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Africa is open for business- President Kagame



President Paul Kagame with German Chancellor Angela Merkel

Africa and Rwanda are ready and open for productive investment and trade which will serve as a pathway to prosperity and stability, President Paul Kagame said.

Kagame was speaking at the G20 Compact with Africa Summit hosted by German Chancellor Angela Merkel. The summit focused on increasing investment in Africa and addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Kagame said that Rwanda has been seeing an increase in connections to German business and investment adding that more work can be done to convert the solid political will into tangible results on the ground.

"The central message is that Africa is open for business and that productive investment and trade is the pathway to prosperity and stability. In Rwanda, we have seen an increase in connections to German business and investment. We welcome this and wish to see even more. The challenge before us is to convert the solid political will into even more tangible results on the ground," he said.

This year's Compact with Africa Summit included a G20 Investment Summit on "Framework Conditions for Business and Investment", as well as a session on "the G20 Compact with Africa amid the Covid-19 Pandemic".

The summit was launched in 2017 under the German G20 Presidency to promote private investment on the African continent. The summit brought together reform-minded African countries, international organizations and bilateral partners from G20 and beyond to coordinate country-specific reform agendas, support respective policy measures and advertise investment opportunities to private investors.

African Countries that feature in the summit include Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo and Tunisia.

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Rwanda to partner with BioNTech for local manufacture of mRNA vaccines

Rwanda, along with Senegal are being considered by BioNTech, a German biotechnology company, for the manufacturing of mRNA vaccines in Africa. This was announced on Friday, August 27 in Berlin, Germany, as Rwandan government officials met with BioNTech, which is pioneering novel therapies for cancer and other serious diseases.

The company is most known for having partnered with Pfizer Inc. to develop the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine, which is being widely used in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

On the same day, President Paul Kagame had a meeting with his counterparts: Macky Sall of Senegal, Ursula von der Leyen of the European Commission, and Uğur Şahin, the CEO and Co-Founder of BioNTech on the sidelines of the G20 Compact with Africa Summit, and confirmed BioNTech's intention to manufacture mRNA vaccines in Africa (Rwanda and Senegal in particular).

Through his Twitter account, Dr. Daniel Ngamije, the Minister of Health said the production of mRNA vaccines will be soon effective in Rwanda.

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Rwanda, UAE explore collaboration in renewable energy and sustainability



On 11th August 2021, H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Dr Nawal Al Hosny, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

The two Permanent Representatives of their respective countries to IRENA discussed ways of deepening Rwanda and UAE bilateral and multilateral collaboration in the areas of mutual interest in the field of sustainability and renewable energy.

Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka presented to his counterpart Rwanda's energy mix status, targets and collaboration opportunities and Rwanda's investment-friendly environment with attractive incentives.

On her part, H.E. Dr Nawal Al-Hosany appreciated Rwanda's progress and expressed the commitment from her office and the UAE in general to strengthen collaboration. Areas of collaboration include exchange of expertise on renewable energies and alternative cooking technologies among others.

Amb. Hategeka commends ADFD for support to strategic projects in Rwanda



H.E. Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka and ADFD Director General H.E. Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi at a loan agreement signing ceremony in July 2021

Ministers and Ambassadors of developing countries across the globe have lauded the efforts of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) in driving sustainable economic development in their countries.

As ADFD marks the 50th anniversary of its founding, the officials said that the Fund's efforts in the development arena over the past five decades have delivered remarkable economic and social benefits.

Committed to Promoting Cooperation for his part, Emmanuel Hategeka, the Ambassador of Rwanda to the UAE, said the cooperation between ADFD and the Government of Rwanda has received a significant boost over the past few years due to the Fund's meaningful role in implementing many strategic projects in Rwanda, including the US\$14 million development of Kigali International Airport in 1981, and the signing of a US\$15 million loan agreement to develop a strategic road project.

"These projects have been vital to the economic and social development of Rwanda by supporting several small and medium-sized companies that

operate in trade, travel, tourism, and food security sectors. As the country is pursuing its ambitious Rwanda Vision 2050, we are grateful for the support provided by the UAE to Rwanda through Abu Dhabi Fund for Development," he explained.

