

PRESENTATION OF ISOOKO THINK TANK (TTI)

What is a Think Tank

Think Tank is an Anglo-American word, designating a group or think tank whose main task is to constitute a reservoir of thoughts, reflections and ideas from which proposals will emerge that can serve the public authorities.

Also called a think tank, a Think Tank is a group of experts in private or public law.

Think Tanks have many roles, but one of their main objectives is to adapt existing ideas to the needs and constraints of the political world. They contribute to public life by bridging the gap between the world of research and the world of politics, bringing academic rigour to the study of contemporary and future problems.

Think Tank Isooko

Think Tank Isooko, is a think tank that is committed to conducting strategic studies and reflections from which recommendations will be formulated that can contribute to peace and security in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

It is an international organization that wants to be neutral in its thinking and moves away from preconceived ideas or ulterior motives. Think Tank Isooko plans to become a place of exchange and openness for different categories of people and experts in various fields interacting in a spirit of tolerance and intellectual rigor.

The word isoko is a word from Kinyarwanda, a language mainly spoken in Rwanda and its neighboring countries, and which, depending on its different forms of pronunciation, can refer to a fountain (a source of water) or a market (a place of buying/selling or trading).

The founders of Think Tank chose the word isoko in its sense which designates a fountain, a source of water.

To differentiate the two words isoko (market) and isoko (fountain), the founders of this Think Tank, Isooko, preferred to emphasize vowel quantity by doubling the letter o after s. Thus, the name of the organization becomes Think Tank Isooko

Founders of Think Tank Isooko

Think Tank Isooko was created by a group of patriots and pan-Africanists from the Great Lakes countries of Africa living in several countries on all continents.

Creation of Think Tank Isooko

After more than a year of preparatory work, Think Tank Isooko was registered on April 24 and approved on May 1, 2024 in the United States of America.

Motivation for the creation of Think Tank Isooko

Since the Ugandan army under the cover of the Rwandan Patriotic Army (RPA) invaded Rwanda in October 1990 and the resulting Rwandan genocide in April 1994; the Great Lakes region of Africa, whether in Rwanda, Burundi or the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is experiencing unstable political situations and endemic security problems.

Over the past thirty-four years, the repetitive wars in this region have claimed the lives of more than fifteen million people.

In terms of loss of life, this toll is the highest that humanity has seen since the two world wars.

Think Tank Isooko was created to address these problems, find the root causes of these humanitarian tragedies and propose solutions that can bring peace and security to the population living in Africa's Great Lakes region.

Vision of Think Tank Isooko

Think Tank Isooko's vision is to become a leading strategic think tank in the search for solutions to socio-economic and security problems in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Think Tank Isooko's mission

The mission of the Isooko Think Tank is to stimulate and encourage inclusive democratic values, which promote the establishment and respect of fundamental rights and human freedoms, as well as the preservation of peace and security in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Special features of Think Tank Isooko

The Isooko Think Tank is not a political organization that aspires to conquer power.

Think Tank Isooko is also not an organization or association that promotes or defends a particular cause.

Rather, it is an organization that relies on its neutrality, independence and rigor in analyzing the problems that are at the root of insecurity in the Great Lakes region of Africa and in developing possible solutions.

Think Tank Isooko, through its research and analysis, finally presents itself as an organization supporting political parties, civil society and governmental and international decision-makers.

Think Tank Isooko values

Any member or natural person aspiring to become a member of Think Tank Isooko must be guided by the following basic principles and values :

- Human dignity and solidarity
- Independence of mind
- Honesty
- The spirit of tolerance and mutual respect
- Respect for diversity
- The spirit of bringing people together
- Respect for democratic principles within Think Tank Isooko
- The creation and maintenance of a serene climate in order to promote the proper functioning of TTI's activities and bodies
- Moral integrity
- Intellectual objectivity
- Neutrality
- The search for the general interest
- Have and demonstrate a high sense of commitment to Think Tank Isooko's activities
- Have and demonstrate a high level of respect for and defense of human rights

Objectives of Think Tank Isooko

Think Tank Isooko pursues the following objectives :

- Contribute to the development of stable governance in the countries of the Great Lakes region of Africa ;
- Contribute to the sustainability of the political institutions put in place ;
- Actively participate in educating the public about national, regional and international political dynamics ;

- Strengthen the establishment of the rule of law that guarantees the protection of all and promotes the peaceful coexistence of all components of society ;
- Integrate public and private actors to adopt their own national, sub-regional and international economic strategies.

Think Tank Isooko's Activities

Think Tank Isooko will achieve its objectives through the following activities:

- Create a non-partisan framework for exchange between experts and private and public decision-makers ;
- Design and facilitate international conferences
- Objectively analyze, in a proactive approach, public policies for better living together in countries of the Great Lakes region of Africa ;
- Establish protocols and procedures for evaluating public policies combining internal and external validations guaranteeing the high level of research and publications ;
- To develop models for the good neighbourliness policies of the countries of the Great Lakes region of Africa ;
- Organize meetings with government decision-makers, public, local and international private institutions ;
- Forecast and anticipate strategies to be implemented in connection with the reading of the main trends in international politics and the world economy to inform the political and economic decisions of governments in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Become a member and support Think Tank Isooko

Think Tank Isooko intends to carry out data collection, research and analysis. This requires substantial human and financial resources. Any support is appreciated.

To become a member and support Think Tank Isooko, contact the General Secretariat by email: secretariat@thinktankisooko.org or from the dedicated page on the Organization's website <https://thinktankisooko.org>