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CALL FOR PAPERS: BNR Economic Review Vol.23 Issue 1&2 (2026)

The National Bank of Rwanda (BNR) is pleased to invite researchers, academics, practitioners, and other interested contributors to submit papers for the Vol.23 Issue 1&2 (2026) edition of its peer-reviewed journal, the BNR Economic Review. The BNR Economic Review is an indexed journal of the National Bank of Rwanda (**eISSN: 2706-8587; Print ISSN: 2410-678X**) and is published twice a year on the NBRwebsite (<https://www.bnr.rw/ecreview>). This biannual journal, hosted on African Journals Online (<https://www.ajol.info/index.php/BNRER>), publishes high-quality research to inform policymakers, academics, and practitioners. It serves as a platform to promote evidence-based policymaking, facilitate knowledge exchange, and strengthen engagement between researchers and policy institutions.

In line with the NBR Research Policy, the journal focuses on rigorous, transparent, and policy-relevant research that supports the Bank's mission, which is **“to ensure Price Stability and a Sound Financial System contributing to Sustainable and Inclusive Growth”**. The journal welcomes both empirical and theoretical contributions that address central banking functions as well as broader macroeconomic and financial policy issues.

Submissions may cover a wide range of topics, including but not limited to **monetary policy and inflation dynamics, financial stability and macroprudential frameworks, financial intermediation and markets, payment systems and financial technology, financial sector development and inclusion, trade and fiscal policy, economic forecasting, and central banking governance**. Contributions addressing cross-cutting issues such as **digital transformation, climate change, gender economics, and structural transformation** are also encouraged, provided they demonstrate clear relevance to policy and economic management.

Researchers interested in contributing to evidence-based policymaking are invited to submit research topics or concept notes outlining their proposed study, including the research question, methodology, and expected policy contribution. Submissions should be sent electronically to: economicreview@bnr.rw.

The BNR Economic Review maintains a transparent and non-discriminatory review process consistent with the Bank's research quality assurance framework. All submissions undergo an initial internal review to assess their relevance and quality. Shortlisted papers are subsequently subjected to a double-blind external peer review process, ensuring objectivity, methodological rigor, and adherence to high academic standards. Final publication decisions are made by the journal's editorial team.

The journal does not charge publication fees, nor does it provide financial compensation to contributing authors. However, selected authors may be invited to publish their work in the BNR Economic Review and present their findings at research seminars, workshops, or conferences organized by the NBR. These dissemination platforms contribute to enhancing the visibility and policy impact of research outputs.

All submitted work must adhere to the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct, including proper citation practices and avoidance of plagiarism. Research should demonstrate independence, objectivity, sound methodology, and transparency in data and analysis, while maintaining strong alignment with policy needs and contributing to the broader public good through knowledge dissemination.

The National Bank of Rwanda strongly encourages innovative, interdisciplinary, and policy-oriented research that contributes to addressing emerging challenges in Rwanda's economy and the global economic landscape.

The timeline for this call is as follows:

Activity	Date
Submission of a concept note in form of two to three PowerPoint slides capturing the research topic, objective(s), tentative methodology, and data	10 June 2026
Final decision on selected submissions	20 June 2026