



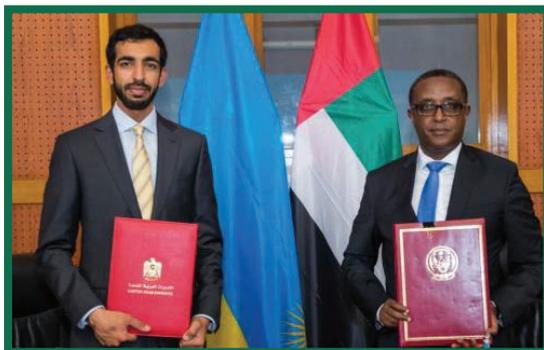
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#Kwibuka28: The hard, bad lessons should never be put to waste – Kagame



H.E President Paul Kagame said that 28 years since the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, every year that passes makes Rwandans stronger and better. President Kagame shared the message while speaking at the Kigali Genocide Memorial as the country started the commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

Every year on April 7, Rwandans and friends of Rwanda come together to honor the more than a million innocent lives that were lost within just 100 days. “A day like this is a moment when people are speechless. Not because of lacking freedom to speak as some want to characterize us, but because of what we went through.”

Kagame’s remarks followed a grim account by Jean Nepomscene Sibomana, who survived the Genocide in the current Gatsibo district. He lost both parents and all his siblings. The 39-year old said he is now blessed with a family and has two children, thanks to the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF).

“Imagine if those of us who were carrying arms had allowed ourselves to pursue those who were killing our people indiscriminately and also killed them? First of all we would be right to do so. But we didn’t,” Kagame said.

He added, some of them (perpetrators) are still living today. They are in their villages, others are in government, others are doing business. Yet people have the audacity to say what they say about us. “But the most important thing is that these very hard, bad lessons should never be wasted. For the past 28 years, every year that passes makes us stronger and better people.”

Small country, big on justice

President Kagame highlighted that Rwanda is a small country but big on justice, citing that ‘some’ other countries are big and powerful but small on justice. “They have no lessons to offer because they are part of history that led to what happened here.”

“The fact that they are part of what happened here is the very reason they do not give us peace. They want to cover up their deeds,” he asserted.

Kagame pointed out that they want to cover up for their silence to the calls to help Rwandans when they were being killed in 1994.

“So according to them, we are all the same. But we are not the same. That is why we did not kill another one million on top of those we lost on the hands of these criminals.”

He said that the fact that Rwandans decided to abolish the death penalty at the time when the country was coming out of a genocide is further demonstration of a nation that was determined to build a society anchored on restorative justice.

“In fact some of those powerful countries accusing us of lacking justice actually do have the death sentence and they are still hanging people,” he said.

Rwanda decides for herself

Kagame said that there are three systems of governance, citing democracy, autocracy and hypocrisy, which he said lies between the first two. For Rwanda, he said, we will carry the name anyone will want to give them.

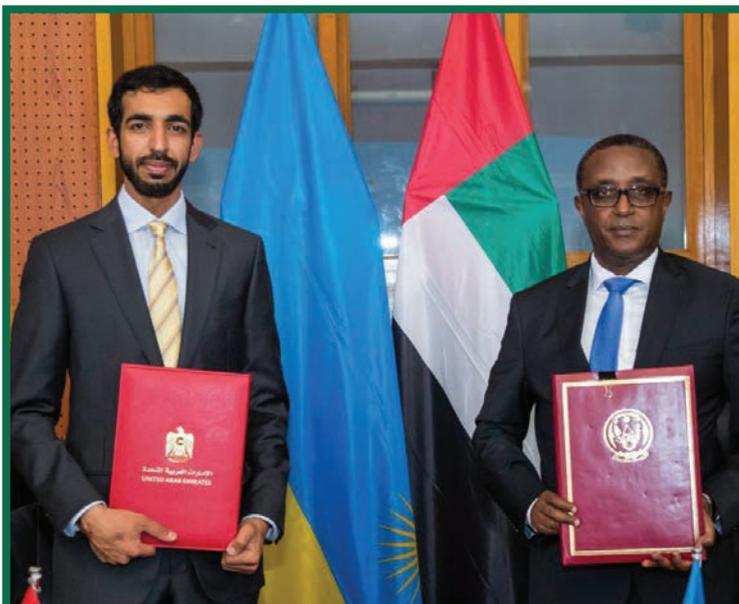
President Kagame, Sheikh Shakhboot discuss Rwanda-UAE cooperation



On 28th April 2022 at Urugwiro Village, H.E President Paul Kagame met with a delegation led by UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Sheikh Shakhboot Bin Nahyan Al Nahyan for discussions on existing areas of bilateral cooperation.