He added, "Rwanda has made notable strides in development trajectory, becoming one of the ten fastest-growing economies in Africa thanks to its security, government performance, and business and investment-friendly regulations. Through our partnership with ADFD, Rwanda is committed to promoting cooperation and investments and yielding further gains from our joint efforts."

Amb. Hategeka presents business opportunities to Black Tulip Flowers Group



On 8th August 2021, H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi met with Mr. Imran Khan, Director of Operations and his team at Black Tulip Flowers Group, a UAE based company engaged in flower production, import and export in Asia, Europe and Africa.

During the meeting, the two sides explored business opportunities notably import of flowers from Rwanda as well as investing in flower production in Rwanda given good business climate, infrastructure and logistics in place.

H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka seized the occasion to invite the leadership of Black Tulip Flowers Group to visit Rwanda and experience firsthand opportunities in floriculture in Rwanda.

A number of companies in Rwanda notably Bella Flowers grow and export high quality fresh cut varieties of roses and other flowers.

Rwanda to showcase its uniqueness at Dubai World Expo



On 17 August 2021 in Dubai, H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka had a visit at the Rwanda Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai to witness the pavilion set up progress and also briefed Gulf News about Rwanda's participation and the exciting experience awaiting Rwanda pavilion visitors.

With the theme "Remarkable Rwanda", Rwanda pavilion will be based in the Opportunity thematic district of Expo 2020 Dubai. In this year's Expo, Rwanda will share her socio-economic transformation journey, the achievements of its vision 2020, its aspirations for Vision 2050 and all the opportunities that the country offers.

"Rwanda is happy to participate in the World Expo 2020 Dubai, a global event which opens up exceptional opportunities to connect to new markets, new investors, new ideas and new next practices as the world grapples with a reset for recovery given the Covid-19 pandemic. Expo 2020 Dubai visitors can expect a lifetime experience at Rwanda Pavilion which will showcase Rwanda's uniqueness in the heart of Africa, among top ten fastest growing economies, abundant attractions for all travelers as a high end tourist destination, best in class business environment for innovation and investment, an open, safe and secure country for all," Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka revealed.

He went on to add, "At Rwanda pavilion, visitors will dive into Rwanda's history and a remarkable journey of development over the last 27 years since the end of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi as well as a projection of the ambitious future anchored in the country's Vision 2050. It will be a fun filled experience with traditional cultural entertainment and dance, Virtual Reality tours that include Gorilla trekking, tech experience into latest innovations and an opportunity to taste Rwandan best quality coffee and tea. I invite all Expo goers to make a stopover at the Rwanda pavilion and enjoy the traditionally warm hospitality of Rwanda while connecting with the country and its people."

Originally scheduled to start in October 2020, the event was temporarily delayed due to the Global pandemic and rescheduled to run from 1st

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Union Coop open for Rwanda's horticultural fresh products



On 19th August 2021, Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi along with Trade and Communication Officer Noor Ahmed met with Mr. Majiruddin Khan, Trading Division Director and Mr. Yaqoob Al Balooshi, Fresh Category Trade Manager at Union Cooperation Hypermarket.

The two sides explored potential partnership in expanding Rwanda's fresh products to Union Coop Hyper Market in the UAE. Good news is that Union Coop expressed readiness to open gates to Rwanda's Horticultural fresh products including Avocado HASS, French Beans, Passion Fruits, green Banana, Red/Green Chilies, Fresh Habanero, sweet potatoes and baby corn.

Union Coop is the largest consumer cooperative in the UAE as it operates 20 branches and three malls. Union Coop has also launched two grocery chains: Mini Coop and Coop, a new concept, thereby making it the first consumer cooperative to include a smart shopping concept in many of its branches in the MENA region.

Rwandan lady becomes the first doorwoman at Abu Dhabi hotels



Grace Iwacu — a 24-year-old Rwandan national — has become the first woman door attendant to be appointed in the front office of an Abu Dhabi hotel. She recently started her job at Conrad Abu Dhabi Etihad Towers.

