

**OLIVIER ISHIMWE****Nationality:** Rwandan**Gender:** Male**Current Roles:**

- Young Expert on Article 6 Part of the Rwandan Delegation since 2021
  - Chief Operating Officer, The Green Protector
  - Alternate Member, Article 6.4 Supervisory Body (LDC Representative)
  - LDC Article 6 Thematic Co-Coordinator
  - Country Negotiator on Article 6 – Carbon Market
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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

It always puzzled me that the climate crisis didn't deal with its root cause, which is "greenhouse gas" emissions, especially since developing countries, including Rwanda, have a clear ambition to be key players on the international level. As an Environmental and Water Engineer, I dedicated my work and commitment to contribute to the active participation in Art 6 of the Paris Agreement to elevate the voice of developing countries with a special focus on the Least Developed country to thrive, engage in pressuring the world while being able to promote sustainable climate policies for tangible climate action.

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**EDUCATION**

- **Diploma in Water and Environmental Engineering**, University of Rwanda (2015–2018)
  - A Levels, College Saint André (2011–2013)
  - O Levels, Mater Dei (2008–2010)
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**SKILLS**

- Climate Negotiation: Expertise in Article 6 (Market and Non-Market Mechanisms)
  - Engineering Software: ArcGIS, ArcMap, AutoCAD
  - Languages: English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Swahili (Basic), Kinyarwanda (Native)
  - Critical thinking
  - Leadership
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **LDC Article 6 Thematic Co-Coordinator – UNFCCC & The Green Protector (March 2024 – Present)**

- Coordinating LDC representation in Article 6 negotiations, focusing on transparency and sustainable development safeguards.
- Developing strategies to ensure LDC interests are reflected in carbon market frameworks.

### **Chief Operating Officer – The Green Protector (March 2024 – Present)**

- Ensuring the smooth operationalisation and implementation of organisation activities in line with environmental and climate change education, policy and action
- Support the program development of the organisation
- Ensure the reporting of the organisation is kept on the timeline agreed by the donor
- Actively engage in climate diplomacy as part of the negotiators following actively Article 6 of the Paris Agreement
- Overseeing operations and ensuring alignment with climate advocacy objectives.

### **National Negotiator – Article 6, Carbon Market (2021 – Present)**

- Representing Rwanda in Article 6 negotiations and preparing national policy positions.
- Engage with the technical negotiation support on matter related to Article 6 on the road to COP and in between

### **Communication Officer – The Green Protector (June 2018 – February 2024)**

- Led communication campaigns for international climate events, including COP26–COP28.

### **Surveyor – GENCO Ltd (September 2019)**

- Contributed to sustainable urban planning through liquid waste management surveys.

### **Intern – Rwanda Water and Forestry Agency (2017)**

- Supported water resource management projects.

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## **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Contributed to finalising the Paris Rulebook on Article 6 at COP26.
- Played a key role in establishing Rwanda's National Carbon Market framework.

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## **TRAININGS & EVENTS**

- IIED Capacity Building Programme for LDC Negotiators (2022–2023)
  - Article 6 Workshop, Azerbaijan (2024)
  - UNFCCC COP26–COP 29 (2021–2024)
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Experiencing Loss and Damage as an Urban Youth Living in Rwanda," April 2021
- "On the Fast Track to Climate Negotiating: Learning from My Mentor," IIED, February 2023