

# Rwanda has the third lowest unemployment rate in the world and the lowest in Africa

Based on most recent (2014) unemployment rate data from the World Bank, 6 of the world's 20 countries with the lowest unemployment rates in the world are African. Rwanda has the third lowest unemployment rate in the world at 0.6%, followed by Benin (1%) and Guinea (1.8%) in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place globally. Along gender lines, Rwanda has the second lowest female unemployment rate in the world at 0.4% of the total female population and three other African countries in the top 10 countries.

According to the ILO, Sub-Saharan Africa's (SSA's) working poverty levels (% of working population earning less than US\$1.90 per day) have declined by 15% from 2000 to 2015, dropping from 49% to 34% in 2015. In 2017, it is projected to drop further to 32%. The region's average employment growth rate has been steady at about 3% annually since 2000 and is projected to maintain similar levels up to 2017. Furthermore, SSA's 70.2% labour participation rate is the highest among major world regions.

