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H.E President Kagame meets with UAE President in Abu Dhabi



On Wednesday 15th June in Abu Dhabi, H.E President Paul Kagame was received by UAE President H.H Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at Al Shati Palace.

During their meeting, H.E President Paul Kagame offered his condolences to the UAE President and people over the passing of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and congratulated Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan on his election as President of the UAE, wishing him success and the UAE further development and prosperity. The UAE President thanked President Kagame for his sincere feelings towards the UAE and its people, and expressed his wishes of more growth and prosperity for Rwanda.

The meeting also discussed the ongoing bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and the United Arab Emirates.

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H.E President Kagame thanks organisers, delegates as CHOGM ends



H.E President Paul Kagame shared his thoughts on the organisation and attendance of the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The high-level meeting was hosted in Rwanda from June 19-June 25.

In tweets put on Sunday 26th June, the President took note of the efforts invested in the organisation and security for the delegates during the week-long meetings. “Congratulations to all the organisers, the security forces who kept everyone safe, the staff across all venues and all Rwandans who contributed to the success of #CHOGM2022! Thank you immensely for doing the country proud!” H.E President Kagame tweeted.

The President went on to thank the delegates who attended the summit and reaffirmed the unity of the commonwealth as the Chair-in-Office of the bloc that has since grown from 54 to 56 members after the admission of Togo and Gabon. “Thank you to all 4,000 participants who joined us for #CHOGM2022. To my fellow leaders, it was an honor to host you all in Rwanda to reaffirm our united resolve to deliver a prosperous, dignified future for the citizens of the Commonwealth family. We wish you all a safe trip home!” he tweeted.

This was the first CHOGM to be hosted by any African country since Rwanda joined the 56-nation association 13 years ago and the sixth to take place on the continent.

[Read more: President Kagame thanks organisers, delegates as CHOGM ends | The New Times](#)

Kwibuka28: Rwandans in UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain commemorate



The Rwandan community in the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Bahrain convened in Abu Dhabi and remotely to commemorate for the 28th time the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. One of the cruelest tragedy in human history, the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi saw over one million innocent Tutsi brutally killed in barely a hundred days.

Officials, members of diplomatic corps and friends of Rwanda joined Rwandans in the commemoration event which served as an occasion to recall the horrendous past and reflect on Rwanda's daunting reconstruction journey.

"The renaissance of Rwanda post 1994 is a vast chronicle of forgiveness, people's resilience and visionary leadership. This is because we were tested, deemed a failed state, torn into parts but refused to surrender and learnt the hard way," H.E Emmanuel Hategeka, Ambassador of Rwanda to the UAE stated.

He reminded that courageous men and women who stopped the genocide laid a strong foundation for a modern day Rwanda under the leadership of H.E President Paul Kagame but the challenge ahead lies in hands of the youth.

"Rwanda has embarked on a new 30-year journey towards vision 2050 for a prosperous and dignified life for all citizens. Our youth today have taken up the challenge and we call upon you the youth to continue to uphold Rwandan values of resilience, patriotism, courage and integrity to ensure that the Rwandan spirit prevails wherever you are even in times of adversity," Ambassador Hategeka added.

H.E Khalid Al-Rashidi, Director of Africa in UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation expressed UAE solidarity with the Government and people of Rwanda. "I join you today to honor and remember those who lost their lives in the genocide against the Tutsi and share solidarity with the survivors who lost their families and friends during the genocide. We stand today in solidarity with the people of Rwanda in remembering the hardest period of their history," H.E Khalid Al-Rashidi said.

Dr. Francis Gaudreault, a Professor at Zayed Military University in UAE and an Associate Researcher at University of Ottawa's Centre on Governance, who spoke as a friend of Rwanda, said that Rwanda's miracle was enabled by resilient people and inspiring leadership. "Rwanda's resilience is really something amazing. If we talk about the country itself, what they call the Rwandan miracle, just like we tell about the East Asia miracle, the ability to be able to develop the country like this, how many countries have made such change after events like this? I think we should talk about Rwanda's people, Rwanda's governance and the leadership which is really inspiring."

Post 1994, under the leadership of H.E President Paul Kagame, Rwanda's transformation was catalyzed by principles of Unity, Accountability and Thinking Big.

"These very hard and bad lessons should never be wasted. Every year that passes makes us stronger and better people," H.E President Kagame said on April 7, 2022 in his remarks at the 28th National Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

Kwibuka28 event in the UAE also featured messages of hope by the youth and a moving testimony shared by Pauline Kayitare Mukayiranga, a genocide survivor who lived in Karongi during the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi.

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Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy Students and faculty learn about Rwanda's history and transformation model



On Wednesday 22nd June, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka received Post-Graduate Diploma cohort and faculty members at Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy in Abu Dhabi who visited the embassy to learn about Rwanda's history, culture, governance and development model. Amb. Hategeka gave a lecture including videos covering pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial Rwanda as well as modern day Rwanda post the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

The Ambassador told the delegation that, under the visionary leadership of H.E President Paul Kagame, Rwanda's transformation post 1994 was catalyzed by three big choices: Unity, Accountability and Thinking Big. He added that people's participation, dialogue and consultation among parties are traits of Rwanda's model that transformed the country.

