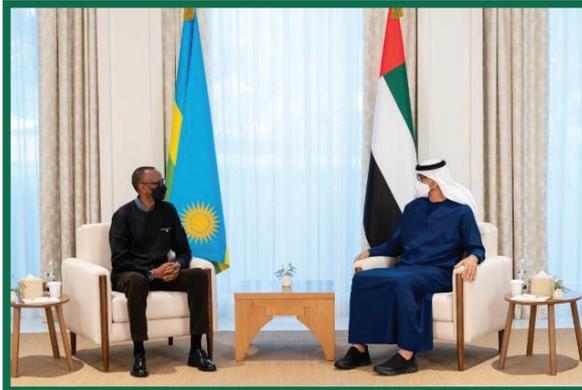




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H.E. President Paul Kagame was on October 2, 2021 received by His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. H.E. President Kagame was visiting the UAE to participate in the 14th World Policy Conference and also visit the Expo 2020 Dubai.

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan welcomed H.E. President Kagame and his delegation and stressed the attention attached by the UAE to its relations with Rwanda in particular and the African continent in general based on cooperation, joint work, investment in the available opportunities for the sake of development, welfare and peace for all. The two sides discussed bilateral relations between the two friendly countries in various fields, especially in economy, trade, investment and other sectors.

On the same day, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, received H.E. President Paul Kagame at Expo 2020 Dubai.

The two leaders commended the growing relations between the two brotherly countries. They highlighted the robust partnerships already in place, including in technology, education, agriculture, sustainability, human development and investment.

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President Kagame tours the Rwanda Pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai

President Paul Kagame toured the Rwanda Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai on Saturday 2 October 2021. He was the first Head of State to visit the Expo 2020 Dubai. He also visited the Pavilion of the United Arab Emirates.

The Expo, which runs from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022, aims to bring people together in a spirit of hope and collaboration for a better future. It is expected to host 25 million visitors.

The Rwanda pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai is a representation of the story of hope – an immersive journey through Rwandan history. It is segmented into four zones: Dusk, Night, Dawn, and Day. Visitors travel first through Rwanda's traditions by a visit at "Dusk" to the traditional palace of the King in the pre-colonial era. The "Night" era commemorates Rwanda's nation's darkest moment – the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi – and draws on lessons from the power of forgiveness and reconciliation. The "Dawn" zone showcases Rwanda's rebirth after 1994, highlighting how Rwandan people harnessed their dignity, unity, accountability, and ambition to rebuild the nation of which Rwandans are so proud. Finally, the "Day" section invites visitors to discover Rwanda's plans for the future.

Read more: Rwandan President inaugurates his country's pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai | WAM



President Kagame Addresses Global Business Forum Africa 2021 in Dubai



HE President Paul Kagame delivered virtually a special address at the Global Business Forum (GBF) Africa in Dubai on October 14

Covid-19 has changed commerce and trade forever as new technologies change the dynamics of the global economy and disrupt industries, His Excellency President Paul Kagame said during his special address at the Global Business Forum (GBF) Africa in Dubai on October 14.

In a recorded video message, H.E. President Kagame explained how the global economy, while slowly getting back on its feet, would never revert to its former model.

"No country or continent has been spared the damaging effects of the COVID pandemic. Africa is no exception. As vaccine distribution improves globally, the pandemic is becoming more manageable. Travel and commerce are beginning to recover. However, we are not going back to the same economy that we knew in 2019," said the President.

"Some of the changes will be profound and lasting. The crisis in international shipping and transportation is already generating new thinking. Manufacturing and supply chains will need to become more resilient to more local and more technologically advanced. Fourth Industrial Revolution, innovations in artificial intelligence and 3D printing, for example, are making it possible to make products almost anywhere at a competitive cost," he added.

H.E President Kagame said that this new economic paradigm would give Rwanda many opportunities, with the global pandemic occurring alongside technological advancements having opened doors for sectors of the Rwanda economy, as well as for the wider continent of Africa.

