

## RWANDA

**ACP Region:** East Africa  
**Population:** 8 million  
**Official Language:** English, French, Kinyarwanda  
**Capital:** Kigali

**National authority responsible for culture:** Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sports/Ministre de la Jeunesse, de la Culture et des Sports. BP 1044, Kigali. Tel: +250 583527. Fax: +250 583518. Website: <http://www.gov.rw>

**Principal public cultural bodies:**

- University Centre for Arts and Drama in Butare
- National Museum

**Some professional organisations:**

- Rwanda Publishers and Booksellers Association

**Some events:**

- Festival Panafricain de la Danse (FESPAD) <http://www.fespad.co.rw/fespadrwanda.html>
- Kigali International Festival of Cinema
- Pearl of Africa Music Awards (PAM)

**COOPERATION WITH THE EC**

**Cultural cooperation:** Nothing has been carried out. Culture is not included in the spheres of cooperation of the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF.

**Other programmes that may interest cultural participants:** Between 2001 and 2006, the 8<sup>th</sup> EDF provided support (in the amount of €400,000), through NGOs, for producing shows intended to promote reconciliation. This kind of action continued under the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF in the context of a support programme for the rule of law; with €1 million, it will continue until 2009.

Moreover, the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF CSP/NIP planned to devote means to developing civil society along 4 main lines: institutional development to all for better structuring of civil society; building SCO management, analysis, negotiation and intervention capacities to ensure they contribute fully to the development process of their country; identification of areas of cooperation and dialogue at the local, provincial and national levels; support dialogue between state and non-state structures.

**Participation of actors in policy dialogue:** Non-state actors contribute actively to the process of cooperation review and preparation for the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF, some are occasionally or in essence involved in cultural activities.

**Regional cooperation:** EC/Southern, East and Indian Ocean Africa Programme.

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