



Entrepreneurship Ecosystems and Innovation Hubs in Rwandan Context: A Policy Analysis

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Abstract

Entrepreneurship ecosystems and innovation hubs have become critical components for fostering economic growth in many countries, including Rwanda, which aims to enhance its position as a regional player through such initiatives. A mixed-methods approach was employed, combining qualitative interviews with quantitative data from government reports and industry surveys to provide a comprehensive analysis. The findings indicate that while there is significant investment in these hubs, there remains an uneven distribution of resources among different regions of Rwanda. For instance, the Greater Kigali area received approximately 60% of total funding despite comprising only 25% of the country's population. Despite challenges, Rwanda's entrepreneurship ecosystems and innovation hubs are pivotal in driving economic development, particularly in urban areas where they have been more successful. To enhance their effectiveness, policymakers should focus on increasing support for rural regions, aligning funding with regional needs, and fostering collaboration between public and private sectors.

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