



Center for Development Policy

Evidence at the Heart of Development

FACTSHEET

WHO WE ARE

The Center for Development Policy (CDP) is a Pan-African, non-profit, and non-partisan think tank headquartered in Rwanda and registered with the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB).

CDP contributes to Africa's development through policy analysis, capacity strengthening, and consulting services that are responsive to the real needs of African citizens.

CDP prioritises indigenous, evidence-based development solutions and promotes empirically tested, locally driven interventions.

We work with public institutions, civil society, academia, and development partners to generate insights, strengthen organisational capabilities, and build a critical mass of African policy experts.

Through strategic research, tailored training, and collaboration, CDP advances inclusive development across the continent.

VISION

To be a source of credible evidence and expertise that drives inclusive development in Africa.

MISSION

To contribute to development outcomes by promoting evidence-based interventions that reflect the real needs of African citizens, driven by capable organisations.



Development actors in Africa will respond better to the needs of citizens when they believe and employ evidence and know how to use evidence, **Dr. Edward Kadozi**



OBJECTIVES

CDP's core objectives are to:

- ✓ Serve as a credible source of policy research and analysis for evidence-based development.
- ✓ Develop a critical mass of indigenous African researchers and policy experts.
- ✓ Promote a culture of evidence use in policy design and implementation.
- ✓ Strengthen organizational capacity to deliver and sustain evidence-based policies and interventions
- ✓ Facilitate cross-country learning, benchmarking and international collaboration
- ✓ Channel diaspora resources toward African development through structured engagement.

CORE VALUES



INTEGRITY

We keep our word and act with honesty and consistency.



ACCOUNTABILITY

We are open about our work and take full responsibility for our actions.



INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY

We explore deeply and apply careful, evidence-based thinking.



EXCELLENCE

We earn trust by delivering consistently high-quality, impactful, and respected work.



DIVERSITY

We embrace different perspectives and lived experiences, ensuring our operations reflect inclusive thinking, collaboration, and humanity.



PROFESSIONAL

We uphold strong ethical standards in our work and create an environment that supports continuous learning and professional growth.

OUR APPROACH

At the Center for Development Policy (CDP), we apply a distinctive, multi-layered approach that bridges evidence and action. The diagram below illustrates the six core principles that define how we engage, deliver, and create impact.



We drive development by advancing **evidence-based interventions** that are **practical, demand-driven, and context-specific**.

Our approach equips partners with **immediate tools for action**, while fostering a pipeline of indigenous African experts through a structured **career growth path**.

These experts are nurtured within a **global network of peers**, enabling cross-country learning, collaboration, and sustainable impact.

OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

Our work spans a range of high-impact development themes, including:

- Financial Sector Development
- Energy, Environment & Climate Change
- Manufacturing & Agriculture
- Gender & Women Empowerment
- Employment & Labour Market Interventions
- Poverty, Inequality & Social Protection
- Trade & Regional Integration
- Migration & Development
- Disability and Inclusive Employment; Capacity Strengthening
- Economic Policies
- Development Aid in Africa

OUR OFFERINGS

1. POLICY RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

We generate actionable insights that inform public policy and development programming, with a focus on policy relevance and real-world impact.

2. CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

We offer specialised training in:

- Policy design and implementation
- Research methods and data analysis
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Strategic planning and grant writing
- Policy communication and impact evaluation

3. CDP IMPACT FELLOWSHIP

A one-year launchpad programme for emerging African policy experts, designed to nurture applied research, mentorship, and policy engagement.

4. POLICY HUB

A platform for evidence-based policy dialogue, dissemination, and collaboration—connecting researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

5. CONSULTING (VIA CDP CONSULT LTD)

We offer business advisory services, institutional assessments, evaluations and strategy development using CDP's network of experts and partners.

PARTNERSHIPS

CDP works with a wide range of local and international partners, including:

- Government ministries and public agencies
- Research institutions and universities
- Development partners
- Civil society organisations and private sector actors
- International think tanks and diaspora experts
- Independent Researchers, Experts and Consultants

We also collaborate on multi-country research, capacity development, and policy advocacy initiatives.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Led evaluation of Vision 2020 and mid-term review of Rwanda's National Strategy for Transformation (NST1)
- ✓ Published papers on remittances and poverty, brain gain, disability inclusion, and firm productivity
- ✓ Supported the design and delivery of AfCFTA-related trainings for Rwandan stakeholders
- ✓ Developed a Position Paper on Women and Youth to guide negotiators of Rwanda for AfCFTA protocol on Women and Youth at AU level
- ✓ Engaged in youth employment, digital economy, and migration policy research
- ✓ Delivered certified training to over 148 professionals across Africa in just two years
- ✓ In collaboration with AGRA, CDP is implementing a capacity building project aimed at strengthening and Professionalizing 150 Agri-cooperatives with 42,850 smallholder farmers.

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"Prioritize organizational capabilities and evidence at the heart of development"

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