



Statement by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review
of the Republic of Rwanda

Ethiopia warmly welcomes the delegation of Rwanda led by H.E. Honourable Johnstone Busingye, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of the Republic of Rwanda to the 23rd session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the national report and the oral update before us.

We commend Rwanda for tremendously implementing almost all accepted recommendations from the first UPR Cycle. This was the result of the Government's commitment in identifying priority areas in the promotion and protection of human rights. We further note with appreciation Rwanda's effort to realise those fundamental rights stated in the Country's Vision 2020 through Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategies.

We particularly note with appreciation Rwanda's Cooperation with UN human rights system, improvements in access to justice and rule of law, application of the right to education, specially, promotion of ICT skills from an early age and creativity among the students and the abolition of corporal punishment in schools.

We commend Rwanda for putting in place a non-discriminatory and gender equality system to improve national welfare and accelerate development in the Country, in areas of ensuring women's equal rights with men regarding access, ownership and utilization of land.

My delegation would like to recommend Rwanda to;

1. Further intensify efforts to expedite development through the designed poverty reduction strategies.
2. Further continue enhancing the support of the new refugees from its neighbours.

Finally, my delegation wishes all the best to the delegation of Rwanda in its engagement with human rights council.

Thank you