

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Ildephonse Musafiri, PhD

### 1. Identification

**Sex:** Male

**Date of Birth:** June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1979

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### 2. Key Qualifications

Ildephonse Musafiri is a senior economist with more than 12 years of proven experience. Currently he is working as Head of the Strategy and Policy Unit (SPU) in Charge of Economic Cluster in the Office of President. In his role, he provides strategic advice and briefing to H.E. the President of the Republic of Rwanda on economic, social and governance related issues. He also serves as Board Director of the National Bank of Rwanda (BNR) since April 2018. He was the Deputy Head of SPU in charge of economic cluster from July 2016 to June 2018. Prior to that, Ildephonse was a Lecturer at the University of Rwanda where he carried out teaching and research activities and assumed the administrative responsibilities as Head of Economics Department. His research activities focus on economic policy analysis, rural and development economics, poverty & inequality, agricultural growth, food policy, and quantitative economics. He has accomplished several consultancies at USAID, Red Cross, IFPRI, REMA, GIZ, LODA and others. Ildephonse Musafiri previously held the accomplished position as Junior Researcher at the Center for Development Research (ZEF) in Germany where he wrote and published a doctoral thesis on “The determinants of long-term growth in smallholder agriculture in Rwanda: an intergenerational analysis”. Before his full dedication into academics, Musafiri worked for World Vision Rwanda as a Community Capacity Strengthening Officer where the function focused on institutional building/strengthening and economic empowerment. He began his career as a primary and secondary school teacher. Ildephonse Musafiri earned his PhD degree in Agricultural Sciences at Bonn University and a Master’s degree in applied economics from the University of Rwanda, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Development Economics at the same university. He is fluent in English, French, and Kinyarwanda, and has an intermediate command of spoken and written German.

### 3. Education

**2014:** Ph.D. in Agricultural Sciences at the Center for Development Research (ZEF-B), Bonn University, Germany (**Grade: Cum Laude**)

**2008:** Master’s Degree in Applied Economics, University of Rwanda

**2004:** Bachelor’s Degree in Development Economics, University of Rwanda

**1998:** Professional certificate for secondary education (Teacher Training school). Kayove College, Western Province, Rwanda.

#### **4. Others Courses and Trainings**

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**May 29th –July 29th, 2017:** Trade and Gender Linkages: An Analysis of COMESA. Vitrtual Institute, UNCTAD

**October-November 2011:** Interdisciplinary Course at Bonn International Graduate School of Development Research (BIGS-DR)

**December 2011-March 2012:** Advanced course on Development Policy Analysis and Development Economics (Major: Econometrics and Development Economics) at BIGS-DR

#### **5. Professional Experience**

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**Since July 2018: Head of the Strategy and Policy Unit (SPU) in Charge of Economic Cluster, Office of the President, and Republic of Rwanda**

**Main tasks:**

- To work as Chief Strategic Advisor to the President of the Republic and coordinate all activities of the Unit in economic, social and governance clusters
- Follow up on key national priorities in partnership with concerned ministries and institutions
- Contribute to the cabinet process and other coordination meetings at the national and cluster levels
- Coordinate the preparation of national events: National Leadership Retreat, National Dialogue, Imihigo and Citizens Outreach programs
- Support on selected H.E's activities: AU, WEF, UN/MDGs, UNGA, Broadband Commission, etc.)
- Follow up on issues that are brought to us or directly to the President , and filling in where necessary
- Special assignment from the President or the Director of Cabinet

**June 2016-June 2018: Deputy Head of the Strategy and Policy Unit (SPU) in Charge of Economic Cluster, Office of the President, Republic of Rwanda.**

**Main duties:**

- Providing judicious practical strategic and policy advice to H.E. the President on socio-economic issues: economic outlook, trade, investment, agriculture, infrastructure, natural resources, ICT, and on key functions both at the international and domestic level
- Providing day-to-day support to the President through events, speeches, briefing letters
- Identifying and communicating the President's priorities to stakeholders and ensure alignment of their work
- Providing a policy/strategy forum to enable policy makers across MDAs to engage, debate and move forward on national priorities;
- Developing strategic capabilities in the rest of government and contribute to unlock some of the bottlenecks in government institutions
- Assess and manage economic-related issues internally with the responsible parties before alerting the Executive Office for additional Intervention
- Provide strategic advice towards the implementation of H.E.'s engagements

