

### PROJECT DETAILS

<b>Country(ies):</b>	<b>Rwanda</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Nov 2008 - May 2011</b>
<b>Budget:</b>	<b>CAD \$788,207</b>
<b>Funder:</b>	<b>The World Bank through the Public Sector Capacity-Building Secretariat (PSBCS)</b>
<b>Partner(s):</b>	<b>The Parliament of Rwanda</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Active</b>

### About the Parliamentary Centre

The Parliamentary Centre is a Canadian not-for-profit, non-partisan organization that supports parliaments around the world. Our assessment, strategic planning and training programs, combined with research products and networking channels, help legislatures measure their performance, build capacity, tackle key issues and promote mutual learning.

In short - we help legislatures better serve their people.

### About the Project

The Capacity-Building Support to the Parliament of Rwanda Project is focusing on supporting the two Chambers of the Parliament of Rwanda in relation to three components: Parliamentary Oversight, Parliamentary Service Effectiveness and Parliamentary Outreach. The project tries to involve parliamentarians and parliamentary staff during activity planning and implementation, as well as during monitoring and evaluation. This approach not only guarantees project sustainability, but it also addresses the real needs of the Rwandan MPs and Parliamentary Staff.

Specific objectives of the project include:

- Strengthened capacity of members of Parliament and parliamentary staff to perform their duties;
- Improved policy analysis and legislation particularly on budgetary oversight;
- Enhanced parliamentary outreach activities through a communication strategy; and
- Increased Collaboration between Parliament and Civil Society Organizations.

### Accomplishments

After more than two successful years of implementation in Rwanda, some of the project's key accomplishments include:

- Parliamentary staff have increased their capacity on how to provide relevant information and analysis of bills to Standing Committees in the Parliament of Rwanda;
- The Secretariats have received hands-on training on how to manage, administer and support the work of MPs and improved policies and management infrastructures;

- MPs have increased knowledge on how to interpret and analyze the budget and other budget framework documentation presented to them every year by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning;
- 67 Administrative staff from both Chambers have received media training on how to communicate confidently and effectively, not only with constituents but also with Civil Society Organizations; and
- Committee clerks have received training on both legislative drafting and the interpretation of legislation.



The official opening of the workshop on Legislative Drafting which was chaired by the Clerk of the Chamber of Deputies, Mrs. Immaculée Mukaruranga

## Testimonials

The Parliament of Rwanda valued the project very much and is already looking to secure funding for the continuation of the initiative. The Clerk of the Chamber of Deputies, Mrs. Immaculée Mukaruranga, not only expressed her Parliament's satisfaction with PC's delivery of the project but stated her country's willingness to use its own financial resources to cover the implementation of the next phase of the initiative in the event the government of Rwanda is unable to secure further commitment from either the World Bank or another donor agency.