**GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR THE NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THE ISSUES EXAMINED AT THE IX SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGEING: Long-term and Palliative Care**

**National legal framework**

1. **What are the legal provisions in your country that recognizes the right to long-term and palliative care? Do they have a constitutional, legislative or executive foundation?**

There is no law nor policy specific to Elderly but there is draft law on Health services which include palliative care.

However, there is policy in development, which include Health component.

**Normative elements**

1. **What are the key normative elements of the rights to long-term and palliative care? Please provide references to existing laws and standards where applicable.**

There is a Palliative care protocol developed in 2016 with few specificities for ageing people

1. **How should long-term care and palliative care be legally defined?**

They should be defined with the aim to avail services at affordable cost.

**Implementation**

1. **What are the policies and programmes adopted by your country to guarantee older person’s enjoyment of their right to long-term and palliative care?**

There is a draft policy on elderly persons which will provide a big component on health in relation with palliative care.

**5. What are the best practices and main challenges in adopting and implementing a normative framework to implement these rights?**

The best practice in Rwanda is the Home Based Care practitioner program which is a program that offer palliative care services at Home by trained people.

**Equality and non-discrimination**

1. **Which are the measures adopted to ensure equitable access by older persons to the enjoyment of the right to long-term and palliative care, paying special attention to those who are vulnerable or in vulnerable situation?**

There is no particular measures established so far and they will be provided in National elderly policy currently under development.

**Participation**

1. **Does the design and implementation of normative and political framework related to long-term and palliative care include an effective and meaningful participation of older persons?**

During development of National elderly policy that embedded a chapter on health about palliative care, the consultation conducted with all stakeholders including elderly persons associations. Before implementation of this policy, there is a plan for dissemination of the approved policy for all concerned implementers and beneficiaries.