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## **Statement by Hubert Ruzibiza, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Green Fund GCCA+ 2019 Regional Conference**

Since it was established in 2012, the Rwanda Green Fund has been working to mobilise the financial and technical resources needed to implement Rwanda's Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy. The fund invests in the best and public projects that have the potential for transformative change and that aligns with Rwanda's commitment to building a strong green economy. The fund also provides expert technical assistance to ensure the success of its investments.

The Rwanda Green Fund aims to be a dynamic, independent resource facility providing targeted financial and technical support to catalyse climate resilient development at scale, contributing to Rwanda's vision of becoming a low-carbon and climate resilient economy by 2050.

Achieving all this requires us to work within an increasingly complex climate finance landscape - from international public finance institutions like the GCF and the GEF to sub-national funds.

There is a need for institutions like the Rwanda Green Fund to be connected into the global climate finance network. As we work on the ground with those who are most affected by climate change, it's important for funds like ours to be at the forefront of the conversations on how climate finance is utilised.

These conversations cannot only take place at international climate negotiations, but need to happen in places like Rwanda too. That's just one reason why the 2019 Global Climate Change Alliance Plus Initiative regional conference was so welcome. The conference enabled us to bring local private sector companies and civil society on board and into important climate action conversations.

The Rwanda Green Fund has made a significant contribution to mitigation and adaptation efforts and bettering livelihoods, but there is still so much more to be done. We seek like-minded partners and investors to collaborate with us, as we continue to support Rwanda's ambitious transition to a green growth economy.

We look forward to working with the Global Climate Change Alliance and its partners as we strive to build a green and climate resilient Rwanda.