Small Hydropower in Rwanda

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Fast Facts

- Size: 26,338 sq.km
- GDP Growth: 8% (2012)
- GDP per capita: $650
- Population: 10.5 M
- Languages:
  - English
  - French
  - Swahili
  - Kinyarwanda

Kigali
Rwanda
1. Rwanda is growing fast:
   - Sustained average GDP growth rate of 8% p.a.
   - Among top 25 fastest growing economies in the world
   - One of five hottest countries for investment

2. Untapped business opportunities in:
   - Knowledge based sectors of ICT, BPO & Financial services
   - Real estate & construction
   - Energy

Source: RDB & World Economic Forum 2013
RWANDA

Top Reformer
Top Business Environment

- 1st Best global reformer (Doing Business Report 2014)
- Most competitive place to do business in East Africa and 2nd in Africa (Doing Business Report 2014)
- 32nd out of 189 countries (Doing Business Report 2014)
- Country credit rating upgraded to a “B” with a positive outlook by Fitch ratings
- 8th in Registering property (Doing Business Report 2014)
- 22nd in Protecting Investors (Doing Business Report 2014)
- 13th in Getting Credit (Doing Business Report 2014)

Source: RDD, WORLD BANK & IFC
RWANDA

The Way Ahead,

ENERGY
Energy

- Installed generation capacity of 110 MW
- Power generation set to grow to 563 MW by 2017 and over 1000 MW by 2020
- Connectivity rate from 16% to 75%

Opportunities in:
- Methane gas
- Geothermal (4 Sites)
- Micro Hydropower (333+ sites)
- Solar power
- Peat to power generation
333 hyro sites have been identified, among which 21 totaling 20.9 MW are being constructed, 20 other mini-hydro projects totaling 9 MW expected for 2014-15.

- 2 solutions: On-grid near the transmission lines, off-grid for villages (imidugudu) in remote areas.
- Mini and Micro Hydro considered in a large program for Rural Electrification using Renewable Energy Resources (hydro, solar home systems, off-grid solar power plants).
Energy – Micro Hydropower

- Government of Rwanda created an enabling environment for renewable electricity power generation (Feed In Tariff); established a guaranteed price for electricity generated from renewable for a fixed time that provides a stable income stream and adequate return on investment; provide access to the grid and an obligation to purchase power generated.
Energy – Micro Hydropower

- With a such good business environment, the Private Sector plays and will play an important role in the implantation of the Rural electrification.

- **Challenges**: access to early-stage financing for local private investor, lack of technical skills on the local market, the end beneficiary of the carbon credits Government versus Private Investor.
Thank You!

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