"Lifesaving vaccines and other pharmaceuticals will increasingly be produced in a decentralised fashion, including in Rwanda, thanks to advances in engineering and more partnerships with companies like BioNTech and others. Last week, the fifteenth ratification of the African Medicines Agency treaty was deposited with the African Union under the treaty and will therefore come into force next month. The establishment of this body will be a game-changer for Africa's ability to produce high quality vaccines and medicines for our continent," he said.

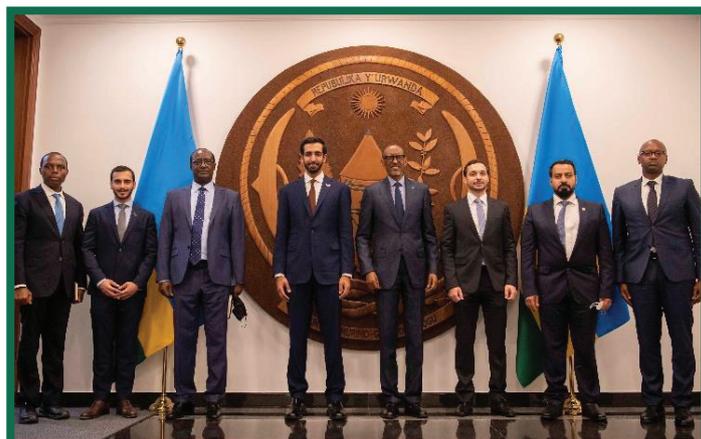
Finally, H.E President Kagame stressed the positive impact of the new African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), saying that it would create more international as well as intra-Africa trade and that it would deepen the longstanding relationship between his continent, Dubai and the UAE.

"The progress of African economic integration will mean more trade and investment between Africa and the rest of the world, not less. The United Arab Emirates and Dubai, in particular, have long played a key role in linking Africa to the wider global economy. This interconnectedness has been mutually beneficial, and we wish to continue to deepen those collaborations," he added.

Organised by Dubai Chamber in partnership with Expo 2020 Dubai, the 6th edition of GBF Africa was held under the theme Transformation Through Trade and explored new avenues of economic cooperation between the UAE and Africa.

Read more: [Rwanda President Paul Kagame Addresses Global Business Forum Africa 2021 in Dubai | Dubai Media Office](#)

Rwanda, UAE review ways to further boost bilateral ties



H.E President Paul Kagame received UAE's Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Sheikh Shakhbout bin Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan and his delegation for a discussion on key areas of bilateral cooperation.

Sheikh Shakhbout conveyed to H.E President Kagame the greetings of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and their wishes for Rwanda's further progress and development.

H.E President Kagame, in turn, reciprocated his greetings to the UAE leaders, and his wishes for progress and prosperity to the UAE. Sheikh Shakhbout, during the meeting, commended the outstanding relations between the UAE and Rwanda, highlighting both sides' interest in strengthening cooperation between the two countries as there are many opportunities and possibilities to develop, strengthen and push them forward.

Sheikh Shakhbout also had a bilateral meeting with Honorable Dr. Vincent Biruta, Rwanda Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The UAE Minister of State also met with Prof. Nshuti Manasseh, Minister of State in Charge of East African Community in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda along with public and private sector officials who showcased investment opportunities in ICT, agriculture, mining, transport, and real estate sectors among others.

Read more: [UAE, Rwanda review ways to further boost bilateral ties | WAM](#)

Expo 2020 Dubai: Officials, the public from across the world visit Rwanda Pavilion



H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of Dubai Executive Council, toured the Rwanda Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai.

During his visit on 13th October 2021, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan and his accompanying delegation appreciated the remarkable development of Rwanda. They also tried and liked the specialty Rwandan coffee.

Read more: [Expo 2020 Dubai: Sheikh Hamdan visits the pavilion of Rwanda | WAM](#)



On 13th October 2021, Hon. Dr. Constantino Chiwenga, Vice President of Zimbabwe visited the Rwanda Pavilion and got to experience a virtual gorilla trek.