Reflecting on the transformation journey over the last 28, Ambassador Hategeka explained that Rwanda registered remarkable progress including security, average economic growth of 7.8% p.a, poverty reduction, free primary and secondary education, improved healthcare, ease of doing business, booming tourism with visa on arrival for all and many more.

On students' question about Rwanda's Foreign Policy, the Ambassador said that Rwanda has established itself as a reliable global partner, in pursuit of peace, security and stability as well as wealth creation through development cooperation. On Rwanda-UAE relations, Amb. Hategeka said "Our two countries enjoy excellent relations based on principles of mutual trust and win-win collaboration in areas of trade and investment, technology and education among others."

MINEDUC, Hult International Business School in Dubai sign an MOU



On Tuesday 28th June, on behalf of Rwanda Ministry of Education, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka signed an MoU with Hult International Business School in Dubai for the provision of tuition grants to Rwandan students wishing to pursue business related Masters studies.

Hult International Business School was represented by Prof. Dr. Serina Neri, the Dean and Executive Director of the Dubai based campus.

UAE signs Kigali Declaration in Rwanda reaffirming commitment to end NTDs



The UAE has reaffirmed its commitment to ending neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) after endorsing the Kigali Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases in Rwanda. The signing of the Declaration was celebrated on June 23rd, during the Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs, hosted by the Government of Rwanda on the sidelines of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

Sheikh Shakhboot bin Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation attended the Summit and signed the Kigali Declaration on behalf of the UAE. He attended representing President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and the Reaching the Last Mile initiative, which reflects Sheikh Mohamed's philanthropic commitments to disease elimination

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Min. Vincent Biruta receives SG of DCO Ms. Deemah



On 7th June, Hon. Minister Vincent Biruta received a courtesy call from Ms. Deemah Y. Al Yahya, the Secretary General of the Digital Cooperation Organization that Rwanda joined last year. The discussion was on how Rwanda can maximise the benefits of its membership and how the organisation can be made more relevant.

Ms. Deemah Y. Al Yahya and her accompanying delegation were in Rwanda to participate in the World Telecommunications Development Conference which was held in Kigali from 6th to 16th June 2022. Concluding the organization's inaugural visit to Rwanda, they announced the DCO Global Roundtable Series, an initiative that will bring together global digital economy leaders to develop an action plan for digital prosperity for all. The inaugural Roundtable began with a discussion between Rwanda's Minister of ICT Paula Ingabire, who hosted the DCO delegation, and the Secretary-General.

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Amb. Hategeka, Maldives' Ambassador to the UAE discuss multilateral and bilateral relations



On Thursday 9th June in Abu Dhabi, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka met H.E. Aminath Shabeena, Ambassador of the Republic of Maldives to the UAE. Their exchange focused on multilateral and bilateral issues of common interest between the two friendly countries.

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UAE capital first in Middle East to ban single-use plastic bags



Abu Dhabi introduced a ban on single-use plastic bags on 1st June 2022— a first for the Middle East. Shaikha Al Dhaheri, secretary general of Environment Agency Abu Dhabi, joined other government officials on a tour of branches of Lulu, Spinneys, Carrefour and Abu Dhabi Co-operative Society to see how the green scheme is being put into action.

Alternatives being provided to shoppers include thicker traditional-look plastic bags, which are intended for use between four and 10 times and can be recycled, bags made out of paper, and sturdy "bag for life"-type reusable juco and woven alternatives.

The policy was introduced to protect the environment. Estimates suggest that about 13 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year.

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UAE to host COP28 summit at Expo City Dubai



The 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP28) will be held at Expo City Dubai, UAE President H.H Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan announced on 22nd June 2022.

The Conference is expected to see over 45,000 participants daily, including heads of state, government officials, international industry leaders, private sector representatives, academics, experts and representatives of civil society organizations. It will run for 12 days from 6-17 November 2023.

COP28 focuses on key pillars, including the implementation of climate commitments and pledges, inclusion, working together to take concrete action and identifying solutions that contribute to overcoming challenges, and seizing opportunities to ensure a sustainable future for present and future generations.

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Saudi Arabia Participates in UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development Meeting in Rwanda



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented by Governor of Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC) Dr. Mohammed Al-Tamimi, participated in the UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development meeting in Rwanda to enhance work to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through spreading broadband and encouraging countries to adopt national policies for broadband to build the future of societies and develop it in the economic and social fields.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia contributes to the commission as an effective member to build a comprehensive digital post-pandemic future, encourage countries to adopt national broadband policies, utilize communications and information technology to realize SDGs through spreading broadband, bridge the digital gap among countries, provide ICT services for all to contribute to realizing economic and social welfare for peoples, and to enhance digital transformation and develop the digital economy globally. [Read more on SPA](#)

Bahrain ranks first in post-pandemic tourism recovery report



Bahrain received the highest rating in tourism recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, in a study published by a UK-based travel insurance website. Research done by experts at money.co.uk placed Bahrain's tourism recovery rate at about 95 per cent, indicating that the Gulf nation's 2021 tourist numbers bounced almost all the way back to the 2019 level of 3.8 million.

The study analyzed each country's tourist numbers in 2019, before the pandemic, and compared this with figures in 2021, to measure how well a nation's tourism industry recovered.

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Photo gallery: #Kwibuka28 in UAE

