

Rwanda has called for stronger coordination between African governments and development partners to ensure education support aligns with national priorities and delivers better learning outcomes for children.

Education Minister Joseph Nsengimana made the call during a ministerial dialogue at the Africa Foundational Learning Exchange (FLEX2026), held in Lilongwe from July 15 to 17, 2026, according to a statement from Rwanda's Ministry of Education.

The three-day meeting brought together African education ministers, senior government officials, development partners and other stakeholders to discuss strategies for improving foundational learning, including literacy, numeracy and early childhood education.

Nsengimana said closer cooperation among governments, donors and other partners was needed to accelerate progress in basic education and ensure investments address the specific challenges facing individual countries.

"Development partners should align their support with national education priorities," he said, adding that coordinated efforts would help countries expand access to quality foundational learning and strengthen the skills children need to succeed.



The minister reaffirmed Rwanda's commitment to continued investment in education reforms, saying every child should have an equal opportunity to access quality basic education and develop the skills needed for the future.

Education remains a key priority for Rwanda, with the government focusing on improving learning outcomes, expanding access and strengthening teaching quality.

During the summit, Nsengimana also met with other African education leaders to discuss regional cooperation and the exchange of approaches that can help children develop essential literacy and numeracy skills.

FLEX2026 is being held under the theme "From Commitments to Results: Delivering Foundational Learning at Scale." The forum focuses on how African countries can translate education commitments into measurable action through stronger data systems, evidence-based programmes and improved classroom instruction.

The summit builds on commitments made at previous FLEX meetings, including efforts to strengthen accountability and accelerate progress towards ending learning poverty across Africa.