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At Smart Cities Rwanda, insights from the Africa Smart City Index — a powerful tool designed to measure and guide the transformation of cities across Africa. The Index assesses performance in five key dimensions: Smart Governance and Strategy, Smart Mobility and Access, Smart Economy and Innovation, Smart Environment and Integration, and Smart Living and Well-being. The aim is to enable African cities to learn from each other's best practices, identify policy gaps, track their progress, and make data-informed decisions that

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foster sustainability, inclusivity, and innovation. The Africa Smart City Index is not just a ranking — it's a framework for collaboration, policy improvement, and securing financial and technical resources to enable the future of smart, resilient, and adaptable cities across the continent.

Dr. Rene Kabalisa is a passionate innovation leader and policy expert, driving the transformation of smart cities across Africa. Currently, he leads the Africa Smart Cities Index, a flagship initiative that assesses and guides the progress of cities toward smarter, more sustainable, and more citizen-centric futures. He also leads the Africa Smart Cities Scientific Program, a platform that brings together researchers, innovators, policy leaders, and stakeholders from across the continent to submit their abstracts and poster presentations — fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration in advancing smart city innovations in Africa. Dr. Kabalisa holds a Ph.D. in Technology Management, Economics, and Policy and a Ph.D. in Smart Cities from Seoul National University (SNU), South Korea. He also obtained his master's degree in information technology from Kobe Institute of Computing in Japan. With extensive experience in technology policy, innovation management, and digital transformation, Dr. Kabalisa plays a key role in turning policy into action, strengthening multistakeholder partnerships, mentoring innovators, and helping both governments and the private sector realize the full potential of smart city innovations.

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