

Kigali Innovation City — Rwanda's Anchor-University Innovation District

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Rwanda's Kigali Innovation City anchors Carnegie Mellon University Africa (open since 2019), but wider district construction only broke ground in Sept. 2024. Financing figures range \$300M-\$2B across sources, and only 3 anchor institutions are yet operational.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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