On 14th October, Carlos A. Fortes Mesquita, Mozambique Minister of Industry and Trade, visited the Rwanda pavilion and tried Specialty Rwandan coffee.



On 17th October, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka welcomed the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ambassador to the UAE, H.E Turki bin Abdullah Al-Dakhil and his team at the Rwanda pavilion. He tried and liked the specialty Rwandan coffee.



On 25th October 2021, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka welcomed Sheikh Shakhbout Nahyan Al Nahyan, Minister of State in the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Sheikh Shakhbout toured the Rwanda pavilion and commended the visionary leadership that has made the country a beacon of hope on the African continent.

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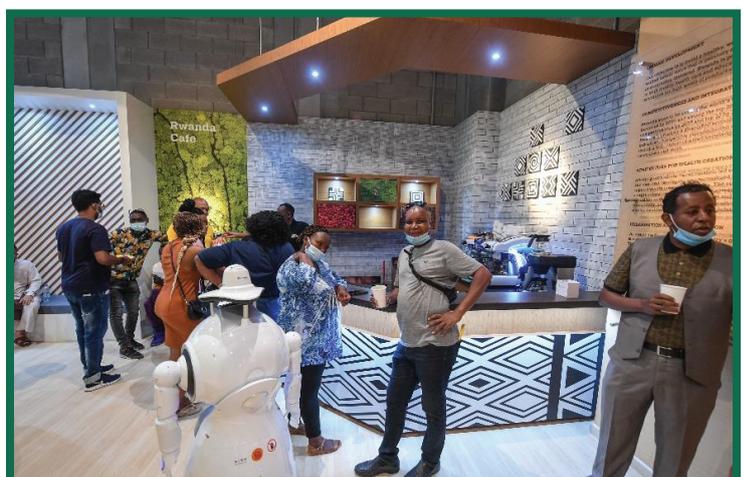


On 3rd October 2021, Rwanda Pavilion Commissioner General Yves Iradukunda received Hon. Mmusi Kgafela, Botswana Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry and his delegation at the Rwanda pavilion.



