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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE, 30th November 2021

A half-day national policy dialogue was held at Grand Legacy Hotel in Kigali, on 30th November 2021, with key stakeholders from the Government, civil society, academia, media... The focus of the dialogue was on the effective implementation of the National older persons' policy (NOPP), validated by the cabinet on 31st May 2021.

At the end of the dialogue, the participants were requested to provide their contribution in the effective implementation of the policy and its dissemination and the following recommendations were formulated and agreed upon by all the participants:

1. Ensure the NOPP is considered in the budget process of 2022/2023, with the participation of older persons and other stakeholders.
2. Set clear indicators and their measurement strategies, to ensure adequate data on ageing.
3. Speed up the Law protecting older persons.
4. Develop an integrated implementation strategy of the NOPP and Speed up the establishment of older persons' structures from Umudugudu to national level, to ensure their participation from the start.
5. Establish a Sub-Technical working group on ageing with key stakeholders (GoR, UN agencies, development partners, CSOs, Private Sector, older persons, ...) to ensure a strong coordination mechanism of the implementation of the NOPP.
6. Advocate for ageing on the Mainstream across all sectoral policies.
7. Specific geriatric services and training of health professionals on ageing.
8. Establish educational and cultural intergeneration events at every cell (Akagari) office.
9. This policy should be translated into Kinyarwanda and be taught to the community as most of older persons are more comfortable in their mother tongue (Kinyarwanda).
10. Follow up the deposition of African charter ratified in 2020



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11. The Government of Rwanda to keep supporting the UN International Convention on ageing, by submitting a written statement to the Open-Ended Working group secretariat, and participate to its sessions.

Done at Kigali, 30th November, 2021

Present institutions:

MIGEPROF, RGB, REAF, Rwandan Senate, NCHR, University of Rwanda, AVEGA Agahozo, RRP+, RWAMREC, FCDO, YWCA, TearFund, NSINDAGIZA, Palliative Care Association of Rwanda, The New Times, RadioTV10, Flash TVRadio.