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## President Kagame meets with Sheikh Shakhboot in Davos



On 23rd May 2022, H.E President Paul Kagame met with Sheikh Shakhboot Bin Nahyan Al Nahyan, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum annual meeting in the Swiss town of Davos.

## President Kagame, Ahmed A. A. Kattan discuss Rwanda- Saudi Arabia relations



On 19th May 2022, H.E President Paul Kagame received Ahmed A. A. Kattan, Special Envoy and Advisor at the Royal Court of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and his accompanying delegation to discuss strengthening existing bilateral relations.

During the meeting, they reviewed the relations between the two countries and ways to enhance them in all fields, in addition to strengthening cooperation in the economic and investment fields, developments in regional and international events, and topics of common interest.

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## Minister Vincent Biruta visits the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Hon. Minister Vincent Biruta had an official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where he held a bilateral meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Highness Prince Faisal Bin Farhan Al Saud on 15th May 2022. The two Ministers discussed strengthening Cooperation between Rwanda and Saudi Arabia.

On the margins of his official visit, Minister Vincent Biruta visited Al - Masmak Museum that tells the story of King Abdul Aziz and the beginning of the modern-day Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

While in Riyadh, Minister Vincent Biruta had a conversation with Rwandan students currently studying in Saudi Arabia. Over 94 students study in different universities on Saudi Government scholarship. [Read about the bilateral meeting on Saudi Press Agency](#)

## Rwanda nominated as IRENA Council member for the 2023-2024 term



Rwanda's Permanent Representative to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka participated in the 23rd meeting of IRENA Council on 24-25 May in Abu Dhabi. The meeting nominated Rwanda along with Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria and Zimbabwe as members representing Africa group for the 2023-2024 term.

The nomination to IRENA Council will be approved by the IRENA General Assembly in January 2023. The Council's responsibilities include facilitating consultation and cooperation among member states, reviewing the Agency's work programme, budget and annual report among others.

With 167 Members (166 States and the European Union) and 17 additional countries in the accession process and actively engaged, IRENA promotes the widespread adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy in the pursuit of sustainable development, energy access, energy security and low-carbon economic growth and prosperity.

## Wollongong University in Dubai hosts Amb. Hategeka for a conversation on #Kwibuka28



On Monday, 23 May, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka had an interactive conversation with students and faculty at The University of Wollongong in Dubai's School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Health on the 28th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The conversation was also attended by members of the Rwandan Community in Dubai-UAE. The Ambassador explained the genesis and the implementation of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and Rwanda's rebirth.

Ambassador Hategeka told the audience that it is very important to remember the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi to pay respect to over 1 million victims, honour and learn from the resilience of genocide survivors and remind that the genocide against the Tutsi is a historical indelible fact. He added that the 28th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi is an occasion to reflect on Rwanda's rebirth post 1994 and recommit to "our national transformation and sustainable development while sharing lessons learnt."

Speaking on the genocide genesis, the Ambassador explained that the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi was neither an accident nor a coincidence. "It was the climax of a long extermination plan orchestrated against the Tutsi by two consecutive genocidal regimes building on the colonial divisionism legacy," he said.

Asked about how Rwanda was able to rebuild itself, Ambassador Hategeka said that the first hurdle was to forge reconciliation and unity in a shattered social fabric, noting that survivors agreed to forgive and reconcile but not to forget. "Under the post genocide government everything was a priority but most importantly security. Rwanda's renaissance was enabled by three big choices: Unity, Accountability and Thinking Big. Efficiency and zero tolerance to corruption and home grown solutions allowed to attain great achievements using limited resources," he noted.

On economic transformation, he pointed out that the GDP grew 14-fold between 1994 and 2019 while the GDP per capita increased seven-fold over the same period. The GDP has risen from \$752 million in 1994 to \$9.7 billion in 2020.

Responding to a question on benefits of advancing education about the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, Ambassador Hategeka observed that students and teachers are current and future researchers and influencers, therefore it is essential that they know and understand the true history as we continue the fight against genocide denial.

The conversation on #Kwibuka28 was hosted by Associate Professor Dr. Feras Hamza, Head of School of Humanities, social sciences and Health and Dr. William Gueraiche, Program Director of the Master of International Relations at The University of Wollongong in Dubai.

## Rwanda's Green Promoters scoop the Wege Prize 2022


GREEN PROMOTERS

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## First Place

# Wege Prize 2022



**MARIE MERCI UWIMBABAZI**  
Conservation Agriculture  
Rwanda Institute for  
Conservation Agriculture  
Rwanda, Africa



**UWERA DESANGE**  
Conservation Agriculture  
Rwanda Institute for  
Conservation Agriculture  
Rwanda, Africa



**DIANE MUSHONGANONO**  
Conservation Agriculture  
Rwanda Institute for  
Conservation Agriculture  
Rwanda, Africa



**EMMANUEL TUYISHIME**  
Electrical Engineering  
United Arab Emirates University  
United Arab Emirates, Western Asia



**PROVIDENCE MUSHIMIRE**  
Entrepreneurship  
Davis College  
Rwanda, Africa

Green Promoters, a group of young Rwandan innovators scooped the Wege Prize 2022 organized by Kendall College of Art and Design's Wege Center for Sustainable Design-USA with support from the Wege Foundation. The competition ignites game-changing solutions for the future by inspiring college and university students around the world.