Grace used to work at a hotel in Rwanda's capital Kigali, before coming to the UAE in July this year for her two-year training and employment. She is one of the dozens of women from different African countries who were brought to the UAE in recent years by Evolvin' Women, a social enterprise dedicated to empowerment. The group primarily works in developing countries, providing women with training and job opportunities in the UAE's hospitality sector.

Conrad Abu Dhabi Etihad Towers was the first Abu Dhabi hotel to team up with Evolvin' Women, entering a two-year partnership to provide development programmes to women. The hotel hired women from Zambia, Rwanda and Ghana to work in housekeeping, F&B and the front office.

Evolvin' Women expects 30 ladies from Rwanda in the hospitality industry in UAE By end of October 2021.

Meet first doorwoman at Abu Dhabi hotel | Khaleej Times

Travel, Tourism and conservation

Emirates Airline, ROAR Africa maiden partnership brings tourists to Rwanda



On 26 August 2021, Rwanda welcomed 10 tourists who are part of an inaugural African luxury private jet Africa safari experience by ROAR Africa and Emirates Airline.

This was the first time that the Dubai-based Emirates Airline partnered with a travel specialist such as ROAR Africa to deliver a bucket list travel experience designed to preserve and support Africa's wildlife, wild spaces and communities.

Rwanda was the last leg of the tour, comprised of Zimbabwe, Kenya and Botswana. The tourists visited the mountain gorillas and golden monkeys in the National Volcanoes Park and the surrounding communities to learn about and contribute to Rwanda's conservation.

"Rwanda is one of the destinations tourists have come to first because of the way the pandemic has been well handled...your gorillas are such a lifetime experience. Everyone wants to come here now," Deborah Calmeyer, CEO of ROAR Africa, said on the visit.

Kigali International Airport Ranked Among Best and Cleanest



The Skytrax World Airport, the coveted quality accolades for airports across the world, and a global benchmark of excellence has ranked Kigali International Airport among the best and cleanest airports in Africa for 2021. It was ranked eighth among the best African airports and seven among the best cleanest airports in Africa according to Skytrax Global Rankings. The best three airports are from South Africa. They include Cape Town, Durban King Shaka International Airport, and Johannesburg. On the fourth position is Mauritius and Marrakech airport located in Morocco on the 5th position. Among the cleanest airports, still Cape Town came number one, followed by Durban King Shaka International Airport, Mauritius on the third position, Johannesburg fourth and Seychelles 5th.

Globally, the world's top five are, Doha Hamad International Airport located in the state of

Qatar, Tokyo Haneda airport in Japan, Changi airport Singapore, Seoul Incheon International Airport located in South Korea and Tokyo Narita also located in Japan.

According to Skytrax World Airport website, the Skytrax best airports awards are voted based on customer reviews. "The 2021 World Airport Awards recognize the efforts of global airports in adapting and meeting the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. The past 18 months has been the most challenging and financially difficult period ever experienced by the world air transport industry, and airports have invested to provide the safest possible environment for their customers and staff during the global pandemic," Skytrax Statement reads.

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Rwanda to Name 24 Baby Gorillas as Tourism Sector Sets Eyes on Recovery



Rwanda is set to name 24 baby Mountain Gorillas in the 17th edition of Kwita Izina, set to be held virtually on September 24 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The prestigious annual event will coincide with the World Gorilla Day.

Rwanda Development Board (RDB) on Friday 27th August 2021 announced different activities that will characterise Kwita Izina 2021, including launching of community projects to benefit populations living near the country's national parks as well as the conservation conference which will also be hosted virtually.

"We are pleased to announce that this year's Kwita Izina ceremony will be held on 24 September 2021 in a virtual ceremony. For the second time, the event will coincide with the celebration to mark World Gorilla Day," "This year, Rwanda is inviting the world to be part of the ultimate celebration of life as 24 new born baby gorillas are named during the Kwita Izina ceremony. Since the inception of the flagship event in 2005, 328 baby gorillas have been named," said Ariella Kageruka, the Acting Chief Tourism Officer (CTO) at RDB.
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