Agriculture committee in Rwanda

The chamber of deputies is the lower house of the bicameral national legislative of Rwanda. It was created under the new constitution adopted by referendum in 2003

Composition

The chamber is composed of 80 deputies, 53 are elected by proportional representation according political parties, 24 are elected by provincial councils, 2 by national youth council and one by federation of association of disabled.

64% are women and 36% are men

We have 9 committees including the committee on agriculture, livestock development and environment which has 8 members, 2 men and 6 women

Regarding the consideration of bills introduced by government or private member’s bills and oversight of government action, responsibilities of committees as follows

- Agriculture, forestry and environment, land, habitat and development in general
- Research and technology in agriculture and livestock
- Climate change and related effects
- Each committee shall consider petitions of the population lodged with the chamber of deputies failing under its responsibilities and submit its report to plenary sitting
The committee has also the right to invite the complainant, witnesses, experts or any person that may give any relevant information on that matter.

The committee has the right to invite any leader and any person among the cabinet members or its representatives concerned with the issue under examination. It may also request for explanations either verbally or in writing on the issue under examination.

*The committee is also responsible for:*

- Issues related to the authentic interpretation of laws related to its responsibilities
- Examination of amendment of laws from senate which are related to its responsibilities
- Examination of provisions of laws its considered of which the president of Republic requested for reconsideration

*How become member of committee?*

Every deputy registers in one only standing committee.

The bureau of the chamber of deputies verifies how the registration of deputies is conducting and approves the member of committee in consideration of the following criteria:

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- Preferences of each deputy
- The number of member of each committee
- The experience of the deputy in the committee
- Gender aspect
- Ensuring that each political organization, every group in the chamber of deputies is represented in the committee if possible

Term of the bureau of committee
Members of the bureau of the committee have a term of office of two and half years renewable.

*Challenges*

- Constraints of budget
- To have informations which are updated (dynamic executive)
- Capacity building