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## Minister Biruta attends celebrations of UAE National Day in Kigali



On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022, Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and international Cooperation Vincent Biruta attended the celebration of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates organised by the UAE Embassy in Rwanda. He appreciated bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, education, tourism and air service among others.

## Minister of State Prof. Nshuti Manasseh participates in World Policy Conference



The Minister of State Prof. Nshuti Manasseh has called for the international community to look for sustainable solutions that address root causes of conflicts. The Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Charge of East African Community made this remark in a plenary session on "The Sahel and West Africa: Geopolitics and Geo-economics" at the 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of the World Policy Conference took place in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Minister Nshuti told participants that the consequences of insecurity in Sahel affect many countries.

"The terrorism threat is affecting and dangerously spreading beyond the Sahel region. As we all know terrorism has no borders," he said.

Reflecting on solutions to conflicts, the official reminded that military means cannot be perceived as a panacea for all insecurity challenges.

"Security cannot be solely defined and addressed simply by military means. It is important to address root causes of insecurity which include poor governance, service delivery and socio-economic challenges to ensure stable and cohesive societies," he emphasized, adding that there is need to increase Africa's financial capacity to timely and efficiently respond to threats against peace and security on the continent. "Indeed, in the world of peace support interventions, those who have the means lack the will, and those with the will lack resources," he said.

Speaking on Rwanda's commitment to peace and security efforts in Sahel and the whole African continent, the Minister of state told the gathering that Rwanda supports peace interventions through multilateral and bilateral arrangements. "From the experience of Rwanda's military support in Mozambique and Central African Republic, it's proven that bilateral arrangements complement multilateral interventions in a better way to produce timely results," he said.

The work of the fifteenth edition cover issues such as the International Economic Order, the Sahel and West Africa, US-China Rivalry, the Future of EU, Climate Change and Energy Transition, Public Health, Food Security, and many topics. More than 200 international leading figures attended the conference.

## Amb. Hategeka meets with the DG of Africa at Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs



On 01<sup>st</sup> December 2022, while on a working visit in Riyadh, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka met with Amb. Waleed Al Humoudi, DG of African department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They discussed signing pending MoUs and sustaining strong bilateral relations between both friendly countries.

## Amb. Hategeka visits RAK Chamber



On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in the emirate of Ras Al Khaimah, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka met H.E Mohammed Hasan Alsabab Al Teneiji, Director General of Ras Al Khaimah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. They discussed the upcoming Rwanda-UAE Business roadshow among other opportunities aimed at forging B2B partnerships between the two business communities.



## UAE to host UAE – Rwanda Business Forum



On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December - H.E. Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka met H.E. Humaid Mohamed Ben Salem, Secretary General of the Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The two discussed the upcoming Rwanda-UAE Business roadshows and various opportunities for the two business communities to deepen collaboration.

## Amb. Hategeka visits Abu Dhabi Chamber



On Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December - H.E. Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka visited the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry and met the leadership. Discussions focused on the upcoming Rwanda-UAE Business Forum to be held in UAE as a means to forge B2B partnerships across sectors of mutual interest.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka met

Parag G Vernekar, Chief of Operations at Ahmad Tea- Ras Al Khaimah, part of Ahmad Tea Global, a factory blending and packaging premium tea from across the world including Rwanda.

The two sides discussed building a direct network between the factory and Rwandan exporters.

## RwandAir operates its maiden cargo flight to UAE



On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Rwanda's flag carrier, RwandAir operated its maiden cargo flight to Sharjah with its recently acquired 1<sup>st</sup> dedicated cargo aircraft. The B737-800SF was warmly welcomed at Sharjah International Airport, United Arab Emirates. The dedicated cargo flight from Kigali to UAE is expected to boost bilateral trade. It brings convenient transport for a wide range of commodities including horticulture products.

## First reefer container shipment of avocados by sea from Rwanda arrives in Dubai



On Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December - Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi together with Benson Shivachi, Avocado expert from IDH, a Dutch project supporting Rwanda horticulture exporters to access markets visited Carrefour-UAE warehouse with avocados from 1<sup>st</sup> reefer container shipment by sea from Rwanda! The first reefer container shipment of avocados by sea arrived in Dubai safely 20 days after it left Kigali with the sea trip taking 14 days from the port of Mombasa to the port of Jabel Ali -Dubai, UAE.

"This is a major achievement for Rwandan exporters of fresh products such as avocados with the 1st shipment by sea successfully & cost-effectively delivered to Carrefour-UAE! We appreciate IDH and partners supporting Rwandan horticulture exporters to access foreign markets," said Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka.

## First trial shipment of Rwanda fresh products arrives in Carrefour - Riyadh delivery



On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the first trial shipment of Rwanda fresh products arrived in Carrefour – Riyadh. Rwanda's avocados are now available at Carrefour- Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for people in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to enjoy the taste of #RwandaFresh.

## Rwandan products promoted at the Organic & Natural products - Middle East Expo in Dubai



On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka attended the opening of Organic & Natural products - Middle East Expo organized in Dubai from 13-15 December where Rwandan exporters participated. Rwandan exporters of honey and Chia seeds used the Expo to promote their products connecting with potential buyers from the wide region of the Middle East.

## Amb. Hategeka joins fans as Arsenal outshines major clubs in Dubai Super Cup



On 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka joined fans as Arsenal beat Olympique Lyonnais 3 - 0 in the Dubai Super Cup at Al-Maktoum Stadium. In the same context, On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with the Minister Counsellor joined the fans and players at Al Maktoum Stadium as Arsenal secured another win, 2-1 against AC Milan in the Dubai Super Cup.

Under the Patronage of H.H Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Top European football clubs including Arsenal, Liverpool FC, AC Milan, and Olympique Lyonnais competed to be crowned the Dubai Super Cup champion between 8-16 December 2022. Arsenal won the competition.

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## UAE President looks to 'better and brighter' future in first National Day speech



Sheikh Mohamed has given his first National Day address as President, emphasizing that the UAE will be a strong supporter of humanity and its development.

The 51<sup>st</sup> UAE National Day, which falls on December 2, is a day to recall lessons of the past, and look at the present with awareness and contemplation, while looking to the future with hope, optimism and confidence.

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## UAE-built Rashid Rover takes off to moon successfully



The Arab world's first lunar rover successfully blasted off to space on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

The UAE-built Rashid Rover, the first Emirati mission to the surface of the Moon, lifted off on board a Space X Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida, US, at 11:38am UAE time.

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## Saudi crown prince, BIE head review Kingdom's bid to host Expo 2030



Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman received the Secretary-General of the Bureau International des Expositions Dimitri Kerkentzes in Riyadh on Monday 12 December 2022. During the meeting, Prince Mohammed and Kerkentzes discussed the Kingdom's bid to host World Expo 2030 in Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia's proposed theme for the expo should the Kingdom's bid prove successful is "The Era of Change: Together for a Foresighted Tomorrow."

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## Bahrain GDP growth to hit 6% this year: Fitch



Bahrain's real GDP growth will reach above 6% in 2022, buoyed by very strong non-oil growth as tourism-related sectors and real estate and construction post strong performances, says a Fitch Ratings report.

However, from 2023, the agency forecasts a growth of just over 2% per year, as upstream hydrocarbon activity remains flat, refinery production ramps up and lower oil prices and fiscal consolidation dampen demand.

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