Made of Rwandan students with a passion for agriculture and environmental sustainability from Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture, UAE University and Davis College- Akilah, Green Promoters won first place in this year's competition with US\$30,000 cash prize. The money will be used to make an environmentally friendly, safe and affordable product which can be used as both pesticide and fertilizer.

Commenting on the award, Green Promoters Team Leader Uwimbabazi Marie Merci, student at Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture said that it was a very big honor for the team to represent Rwanda and their universities on a global stage and win the biggest prize which will be the initial investment to the implementation of their project. "We were privileged to be awarded as the first winner of Wege Prize 2022 and we are moving forward to the implementation of this idea so as to serve our community and the world."

The young innovators are very hopeful that their product will make a significant impact. "The new product and processes benefit the challenges of waste and idle resources in various communities, while creating new opportunities. The introduction of EZA Two-in-One promises to reduce the costs of imported inputs, while also promoting safety in agricultural production in Rwanda," said Green Promoters team member Emmanuel Tuyishime, student in the College of Electrical Engineering at UAE University.

This year's Wege Prize 2022 attracted 31 teams from 70 global academic institutions from 29 countries. They contended for \$65,000 (USD) in total cash prizes, while helping to show the world what the future of problem solving looks like. The competition winners were announced on 20th May 2022.

## Rwanda's Ishimwe competes in Fair Break Invitational Tournament 2022 in Dubai



On 10th May 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka was invited as honorary coin toss for the cricket tournament at the Dubai International Cricket stadium where Rwanda's Ishimwe Henriette joined team #TheBarmyArmy which was competing in Fairbreak Invitational Tournament.

Amb. Hategeka encouraged Henriette to seize the opportunity and exceed expectations while playing with Top tier cricketers in the Fairbreak Invitational Tournament 2022 in Dubai, UAE.

The FairBreak Invitational Tournament 2022 is an ICC sanctioned competition which took place from May 1 – 15, 2022 in Dubai. The six-team tournament was made up of players from all around the world and is the world's first privately funded tournament in women's cricket history.

## CHOGM 2022: Rwanda Working Round The Clock To Maintain Readiness



**CHOGM**  
**RWANDA 2022**

The Ministry of Infrastructure (MININFRA) says the expansion and construction of 13.8 kilometers long Sonotube-Gahanga-Akagera road worth Rwf65billion will be completed ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

In hospitality sector, over 128 hotels country are fully prepared, with over 8000 rooms ready to host about 5000 to 6000 guests that are expected to attend CHOGM.

The high-end meeting is scheduled to take place since June 20, 2022. [Read more on KT Press](#)

## The Commonwealth Business Forum is coming, have you registered?



Attending the CHOGM 2022?

Register now to attend the Commonwealth Business Forum, a unique platform bringing together business and government leaders from across the Commonwealth.

Register; <https://www.chogm2022.rw>

## Minister Paula meets with Saudi Minister of Communications in Davos



Hon. Paula Ingabire, Minister of ICT and Innovation of the Republic of Rwanda met with Saudi Minister of Communications and Information Technology Eng. Abdullah bin Amer Al-Swaha on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on 25th May 2022. The two Ministers discussed deepening cooperation between the two countries and reviewed Saudi Arabia's pioneering expertise in digital transformation

[Read more on Saudi Press Agency](#)

## Rwanda's culture and attractions showcased at Students Cultural Festival in Islamic University of Madinah



Rwandan students showcased Rwanda's culture and attractions at the 10th edition of The Students Cultural Festival organized by the Islamic University of Madinah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 19-26 May 2022.

Students from more than 100 countries participated in the festival [More about the festival on Saudi Press Agency](#)

## JURISDICTION CORNER

### Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed elected President of the UAE



The Federal Supreme Council on 14 May unanimously elected His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as President of the United Arab Emirates.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Presidential Affairs said that according to Article 51 of the Constitution, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was unanimously elected as the President of the UAE to succeed the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan who passed away on 13th May 2022. The Federal Supreme Council expressed its full confidence that the people of the UAE will remain, as Sheikh Zayed and the founders believed, "a faithful guardian of the Union and its gains at all levels". [Read more on WAM](#)

### 11 Saudi government agencies to develop Unified Visa Platform

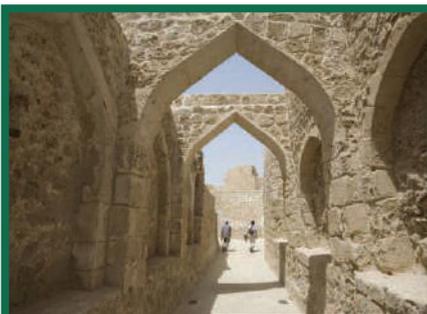


A total of 11 ministries and government agencies have been assigned the task of developing a Unified National Visa Platform, according to a decision taken by the Council of Ministers on May 17. As per the decision, the National Information Center (NIC) will host the Unified National Visa Platform.

The Cabinet decided to transform the Online Visa Platform under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to NIC. The weekly session of the Council stated that the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development will be responsible – through its platforms – for all work visa applications submitted by natural or legal persons and sent for approval to the Unified National Platform for Visas at MOFA.

[Read more on WAM](#)

### Bahrain plans to double the size of its tourism sector in five years



Bahrain is confident it can attract 14 million visitors annually by 2026 as it almost doubles its tourism sector's contribution to economic output to 11.4 per cent.

The kingdom's accelerated tourism push will build on previous achievements, in tandem with plans to build up its business events sector, while boosting growth from markets such as India, China and the US, Zayed Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, told the media on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos.

[Read more on The National](#)