



## **PRESENTATION OF UNITY CLUB**

### **I. Background**

UNITY CLUB is an organization founded on February 28<sup>th</sup> 1996 by women spouses of Cabinet Members and women Cabinet Ministers as effective members. UNITY CLUB was created with the aim of promoting unity while contributing to the socio-economic development of the country that following the 1994 genocide. Unity Club members are former and present Cabinet Members and their spouses whereby the men spouses and cabinet members joined the club on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 as associate members.

Under the Chairmanship of the First Lady of Rwanda, Unity Club provides its members an invaluable opportunity to promote social cohesion and work together towards the sustainable development.

### **II. Vision**

Creating a forum where members and other Rwandans are inspired to develop proactive dialogue, productive network and mutual responsibility to address social problems and participate in Rwanda's development.

### **III. Mission**

UNITY CLUB has for mission to enhance unity and peace as the roots of a sustainable development in Rwanda.

## **IV. Objectives**

### **The Unity Club's objectives are to:**

- To significantly contribute to the promotion of unity among Rwandans and social development in general.
- To bring together former, current cabinet members and their spouses to build a better Rwanda through the power of sharing and interaction.
- To continually foster collaboration and create a platform for open dialogue and unity among members
- To advocate for the socio-economic wellbeing of disadvantaged groups in general with particular focus on orphans;
- To contribute to the empowerment of Rwandan women and promote gender equality;
- To promote collaboration with development partners.

## **V. Organizational structure**

The organs of Unity Club are:

- The General Assembly
- The Executive Committee
- The Commissions
- The Secretariat

### **V.1. General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of Unity Club. It is composed of all effective members of Unity Club. The General Assembly meeting is held twice a year and extraordinary sessions are settled whenever necessary.

### **V.2. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee is headed by The First Lady of Rwanda and comprises the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairpersons, Treasurer, Secretary General and Heads of Commissions, voted by the General Assembly among the effective members, for a period of two years renewable twice.

The Executive Committee meets four times a year for ordinary sessions, and meets for extraordinary sessions whenever needed.

### **V.3. Commissions**

The Executive Committee is assisted by four commissions:

- Planning and Economic Commission
- Advocacy Commission
- Mobilization Commission
- Social Affairs Commission

### **V.4. The Secretariat**

The Secretariat comprises of administrative and technical departments headed by the Executive Secretary. The secretariat is currently composed of:

- Executive Secretary, appointed by the Executive Committee
- Program Officer
- Administrative Assistant

Internal audit and control functions are performed by the treasurer. External audit is carried out once a year.

Unity Club may have additional and supportive staff.