



**Ministry of Environment**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Green Climate Fund Approves \$28 Million Grant for Green City Kigali Project**

The Government of Rwanda, through the Ministry of Environment, is proud to announce the approval of a \$28 Million grant funding by the Green Climate Fund to support the Green City Kigali initiative. The project was announced in South Korea during the 40th Board Meeting of the GCF. This project will serve as a model for sustainable urbanization, showcasing climate-resilient, low-emission infrastructure development.

In Rwanda's rapidly urbanizing capital, Kigali, nearly 77.3% of the population resides in unplanned settlements, making the city highly vulnerable to climate-related risks such as floods and landslides. The Green City Kigali Project, implemented by the Rwanda Green Fund addresses these challenges by focusing on the upgrade of informal settlements with innovative, sustainable and climate resilient solutions.

***"This agreement underscores the strength of our partnership at a critical time when the effects of climate change are increasingly evident. These impacts not only threaten the country's economy but also pose serious risks to the lives of our people. The Green City Kigali Project represents a proactive step towards creating a sustainable and resilient urban environment, aiming to mitigate these challenges and promote a better quality of life for all Rwandans"*** said Dr Valentine Uwamariya, Rwanda's Minister of Environment.

The Ngaruyinka Project is part of a broader 600-hectare urban transformation plan and includes the following key components:

- **Green Infrastructure Investments:** Resilient infrastructure for stormwater management, water security, renewable energy, and improved waste management in Ngaruyinka Village.
- **Capacity Building and Skill Development:** Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) center to develop green construction skills and green livelihoods.
- **Scale-up and Replication:** Replicating best practices across Rwanda through training programs for professionals in green construction and city development.

***“This project not only represents a new model for urban development in Rwanda but has the potential to provide a template for other cities in Africa and around the world to plan resilient and sustainable urban development for a changing climate. GCF will look to replicate this approach in other countries drawing on the lessons from Kigali”*** said Henry Gonzalez, Chief Investment Officer of the Green Climate Fund.

The project will be implemented over the next five years, positioning Kigali as a model of sustainable, climate-resilient urban development for the region.

***“The GCF board’s decision to support this project is a significant boost to our vision for sustainable urban development. By integrating green technologies and improving settlements in a challenging environment, this initiative complements the broader Green City Kigali program, addressing climate challenges and promoting long-term resilience.”*** said Teddy Mugabo, CEO Rwanda Green Fund.

### **About Rwanda Green Fund**

The Rwanda Green Fund stands as the country’s financing vehicle designed to attract climate finance. Through strategic investments, the fund drives transformative impact, fostering sustainable development and climate resilience in Rwanda.

With a mission to catalyze innovative solutions for sustainable finance and green growth, the Rwanda Green Fund plays a pivotal role in mobilizing resources and financing climate initiatives.

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