

The Public Procurement Authority (RPPA) of Rwanda has introduced a new policy to ensure government contracts are awarded in a way that benefits the economy, protects the environment, and supports citizens.

Jouyeuse Uwingeneye, the Director General of RPPA announced the new policy during a discussion on RBA on Sunday, March 30, 2025. She explained that while the public procurement process will not change, improvements will be made to enhance its impact.

The new policy aims to include groups that were previously overlooked, such as women and young people.

“We have always awarded contracts transparently, ensuring fair competition and preventing unnecessary government expenses. This will continue, but we are now focusing on three key areas: environmental protection, economic growth, and citizen welfare,” Uwingeneye said.

The government wants contracts to create more jobs for Rwandans and support local industries.

“When awarding contracts, we encourage companies to hire local workers and use products made in Rwanda,” Uwingeneye explained. “This way, our economy benefits directly from these contracts.”

She also stressed the importance of empowering local businesses so they can compete and grow.

The new policy will also focus on sustainable practices. Companies awarded government contracts must follow environmental guidelines.

“For example, if a project involves plastic bottles, we will reduce the use of small plastic bottles and encourage larger, reusable ones to cut down on waste,” Uwingeneye said.

The Ministry of Environment (MoE) supports the policy, saying it aligns with Rwanda’s international commitments to sustainability.

“This policy will help keep our environment safe while promoting responsible business practices,” said Dusengimana Theophile, an MoE official.

The government will also ensure that infrastructure projects, like road construction, do not harm local communities.

“If a road is built but leaves a resident’s house unstable, it means something was overlooked,” Uwingeneye explained. “We must ensure that projects improve lives rather than create new problems.”

Workers on government projects will also have proper equipment and safe working conditions.

With this new policy, Rwanda aims to make public procurement fairer, greener, and more beneficial for all citizens.