- Act as a good buffer between Ministries, citizens and the Executive office
- Preparation of the National Leadership Retreat(NLR) and the National Leadership Council (NDC) in coordination with the Prime Minister's Office
- Follow up after retreats, audiences, and citizens outreach

**June 2015-December 2015:** Head of Economics Department, University of Rwanda. *Major tasks:* Lecturers' supervision, programs coordination, department administration, teaching, research, consultancy

**Oct 2014-June 2016:** **Lecturer**, Department of Economics /College of Business and Economics (CBE)/ University of Rwanda. **Major responsibilities:** teaching, research, consultancy, supervision of students' dissertations, community service.

**2011- Sept 2014:** **Junior Researcher**, Center for Development Research, **University of Bonn, Germany**. Responsibilities: Doctoral research on "the determinants of long-term growth in smallholder agriculture in Rwanda", completed and defended on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**2011 (Jan-July):** **Head of Economics Department**, University of Rwanda. Major duties include: Lecturers' supervision, programs coordination, department administration, teaching, research, consultancy, supervision of students' dissertations, AND community service.

**2010:** **Lecturer**, Kigali Independent University, Rwanda. **Major Responsibilities:** Teaching, research & consultancy

**2009-2011:** **Assistant Lecturer**, Department of Economics, National University of Rwanda. Major responsibilities: teaching, research, consultancy, supervision of students' dissertations, and community service.

**2006-2008:** **Tutorial Assistant** and teacher of Mathematics for Economists in the Departments of Economics and Statistics at National University of Rwanda.

**October –December 2009:** Product Development Officer in Craft Industry Secretariat, Rwandan Ministry of Trade and Industry

**2006-2009:** **Community Capacity Strengthening Officer**, World Vision International, Rwanda Country Office

**Role Purpose:** Responsible for implementing all activities that are meant to strengthen the community's capacity towards institutional building/strengthening, economic empowerment, social coherence and psychosocial support.

**Major Responsibilities**

**R1: CBOs and FBOs organization and capacity strengthening**

- Identify CBOS, FBOs in the Area development Program (ADP) and their capacity needs.
- Provide guidance in the registration process and ensure the associations are registered as cooperatives.
- Work with resource persons to train CBOs and FBOs in designing strategic plans and resource mobilization strategies
- Identify different training needs for CBOs and FBOs and facilitate the identification of resource persons for carrying out the training where necessary.
- Facilitate the formulation, definition, dissemination and application of the necessary internal systems and instruments (e.g. internal rules and regulations, Volunteer policy, code of conduct, administration, HR and Financial manuals, etc) among members of the associations and networks.

- Train the associations in the use of the above Policy tools and instruments through both classroom method and on-going technical support.
- Train CBOs and FBOs in Design, management, monitoring and evaluation, and support them in designing relevant M&E tools.
- Assist CBOs and FBOs to access funds from ADPs and/or other local or International NGOs
- Assist CBOs and FBOs document their experience and share their best practices amongst themselves and other stakeholders for the purpose of learning and improving their work
- Document lessons learnt during the process of community capacity strengthening for purposes of WVR documentation and review of strategies.
- Make input towards the formulation of the National community capacity strengthening strategy

**R2: Program monitoring, evaluation and reporting:**

Document and report on all activities in the capacity strengthening of the particular ADP.

**R3: Financial management and budget preparation:**

Prepare the budget needed for the annual implementation of the particular ADP capacity strengthening project and ensure is used as planned.

**R4: Networking and Collaboration:**

Maintain close-working relationships with various partners at District and sector levels especially those in charge of CBO strengthening and support

**R5: Reporting**

Prepare weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual activity reports and submit them to the ADP Coordinator and institutional capacity strengthening unit.

