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Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) professor's round table discussion on policy matters with MINAGRI staff

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On the 22nd of May 2013, the Honorable Dr. Agnes Kalibata, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources met with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) professors; Dr. Tavneet Suri, Emmanuel Bakirdjian and Anna Yalouris. The MIT professors were in the country for Decision Science Symposium with members of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and University of Cape Town (UCT) in which the Minister Kalibata was a panel member on "Uptake of Technology in Rural Areas: Improving Agricultural Productivity".

Minister Kalibata gave an overview of the Ministry's vision and a round table discussion was held with different technical staff of the Ministry with an in-depth discussion on policy matters in the Ministry and their alignment to the



Strategic Vision of Government. The discussion also focused on the how proven policies elsewhere can be adopted and applied to Rwanda's situation with an aim to ensure evidence based policy planning. Minister Kalibata emphasized on the methodology used in evaluation of policy impact especially on poverty alleviation programs and how best they can be applied in Rwanda for impact evaluation of the many home grown solutions. The meeting concluded with the proposal to draw a road map from lessons learnt from other countries with specific focus on water tanks, fertilizers and agriculture insurance for agriculture transformation in Rwanda.



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