

Kayonza District officials with members of the Joint Action Development Forum (JADF) this Friday had a joint conference at Midland Hotel Kayonza to discuss developmental issues and to pave way for the upcoming open day-Expo.



The JADF General Assembly conference was attended by officials from the district, representatives from police, partners from various NGOs and the business fraternity of the area.

The discussions focused on how different partners of the district are fairing on their performance contracts (IMIHIGO) and also to brain storm on the accountability day.



JADF members laid out their progress on various activities that have had an impact on the districts performance and how they are implementing their action plan.

Also as part of the day's activities, the members chose a committee that comprised of eight people that will be responsible for the organizing of the open day scheduled on the 23-25 of May 2018.

Talking to Rwanda Dispatch, Consoleé Uwibambe, Vice Mayor of Kayonza District said that the conference helped them know what partners are doing and how they can work together to achieve the set targets (Imihigo).



"After the discussion, we are positive that plans are underway for a successful open day. Every year we organize the open day but it gets better and better each year because we learn and brainstorm on what went wrong and how to make it better" says Uwibambe.

According to the vice mayor, the JADF members are responsible for the district's performance and when they fail to perform, the district fails as well.

"It is all about improvement of socio-economic living conditions of the people in our district. This can only be achieved through constant interaction with our partners and all stake holders to ensure proper planning for better results" she added.



Edward Shyaka, Chairman JADF in Kayonza, who presided over the meeting said it was important to meet as partners to help spur economic development.

"It was about coming together with all the partners to give a report on how they are progressing and where possible find what is not working and how we as a group can overcome some challenges," observed Shyaka.



Shyaka also called upon all JADF members to take part in the open day Expo because it will be an opportunity for them to show case what they are doing in the District. "The District through the open day will build and strengthen partnerships with stakeholders to make use of local resources and to have a competitive advantage for an improved economic growth," he said.



The district plans to enhance trade to facilitate investment relationship of its partners by increasing off farm activities, enhance business development and growth of the district for poverty reduction and provide market access for farmer's agricultural product. Through the open day expo, JADF members will be able to exhibit all the products and services within the district thus increasing selling points for both men and women.