



### Navigating Development Success in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Since its inception, in February 2016, the **Institute of Development and Economics Reforms (IDERS) Think Tank** continues to be unrivalled as the largest leading professional Think Tank in development economics in the Central African Region. The wealth of knowledge and experience gained in economic development by its members across the full spectrum of economic sectors over decades enables **IDERS Think Tank** to be at the forefront of this exciting field of development and continues to offer more **DEVELOPMENT DIVERSITY** in the region.

**IDERS Think Tank** is located in the Capital City of Kinshasa, one of the economic hub of country. Our prime location allows the team excellent access to the legislative and national seat of the country and to other players such as civil society. Accessing these vital resources provides IDERS Think Tank with a unique advantage to build dialogue with those stakeholders in terms of economic policy and capacity building.

#### IDERS Vision

*To be a Great African organization for socio-economic research as well as practical application of the recommendations of strategies to promote the economic growth and poverty alleviation*

#### IDERS Missions

1. Initiate socio-economic studies and research; aiming at developing and proposing economic policy that will trigger economic development through:
  - rehabilitation and development of physical infrastructure;
  - improvement of the institutional and regulatory environment for a prosperous society;
  - promoting and consolidating democratic values

The **IDERS Think Tank** believes that to achieve the above vision and missions from a war stricken region, there is a need for a complete examination of the process of economic development with a main focus on sectoral priorities as highlighted in the following diagram:

