the theme “Placing Agroecological and Resilient Food Systems Trade at the Heart of the EAC Integration Agenda.” On 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 at Jinja Nile Resort Hotel in Jinja, Uganda.</p>	
<b>November, 2025</b>	<p>Invited by the Parliamentary Partnerships Division and Collaboration with the UN (PSU) jointly with the Division of Rural Transformation and Gender Equality (ESP) both of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, Hon. Francoise successfully participated online <b>in the -High-level consultation workshop on Gender Equality in Agrifood Systems</b> on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 to discuss about the underdevelopment parliamentary handbook with that regard.</p>	
	<p>On 28<sup>th</sup> November, Hon. Francoise participated to the EALA field visit and Capacity Building on Agro-ecology, organised by CEFROHT in close collaboration with other agro-ecology related partners such as Tabio, Tanzania, Both Ends, FIAN, Uganda, Slow Food Uganda, SWISSAID, AFSA, to mention but a few at the Nansubuga-CEFROTH Agro-ecology Learning Centre, Nakisunga-Mukono District.</p>	<p>Pictures available</p>
	<p>From 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2025, Hon. Francoise successfully led as the Deputy Secretary General of the <b>African Food Systems Parliamentary Network (AFSPAN)</b>, a delegation of Members of Parliament from across Africa representing AFSPAN and national legislatures (from Libya; Cameroon; Chad; Uganda; Tunisia; and herself, representing Rwanda at the Regional Parliament-EALA, to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Kigali Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme –(CAADP) Partnership Platform (PP) and the commemoration of the 16<sup>th</sup> Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security (ADFS), which is a continental platform that mobilizes legislative leadership to accelerate Africa’s agrifood systems transformation. Through lawmaking, budget oversight, and representation, AFSPAN ensures parliaments bridge the gap between <b>policy ambition and delivery</b>, aligning national frameworks with the <b>CAADP 2026–2035 Strategy</b> and the <b>Kampala Declaration</b>. The Kigali forum, convened under the theme “<i>From Malabo to Kampala: Accelerating Just, Resilient Agrifood Systems</i></p>	

	<p><i>Transformation for Nutrition and Sustainable Growth,”</i> reaffirmed the urgency of building <b>resilient, inclusive, and climate-smart food systems</b>. AFSPAN’s delegation played a central role in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocating for <b>institutional accountability</b> and <b>inclusive financing</b>.</li> <li>• Launching the <b>AFSPAN Policy Brief</b>, a 10-year parliamentary call to action.</li> <li>• Showcasing parliamentary leadership in implementing the Kampala Declaration.</li> </ul>	
<b>At different occasions</b>	<p>Engagements with the various Media Houses across EAC, Journalists, Social Media, such as YouTube (EALA Plenary Sittings ‘transactions are live streamlined on YouTube and every activity of the Assembly is reported on X (including my own whatsap status and some X posts).</p> <p><i>Note: The list of activities is not exhaustive.</i></p>	

**N.B: The list of trainings and consultancies is not exhaustive**

**Languages Spoken**

Language	Level of speaking, writing and listening
English	Excellent
French	Very good
Kiswahili	Satisfactory
Kinyarwanda (My mother tongue)	Excellent

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

- I have a Driving Licence since 2004;
- I attended different workshops on Inspection Duties and Educational Impact Evaluation;
- I trained Head teachers of schools in cross-cutting issues;
- I trained Deputy Heads in charge of discipline and “animateurs” in school management and Rwandan values and culture through VVOB/MINEDUC School-Management Project.

**OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OBTAINED:**

- A certificate of computer literacy;
- A certificate of participation in a workshop on preparation of modules about engaging men in Sexual and Reproductive health and care giving;
- A certificate of Appreciation from National University of Rwanda because of the contribution and commitment to the promotion of Girl’s Education and Gender Equity while a member of UWASA in NUR;
- A certificate of achievement at Bridge English School and Monitoring Centre Communicative English Courses;
- A certificate of training the teachers at “Gatenga Youth Centre” on Psychology and new Pedagogy (active methods of teaching);
- A certificate of participation in Hope Rwanda District Inspector Training conference at Musanze District;
- A certificate of Procurements procedures from Rwanda Public Procurement Authority (RPPA); Etc.

**Declaration**

I, Françoise UWUMUKIZA, do certify that the information provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge.



**Signature**

**Date:** December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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