Rwanda received its lowest score for public-sector management and institutions in the World Bank's latest assessment of economic policies and institutional performance, despite recording the highest overall rating among the sub-Saharan African countries assessed.

The World Bank's 2025 Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) gave Rwanda an overall score of 4.2 out of six, unchanged from 2024. Its lowest-performing category was public-sector management and institutions, with a score of 3.9. Policies for social inclusion and equity received the highest category score, at 4.5.

The CPIA assesses countries across four areas: economic management, structural policies, social inclusion and equity, and public-sector management and institutions. The ratings measure the quality of policies and institutional arrangements that support sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.

The World Bank's assessment also considers areas such as budgetary and financial management, public administration, revenue mobilisation, transparency and accountability. Rwanda's score of 3.9 in public-sector management and institutions indicates that this category remains a relative weakness compared with its overall assessment.

The results place Rwanda ahead of other assessed countries, including Côte d'Ivoire, which scored about 4.0, and Benin and Cabo Verde, which scored about 3.9 each. Kenya and Togo also recorded scores below Rwanda's.

The CPIA helps inform how the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) allocates development resources to eligible low-income countries. IDA provides grants and concessional financing for programmes intended to reduce poverty and support development. A high CPIA score can influence resource allocation but does not automatically guarantee a loan or grant.

The assessment provides a basis for comparing policy and institutional performance across countries. Rwanda's latest results show a strong overall rating while identifying public-sector management and institutions as an area where further progress could strengthen its performance.