**2005:** Secondary school Teacher, Gitwe Adventist College

**2003-2004:** Monitor Student of Statistics at national University of Rwanda

**2003:** Internship in World Vision Rwanda/Development Activities Project (DAP)

**1999:** Primary school teacher, Rutsiro District, Rwanda

#### 4. Selected Publications

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1. Musafiri, I. & Sjölander, P. (2018) the importance of off-farm employment for smallholder farmers in Rwanda. *Journal of Economic Studies*, Vol. 45 Issue: 1, pp.14-26.
2. Musafiri, I. & von Braun, J. (2016) Long-Term Agricultural Change and Determinants of Agricultural output in Smallholder Farmers in Rwanda. *African Journal of Agriculture and Resources Economics*. Vol 11 (4), pp. 317-328
3. Musafiri, I (2016) Effects of Population Growth on Smallholder Farmers' Productivity and Consumption in Rwanda A Long-Term Analysis. *Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics & Sociology*, Vol. 12 (4), pp. 1-11
4. Musafiri, I. (2016) The Role of Mobile Phones Use on Agricultural Output and Household Income in Rural Rwanda) *International Journal of ICT Research in Africa and the Middle East (IJICTRAME)* 5(1), pp. 58-68
5. Musafiri I. (2015) The Impact of Local level Institutions in addressing rural poverty in Nyamagabe District, Rwanda. *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Organizational Studies*. Vol. 10 (1), pp. 11-25

6. Musafiri, I & von Braun, I. (under review) International Movement of Wealth and Poverty among Smallholder farmers in Rwanda. *Journal of rural Studies*
7. Musafiri, I. (2015) The Determinants of long-term growth in small-holder agriculture in Rwanda: An Intergenerational Analysis. *Doctoral Degree Dissertation supervised by Prof. Dr. Joachim von Braun.*
8. Musafiri, I. & Mirzabaev, A. (2014) Long-Term Determinants of agricultural output in smallholder farmers in Rwanda. *Paper Presented at the 2014 AAEA Annual Conference on 27-29 July 2014. Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.*

## 6. Selected consultancies

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1. **May-July 2016: Consultant (Economist)** in Minigrid (off-grid) Survey by UR-MINIMFRA
2. **April-May 2016: Socio Economist consultant** on Assessment of socio-economic impact of the Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Rwanda-BIOCEM-REMA
3. **February 2016: Agricultural Economist Consultant in** baseline survey for 'operationalizing green economy transition in Africa: status of basic data and green economy initiatives in Rwanda: case of Bugesera (Clients: REMA, UR and GIZ).
4. **January 2016: Lead Consultant as Agricultural Economist** for Nyaruguru District's Integrated Development Project. Client: URBIS Company LTD.
5. **December 2015: Socio-economist (Lead consultant)** for Gakenke District's Integrated Development Project. Client: URBIS Company Limited.
6. **October 2015: Lead Consultant**, Cost Benefit Analysis of Rwanda Red Cross Livestock Rotation Program in Kayonza, Huye and Gisagara Districts, Rwanda
7. **Feb-March 2015: Local consultant (Economist)** in the Performance Evaluation of the USAID/Rwanda Dairy Competitiveness Project (RDCP II). Prime contractor: Development and Training Services (dTS).
8. **August –October 2011: National Collaborator** to design the country brief on food policy capacity indicators. Employer: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
9. **June-September 2010: Field Coordinator** in IFPRI survey aimed to improve the understanding of linkages between agricultural productivity growth and social services (health, education, safety nets) in Rwanda.
10. **January-march 2010: Local Consultant** during the Employer and Graduate Survey (EGS) conducted by the former National University of Rwanda.

## 6. Computer Knowledge

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Ms Word, Ms Excel, Ms Power Point, Ms Access, Outlook, SPSS, Eviews, STATA, Endnote

## 7. Languages

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**English** (Fluent), **Français** (Fluent), **Kinyarwanda** (Native), **German** (Intermediate: B1/B2)

## 8. References

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1. Prof. Dr.hc. Joachim von Braun, Managing Director, Center for Development Research (University of Bonn) & PhD Thesis Supervisor. Email: [jvbraun@uni-bonn.de](mailto:jvbraun@uni-bonn.de), Mob: +49 170 900 2022, [Tel: +49 228 73 1800](tel:+49228731800)