Rwanda and the UAE have excellent collaboration in different areas including but not limited to trade and investment, security, education, health, ICT and innovation.

Rwanda, UAE sign an Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation



On 28th April 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Vincent Biruta received UAE's Foreign Affairs Minister of State H.E Sheikh Shakhboot Bin Nahyan Al Nahyan and his delegation.

They discussed boosting economic cooperation between the two countries and signed an Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation.

The Agreement will facilitate various forms of economic and technical cooperation between the two friendly countries and will contribute to the development and enhancement of mutual economic relations.

H.E Sheikh Shakhboot Bin Nahyan Al Nahyan and his accompanying delegation were received on the previous day by Minister of State, Prof Nshuti Manasseh. Discussions between the two sides focused on the implementation progress of economic cooperation projects of mutual interest and explored new opportunities between Rwanda and the UAE.

Rwanda, Abu Dhabi Chamber keen to expand economic cooperation



The Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCI) and the Embassy of Rwanda in Abu Dhabi discussed trade cooperation and economic partnerships between businesses in both countries

This came during the visit of the Ambassador of Rwanda to the UAE, H.E Emmanuel Hategeka and the accompanying delegation to the Chamber, where they were received by Mohamed Helal Al Mheiri, Director-General of ADCCI. The two sides discussed the available investment opportunities in both countries.

They also discussed building strong and distinguished trade partnerships and the growth and prosperity of their respective economies.

"Economic relations between the UAE and Rwanda witnessed unprecedented development over the past several years, which is reflected on the trade movement between the two countries, especially in trade, technological, tourism and educational sectors," Al Mheiri said.

He explained that there are numerous cooperation agreements signed between the two countries on avoidance of double taxation as well as agreements to protect investments and improve investors' credibility in both countries' economies.

During the meeting, Al Mheiri pointed to the keenness of Abu Dhabi to explore promising African markets and to form new partnerships with their Rwandan counterparts. Furthermore, Al Mheiri briefed the visitors about the features of the business environment in Abu Dhabi such as the ease of setting up businesses and the encouraging legislative system for foreign investors as well as the logistics, infrastructure, and economic incentives.

"We, at the Abu Dhabi Chamber, are completely ready to support the economic relations between Abu Dhabi and Rwanda and to coordinate business meeting to explore the available business opportunities in both countries," he remarked.

Ambassador Hategeka pointed to the strong economic relations between Abu Dhabi and Rwanda, which is progressing significantly to reflect in the flow of Emirati investments into his country. The Ambassador added that Rwanda was successful in making numerous achievements that helped in attracting foreign investments, making it a pioneer in African tourism.

Ambassador Hategeka thanked the Abu Dhabi Chamber for the welcome he received, expressing his country's keenness to support economic relations between businesses in both countries. He pointed to the available investment opportunities in Rwanda, especially in the energy sector, manufacturing, ICT, mining, infrastructure, and tourism.

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Rwanda Embassy in the UAE distributes 100 Iftar meals in Abu Dhabi



On 17th April 2022, H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with diplomats and staff of Rwanda Mission in the UAE distributed 100 Iftar meals to one of the communities in Abu Dhabi joining other organizations that continue to share food with friends and family aiming to cultivate the spirit of generosity and compassion during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Rwanda's investments nearly tripled in 2021



In 2021, Rwanda Development Board recorded growth in key sectors that include investment registration, tourism, exports and skills development compared to 2020. The year 2020 was characterized by the global economic slowdown that resulted from the impact of COVID-19.

RDB registered investments worth US\$3.7 billion in 2021, up from US\$1.3 billion in 2020. This is the highest investment registration to date, and was driven by strategic investment projects. The new investments are expected to create 48,669 jobs – representing a 97% increase from the previous year. The government aims to create 214,000 new jobs from investments and other employment sources every year.

Economic sectors that attracted the most significant registered investments in 2021 include Construction, Real Estate, and Manufacturing (including agro-processing), which accounted for 72% of all investments registered. Construction accounted for 31%, Real Estate 26%, and Manufacturing (including agro-processing) 15%. Other sectors that attracted significant investment are Financial and Insurance Services, Agriculture, Accommodation and Food Services, Energy, Health and ICT.

