Ngoma District of the Eastern Province on Thursday met with development partners to review the implementation of performance contracts (Imihigo) and strategize on the development of the area.

The general assembly of the district which was chaired by Prof Kanobana Mathusalem, President of the Joint Action Development Forum (JADF) together with Mayor Nambaje Aphrodise had among other attendees the district officials, JADF members, local leaders, private sector and other stakeholders.

Mayor Nambaje listed numerous investment opportunities especially in tourism and called on development partners and investors to make use of these opportunities and invest in the district.

“We have very many investment opportunities in our district and would like to interest everyone to invest,” he said, adding that the district will facilitate anyone with interest.

Prof Kanobana encouraged members of JADF to take up challenges enhancing the development of the district and get more engaged in the implementation of performance contracts.

During the meeting, the district presented Ngoma District Development Strategy (DDS) for 2018-2024. Participants provided their take on the DDS and was resolved to forward it to all stakeholders to give their ideas and suggestions before the final approval.

Evaluation of what has been implemented so far was among the discussion where the district presented to the meeting a report. This was also intended to further review activities being implemented by different stakeholders for the current financial year.

After the discussions, the meeting resolved on different issues among them was to start implementation on agreed plans notably from the last retreat of the JADF held at Palast Rock Hotel in Nyamata on 03-05 October 2018.

The meeting applauded stakeholders who have started implementing performance contracts while those who haven’t were encouraged to also start by supporting in priority areas that have not been allocated resources. Areas that still need support

include subscription to medical insurance (mituelle de santé) where 8,402 vulnerable individuals need help, availing of at least 800 cows under Girinka program, tool kits for 90 youth who completed TVET, creation of jobs, educating the old, support to the poor in construction of houses, toilets and kitchens.

It was recommended that a new program “kwiture iki Rwanda” should be explained and communicated to the public, this will be carried out in three approaches by; mindset change approach (BAHO NEZA MUNYARWANDA), Physical assistance and Kuremera approach (NGIRA NKUGIRE), Psychosocial support and Social integration approach (HUMURA NTURI WENYINE).

The meeting wished for the introduction of a special community work day to help the district administration in resolving some of the challenges facing citizens.

During the meeting it was announced that the district will conduct an Open Day for the financial year 2018/2019 on 26 – 28 February /02/2019. Enhance communication was also among the resolutions adopted, it was urged that JADF members should communication their activities in different media platforms.