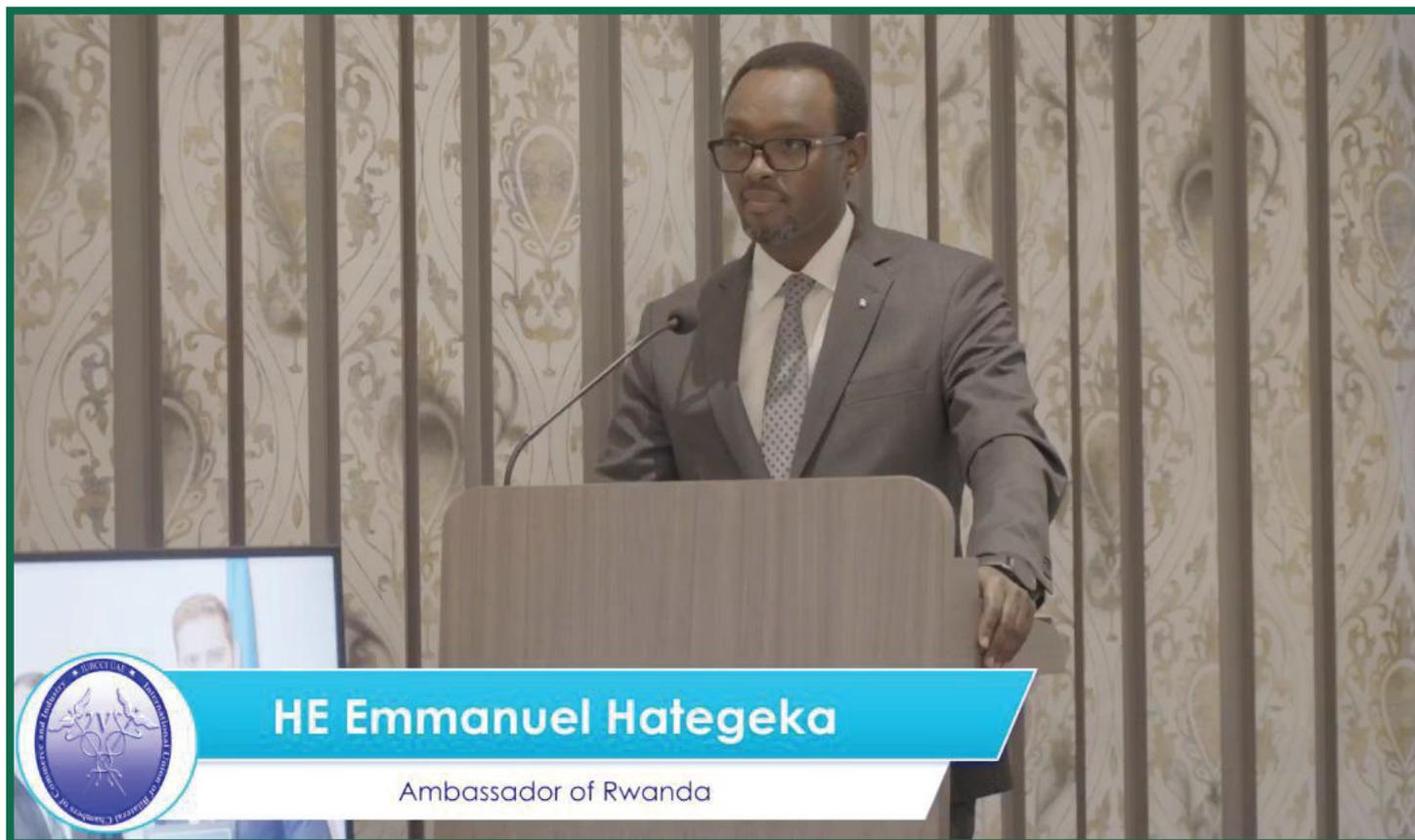
On 6th October Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka welcomed Ambassador Fatma M. Rajab, Deputy Permanent Secretary at Tanzania Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, and her team at the Rwanda pavilion. They tried the VR gorilla trek and really enjoyed the experience.

Rwanda invites visitors to taste free coffee, virtual gorilla trek at Expo 2020 Dubai



Rwanda Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai is attracting many visitors for many reasons including the best coffee and Virtual Reality Gorilla trekking. Visit the Rwanda pavilion in the opportunity district and join many expo goers who are really enjoying the experience.

The opportunity to invest in Rwanda has never been as lucrative – Amb. Hategeka



On 20th October 2021 in Dubai, H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka spoke at the High End Congress of Economic Diplomacy organized by the International Union of Bilateral Chambers of Commerce and Industry (IUBCCI). He presented Rwanda's development, trade and business opportunities.

Ambassador Hategeka told the audience gathered physically and virtually that trade and strategic investments have been a cornerstone of Rwanda's growing economy and social welfare and emphasized that visionary leadership, ambitious policies and targets laid the groundwork for a rising business hub, attractive to investors from across the world.

"Rwanda is a top destination for investment and trade for many reasons: Rwanda is among the top 40 countries in the ease of doing business globally, the least corrupt country in East Africa, first transparent country in Africa, safe and open for everyone, among others," Ambassador Hategeka said.

He underscored that by trading and investing in and with Rwanda, business people and investors are not only eyeing the market of around 13 million Rwandan population. They are rather establishing in a strategic gateway to the East African Community home to 177 million citizens with a combined GDP of \$193 billion and importantly connecting to 1.3 billion people across 55 African Union member states with a combined gross domestic product valued at \$3.4 trillion.

"For any investor considering Africa for growth and expansion, the opportunity has never been as lucrative. The time to do business with Rwanda, to Invest in Rwanda and Visit Rwanda is now, don't wait any longer. Rwanda is open to the world!" Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka emphasized.

