

Kigali Innovation City and Carnegie Mellon University Africa

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Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Rwanda pairs government-led Kigali Innovation City with Carnegie Mellon University Africa as academic anchor. CMU-Africa has graduated 870+ alumni (94% employed within a year); KIC's 50,000-job, \$300M-FDI targets remain under construction, not yet achieved.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

[Rwanda Development Board / Carnegie Mellon University Africa](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

[Africa50 — Kigali Innovation City Project](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

[Rwanda Ministry of ICT and Innovation — KIC groundbreaking](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

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