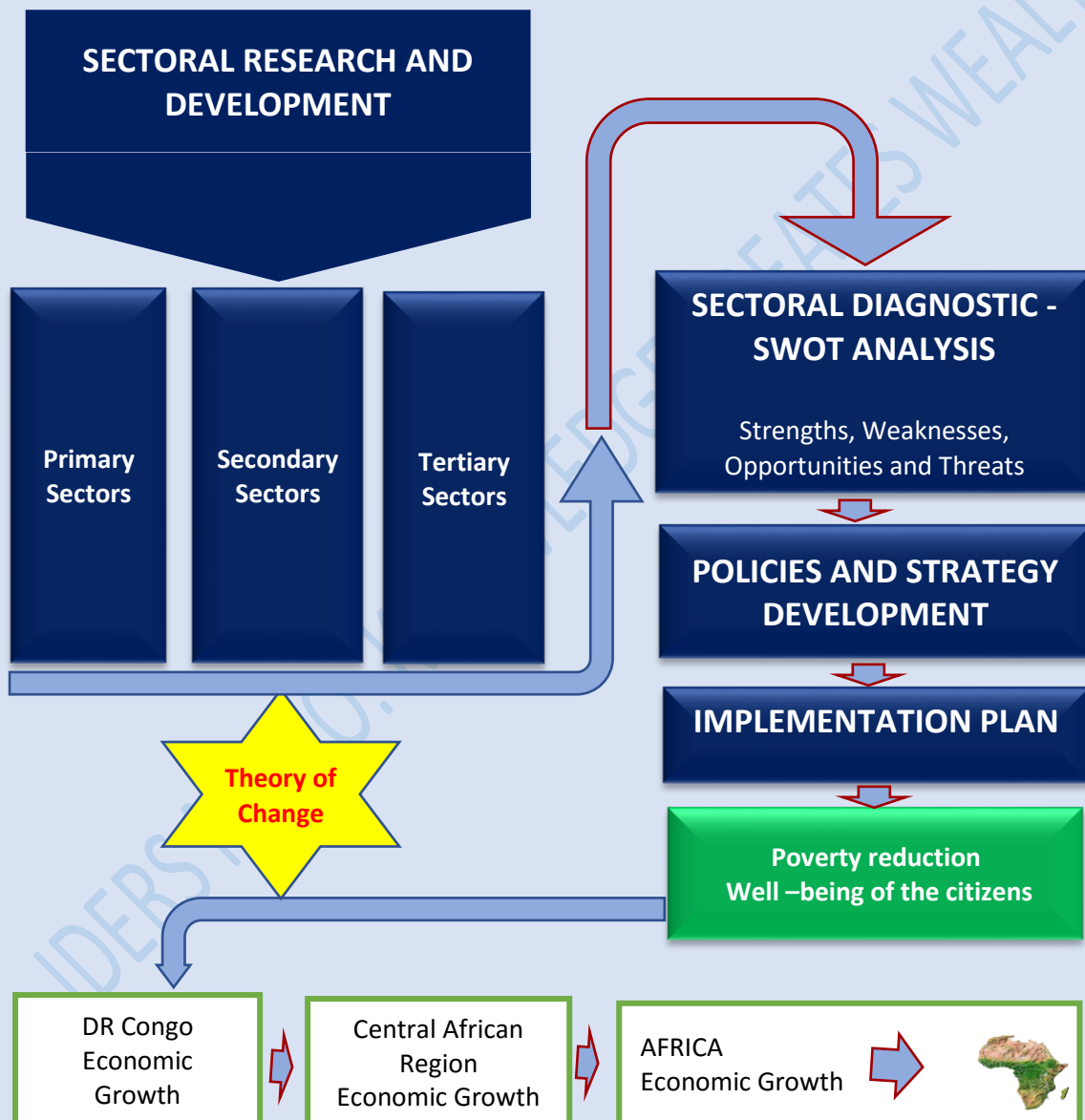




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These key areas of critical importance help to the understand how to deal with the challenges faced by the Democratic Republic of the Congo post –war economy and development. Managing these various core areas of economic development in an effective way through the formulation of effective policies, the IDERS believes that the analysis and evaluation of these sectorial priorities will lead to positive implications in the realisation of a long-term sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction among DRC citizens

The **IDERS Think Tank** main work philosophical paradigm is illustrated below:



### IDERS Team

**IDERS Think Tank** members have been working for various institutions and organisations for more than two decades and bring a pool of experience in several developmental fields. Some of the work undertaken by members is presented below.

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### KEY EXPERIENCE RECORDS

EXPERIENCE RECORD	
<b>Project:</b> <b>Location &amp; year:</b> <b>Client:</b> <b>Activities Performed:</b>	<b>Entrepreneurship Development Policy &amp; Implementation Strategy</b> Republic of Botswana 2010 <b>Commonwealth Secretariat</b> To provide clear steps that translate the policy into tangible activities and interventions to achieve the broad objectives and vision of entrepreneurship promotion and development in the Republic of Botswana. Desktop research, workshops, surveys, stakeholders' consultations and analysis, strategic framework development, implementation plan development, the monitoring and evaluation framework development, strategic recommendations and guidelines, business plan development, report writing, etc. were part of the process
<b>Project:</b> <b>Location &amp; year:</b> <b>Client:</b> <b>Activities Performed:</b>	<b>The Informal Sector Policy</b> South Africa 2014 <b>International Labour Organisation (ILO)</b> Evaluation of the 2006 eThekweni Informal Sector Policy, gather reliable statistical and descriptive information on the trends and performance of the informal sector in the Municipality. Desktop research, surveys, stakeholders' consultations and analysis, policy recommendations and guidelines, etc. were part of the process
<b>Project:</b> <b>Location &amp; year:</b> <b>Client:</b> <b>Activities Performed:</b>	<b>Local Economic Development Strategy</b> South Africa 2011 <b>European Union through Gijima KZN Programme</b> To develop local economic development (LED) strategies and plans that will assist Richmond Municipality and its economic partners to work together to address the challenges facing their respective local economies in an effort to improve the economic future and the quality of life for all the residents in the area. Desktop research, workshops, surveys, stakeholders' consultations and analysis, strategic framework development, implementation plan development, the monitoring and evaluation framework development, strategic recommendations and guidelines, business plan development, report writing, etc. were part of the process
<b>Project:</b> <b>Location &amp; year:</b> <b>Client:</b> <b>Activities Performed:</b>	<b>Co-operative Training and Mentorship support</b> South Africa 2016 <b>National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform</b> To develop modules and train co-operative members on co-op governance, business management, book keeping, and marketing; further to support co-operatives with registration, access to market, access to raw materials, access to other existing supports, etc.
<b>Project:</b> <b>Location &amp; year:</b> <b>Client:</b> <b>Activities Performed:</b>	<b>The National Small Medium and Micro Enterprises Strategy Review</b> South Africa 2015 <b>The Department of Trade and Industry</b> To gather reliable statistical and descriptive information on the trends and performance of the SMME sector in South Africa. Desktop research, surveys, stakeholders' consultations and analysis, strategic recommendations and guidelines, etc. were part of the process.