WATCH IN FULL: SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR EMMANUEL HATEGEKA | HIGH END CONGRESS OF ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY|DUBAI- 20 OCTOBER 2021

Rwanda inks deal with BioNTech to set up Vaccine Manufacturing Plant worth over \$116m



Rwanda inked a deal with Germany biotechnology giant, BioNTech that will see the East African country host the first mRNA-based vaccines manufacturing plant that is estimated to cost \$116m upwards, with construction expected to start mid-next year.

The historic announcement was made on Tuesday 26th October at the kENUP roundtable, on the sidelines of the 2nd African Union-European Union Ministerial Meeting that was hosted in Kigali.

The first highly anticipated manufacturing facility will become a node in a decentralized and robust African end-to-end manufacturing network. Once fully operational, the plant will be producing at least 50 million vaccine doses annually.

Read more: [Rwanda inks deal with BioNTech to set up Vaccine Manufacturing Plant worth over \\$116m | KT Press](#)

Rwanda among top 5 adventurous vacations for true adrenaline junkies



Emirates Woman reported that Rwanda is among five of the most adventurous vacations for true adrenaline junkies especially with the option of gorilla trekking. Visit Rwanda to see some of the most magnificent creatures known to man up close in their natural habitat in Rwanda. Gorillas are some of the most awe-inspiring animals across the globe and getting to experience these animals up close will be an encounter you will never forget.

Read more: [5 of the most adventurous vacations for true adrenaline junkies](#)

Rwanda among safest countries for solo travelers



Rwanda has been ranked sixth among the top 10 safest countries for solo travelers in the world. It is the only African country on the list. The ranking is conducted by usebounc.com in order to help travelers to choose their future solo vacation spot.

The website which offers luggage storage around the world reported that it has based its ranking on two criteria: the score of the crime index, and the score of the security index, meaning that one prepares to travel on their own, one of the essential criteria to take into account is the safety of the country in which they are going. The ranking is mainly made up of European countries, with one Asian country (Japan), and an African country (**Rwanda**).

Read more: [Rwanda among safest countries for solo travelers | The New Times](#)

Kigali International Financial Center roots for partnership with UAE based financial centers



A Rwandan delegation met with DIFC CEO Mr. Arif Amiri in Dubai



A Rwandan delegation met with Abu Dhabi Global Market Mr. Mark Nickolas Cutis in Abu Dhabi

A delegation from Rwanda Finance Limited mandated to promote Kigali International Financial Center met with leaders of Dubai International Financial Center and Abu Dhabi Global Market in a move to foster institutional partnerships.

Accompanied by Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka and Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi, Nick Barigye, CEO of Rwanda Finance Limited along with Senior Strategy and Policy Analyst Michelle Umurungi met with DIFC CEO Mr. Arif Amiri on 27th October in Dubai. The two delegations agreed to foster cooperation in the area of Fintech and joint marketing strategies.

The same Rwanda delegation met with Mr. Mark Nickolas Cutis, CEO of Abu Dhabi Global Market on 28th October in Abu Dhabi. They exchanged on potential institutional collaboration.

Rwanda, UAE Space Agencies to strengthen bilateral relations



On 26th October, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Col. Francis Ngabo, CEO of Rwanda Space Agency, held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Eng. Salem Butti Al Qubaisi, Director General of the UAE Space Agency in the margins of the International Astronautical Congress. The meeting was focused on exploring opportunities to deepen cooperation between the Rwanda Space Agency and UAE Space Agency within the framework of institutional collaboration.

Amb. Hategeka, Black Tulip Chairman discuss business opportunities



On 25th October, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi paid a follow up visit to Black Tulip and met the Chairman Mr. Mohamed Ehiya and his team in Sharjah, UAE.

Black Tulip, a UAE based company engaged in flower production, import and export in Asia, Europe and Africa, firmed up a visit to Rwanda soon to explore the sector opportunities.