

Rwanda and Germany signed Monday a Joint Declaration of Intent on Climate Research and Science Cooperation that will facilitate scientific exchange between the two countries while supporting scientific analyses of the impacts of climate change.

The partnership will enable climate research in various areas ranging from mitigation and adaptation as well as sustainable development, reports said.

The initiative to be led by academic institution and universities from both countries, the project is funded by the Germany Government leveraging from the new funding facility that was officially launched Monday.

Rwandan Minister of Environment, Dr Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya said that research was of great importance to tackle climate -sensitive effects which present challenges across sectors

“The results from research [on climate change] are of critical importance in informing some of the most important policies,” she said.

Experts say that science-policy interfaces are important mechanisms for linking and facilitating the communication between scientists and policy makers around the globe.

Rwanda is described as one of the growing numbers of developing countries that are encouraging scientists to help shape evidence-based government policy.

Rwanda has announced an ambitious climate action agenda that features a 38% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions compared to business as usual by 2030, equivalent to estimated mitigation of up to 4.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e).

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