Growth of investments in Construction, Real Estate, Manufacturing and Agro-Processing is attributed to the Manufacture and Build to Recover program that provides tax incentives to investors in these sectors. This is in addition to the New Investment Code that has made it easy for investors to thrive in Rwanda.

Some of the investments registered in 2021 include; US\$ 237.9 Million by Ultimate Developers Ltd for the development of Vision City, Phase Two, a US\$145.9 Million investment by Rwanda Ultimate Golf Course Ltd into the Kigali Golf Resort and Villa Project, a US\$20.7 Million powdered milk project and a US\$22.5 Million by Global Electric Vehicle Ltd to manufacture Electric Vehicles.

Tourism was one of the sectors heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The government implemented several initiatives to revive the sector, including the Rwf100billion Economic Recovery Fund, half of which was dedicated to tourism and hospitality. Tourism revenues increased by 25%, from US\$131 million in 2020 to US\$164million in 2021. The MICE sector generated US\$12.5 million in 2021 compared to US\$5.4million in 2020. Total visitor arrivals increased by 2.8%, from 490,000 in 2020 to 512,000 in 2021. Sports events hosted during this period significantly contributed to visitor arrivals and revenues.

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Rwanda Development Board announced on 20th April that registration to attend the Commonwealth Business Forum 2022 is now open. Application can be done by visiting: <https://chogm2022.rw/CBF/>

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UAE jobs and visas: 60-day entry now standard for many visitors



The UAE will allow visitors and holiday makers to enter and stay for 60 days as standard.

The decision to double the time tourists can stay is one of a series of visa changes approved by the Cabinet.

It will benefit people looking for longer breaks and those who are considering a permanent move, while there are separate visas available for jobseekers – called a job exploration entry visa – a 60-day tourist visa would allow people an idea of what the lifestyle and job market have to offer.

Tourism numbers have steadily grown since the coronavirus pandemic slump when aircraft worldwide were grounded and lockdowns became the norm. Dubai International Airport, the busiest in the world for international traffic, recorded 29.1 million passengers through its terminals in 2021. [Read more on The National](#)

Expo 2020 Dubai helped accelerate recovery from COVID-19 pandemic



Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, stressed on the key role of Expo 2020 Dubai in accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and achieving growth in all economic sectors.

Al Zeyoudi said the Expo created an unprecedented opportunity for government institutions, private sector companies and academia to raise future agendas and benefit from the momentum it created, to establish sustainable partnerships. "We witnessed the importance of Expo 2020 Dubai, based on the values of dialogue and partnership and connecting minds and cultures," he said.

He also stressed that the distinguished outcomes of the major international event were underscored by its total number of visitors, amounting to 24 million.

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MF expects Saudi economy growth to more than double in 2022



The International Monetary Fund expects Saudi economy to grow by more than double in 2022 as oil prices are hitting multi-year high, The Fund known as IMF has raised its forecast for the growth of the Saudi GDP by 2.8 percent from last time 7.6 percent this year.

In its world economic outlook published on 19th April 2022, the IMF expects the GDP to fall to 3.6 percent in 2023 after raising this up from an earlier estimate of 2.8 percent.

"We raised our estimates of the growth rate of the Saudi economy by 2.8 percentage points, which reflects the increase in oil production in accordance with the OPEC+ agreement, in conjunction with the more non-oil output growth exceeding expectations," the report pointed out.

The IMF also forecasted Saudi inflation to be around 2.5 percent in 2022 down from last year, a trend that will continue in 2023 as well. [Read more on Arab News](#)

Bahrain bans selling, manufacturing, importing single-use plastic bags



Bahrain has announced it will ban selling, manufacturing, circulating and importing single-use plastic bags starting from September 18, 2022, local media reported.

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Tourism (MOICT) issued an order banning selling, manufacturing, circulating and importing single-use plastic bags that are less than 35 microns in thickness.

Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Industry and Commerce, said the decision is aimed at supporting environmental protection initiatives and limiting the spread of plastic waste. He highlighted the ban is in line with the government's plans of securing an environment that supports sustainability and reduces pollution. [Read more on Gulf News](#)

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His Excellency Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka and the whole team at Rwanda Mission in UAE wish you and your family good health, happiness and a blessed Eid Al Fitr!

