



## Biography

### Vianney Bizimana Deputy CEO – iib East Africa

Bizimana is a seasoned banking and financial services executive with over 21 years of experience across Retail, SMEs/MSMEs, Corporate, and Investment banking in East Africa. He has built a distinguished career marked by progressive leadership, advancing from frontline banking roles to senior executive positions, including Head of Corporate Banking and Executive Committee Member at Ecobank Rwanda Plc.

During his tenure at Ecobank Rwanda, Mr. Vianney played a central role in the bank's transformation, contributing to a turnaround from a loss position in 2017 to strong profitability by 2025, while significantly expanding the balance sheet and strengthening asset quality. From 2018 to 2025, he served as a principal advisor and de facto deputy to the Managing Director, playing a key role in strategic leadership, decision-making, and execution throughout this transformation period. He brings deep expertise in credit structuring, project finance, trade finance, and risk management, with a proven ability to drive sustainable portfolio growth and optimize risk–return outcomes. Over the course of his career, he has held senior leadership roles at Cogebanque Ltd (now part of Equity Group Holdings), Banque Populaire du Rwanda (now part of KCB Group), and I&M Bank (Rwanda) Plc, where he consistently delivered strong business growth, improved portfolio performance, and led high-performing teams. He is widely recognized for his strategic thinking, disciplined risk governance, and results-oriented leadership in complex and multicultural environments. He also currently serves as a Non-Executive Director at Legacy Hospital in Kigali.

Bizimana holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Accounting and Finance. He is fluent in English and French, has working knowledge of Swahili, and is a native speaker of Kinyarwanda.