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<b>Project:</b> <b>Location &amp; year:</b> <b>Client:</b> <b>Activities Performed:</b>	<b>CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY</b> South Africa 2013 <b>uMhlathuze Municipality</b> Assessment of the level of satisfaction with regard to the Municipal service delivery. To assess the satisfaction of the people of the Municipality in order to evaluate the Municipality's performance and how this affects the lives of people living in this Municipality. Desktop research, surveys, strategic recommendations and guideline, etc. were part of the process
<b>Project:</b> <b>Location &amp; year:</b> <b>Client:</b> <b>Activities Performed:</b>	<b>Investment Promotion and Facilitation Strategy</b> South Africa 2013 <b>Department of Economic Development and Tourism</b> Undertook the project development of uThukela District Municipality including an analysis of the district economic and investment trends, major constraints to investment, stakeholder facilitation and workshopping, and development of a strategic framework and an implementation plan.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### BOOKS

- Katambwe, L. 2013. **Development in practice: a reader friendly manual for public and private development practitioners.** Germany: Lap Lambert Publishing.
- Patrice Kandolo Kabeya (2011) **the Impacts of Trade Policy on Poverty with Specific Reference to a Case Study of Zambia.** Lambert Academic Publishing: UK and US. AISBN-13: 978-3845419756



#### ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- Leon Katambwe, 2008, Public Infrastructure: An Assessment of the Development Impact of Road Infrastructure A Case Study of the Mzinyathi Access Road in the Durban Municipal Region", Development Studies, UKZND, 2008. <http://www.lmrf.org.za/drupal/?q=node/162>
- The Influence of United States of America (USA) Government Incentives and Socio-Economic Factors on Consumer Purchasing Choice of Hybrid Cars, Patrice Kandolo Kabeya, Aminata M. Bamba (pp. 87-120)
- The Effect of Minimum Wage on Employment and Working Hours in the Western Europe: A Case of the UK, France and Netherland Patrice Kandolo Kabeya, Sam Opio, Mosses Lufuke (pp. 121-138)
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- **Patrice Kandolo Kabeya** ( 2014) The effect of Water Policy Reforms : the Role of National and Local Institutions concerning the Zambezi River Basin, Zambia, the University of Bradford, United Kingdom

### PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- **Patrice Kandolo KABEYA ( 2017)** "An Investigation of the Consequences of Inflation on Uganda's Economic Growth from 1980 to 2016 ( in completed draft form) for submission to Economic Journal
- **Patrice Kandolo KABEYA**(2017)"Examining the effectiveness of Inflation targeting framework as a monetary policy framework : a case study , monetary policy of Bank of Uganda( BoU)"( in progress ) to be submitted to the African Review of Economics and Finance Journals
- **Patrice Kandolo KABEYA (2018)** "What matters is economic growth, everything else will follow" (in progress) - to be submitted to the Journal of Economic Literature.
- **Patrice Kandolo KABEYA( 2018)**"The Causal links between FDI and Economic growth in developing countries: A case study of the Republic of Rwanda" (in progress, not yet completed) to be submitted to the Journal of economic development

### BOOK IN PROGRESS

- **Patrice Kandolo KABEYA, and Farhad Analoui** (2018) "**Institutional Sustainability and Economic Development**". Palgrave Macmillan Publishers, London (in a formative stage of preparation)

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