



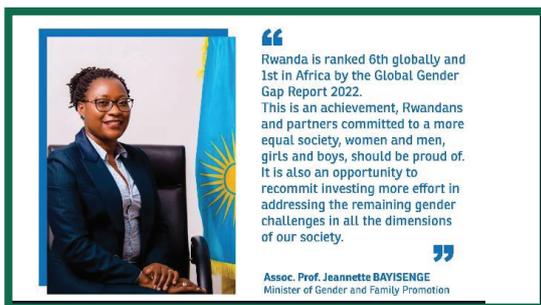
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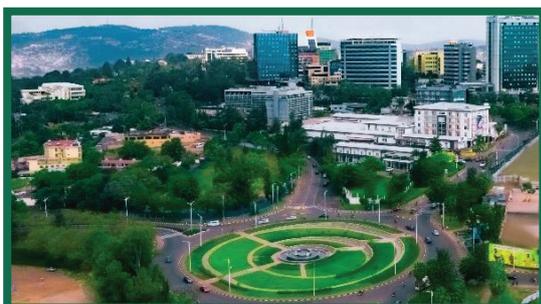
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H.E President Kagame Honours Retired Ghanaian Generals For Bravery During Genocide



H.E President Paul Kagame on July 4 conferred the National Order of Bravery (Indengabaganizi) to Maj. Gen (rtd) Henry Kwami Anyidoho and Maj. Gen. (rtd) Joseph Narh Adinkra, for their decision to stay back and save people during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

The President commended both Ghanaian Generals for their dedication and commitment and wished them a 'happy Liberation Day', which the country observes to celebrate the end of the Genocide. The Genocide was stopped by the Army wing of the Rwanda Patriotic Front.

The National Order of Bravery is awarded to an individual or group of individuals, who demonstrated outstanding supreme acts of self-sacrifice to save the life of one or many people.

A genocide produces no heroes, simply doing one's duty required exceptional courage like these generals did, most failed the test, [and] these officers did not, Kagame noted.

"The Ghanaian battalion saved countless lives under the most difficult circumstances and there is no soldier involved who does not carry invisible wounds in his heart to this day. Where others fled or were withdrawn by their governments, leaving Rwandans to their fate, these officers remained and continued to lead their men and women, and did what was right to do," the president said of them.

Anyidoho was the Deputy Force Commander of the Ghanaian contingent and Adinkra was the former Commanding Officer of the Ghanaian battalion in the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda in 1994.

They made a decision for the under resourced and outnumbered forces to stay behind and hold their position to protect thousands of civilians who sought refuge at the UN facilities during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

Anyidoho said: "At a time when the UN in New York was contemplating the decision to close down its mission in Rwanda in view of the deteriorating security situation, I said to myself as an African General playing a role in the mission, 'we cannot turn our backs on Rwanda.'"

He then sought and obtained approval from the government of Ghana to retain a residual force to assist in addressing the deteriorating security situation in whichever way possible.

"I am, therefore, privileged to receive this medal on behalf of officers and troops who stood behind me to ensure that, together we made humble contributions to assuring peace retained in Rwanda, I dedicate this medal to the heroes who paid their ultimate price and those who bore the scars of sharpened wounds in their bodies," he said. [Read more on the New Times](#)

Leaders Of Gulf Countries Congratulate Rwandan President On Independence Day



UAE President H.H Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan sent a message of congratulations to President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, on the occasion of Rwanda's Independence Day. H.H Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, also sent similar messages to President Kagame and Edouard Ngirente, Prime Minister of Rwanda.

Similarly, HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Rwanda Paul Kagame on Rwanda's Independence Day. HM the King expressed his best wishes to the president for good health and happiness on the national occasion.

[Read more on WAM and BNA](#)

Saudi Cabinet Approves Negotiation And Signing Of Rwanda-saudi Mou On Political Consultations

On Tuesday 26th July 2022 in Jeddah, The Saudi Cabinet meeting chaired by The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud was briefed on a draft MOU on political consultations between Rwanda and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Subsequently, the cabinet issued a decision authorizing the Minister of Foreign Affairs – or a deputy – to hold talks with the Rwandan side regarding a draft memorandum of understanding on political consultations between the Foreign Ministries of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Rwanda, sign it and refer the final copy to proceed with formal procedures.

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Amb. Hategeka Briefed On The Global Media Congress To Be Hosted In Abu Dhabi



Nathan Waugh – Portfolio Director at Capital Events briefing Ambassador Hategeka on the upcoming Global Media Congress

On 28th July 2022, H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka met with Nathan Waugh – Portfolio Director, Musthafa Ahmed- Show Manager and Rawdha Al Hameli – Senior Sales Executive at Capital Events, a subsidiary of ADNEC Group, which is co-organizing with the Emirates News Agency the inaugural Global Media Congress from November 15 to 17, 2022 in Abu Dhabi.

Discussions focused on benefits of the Congress and opportunities for Rwandan media and journalism students to participate in the Congress.

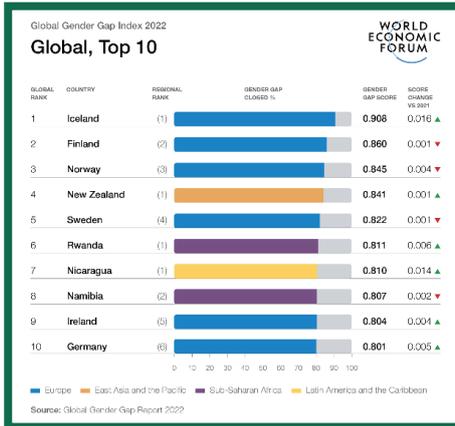
Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Presidential Court, the Global Media Congress is expected to provide opportunities for various actors in the media sector to discuss partnerships and ways of cooperation in strengthening mechanisms for developing civilized and human media in the service of humanity and developing societies through solid, reliable and highly credible content.

Rwanda Outshines African Countries In Closing Gender Gap



“ Rwanda is ranked 6th globally and 1st in Africa by the Global Gender Gap Report 2022. This is an achievement, Rwandans and partners committed to a more equal society, women and men, girls and boys, should be proud of. It is also an opportunity to recommit investing more effort in addressing the remaining gender challenges in all the dimensions of our society. ”

Assoc. Prof. Jeannette BAYISENGE
Minister of Gender and Family Promotion



The Global Gender Gap Report for 2022 ranked Rwanda the first in closing gender balance on the African continent and number six in the world. The Global Gender rankings are conducted by World Economic Forum annually and aims at improving gender balance, but also creating equal development opportunities for both males and females.

According to Global Gender Gap Index, the benchmarks of gender parity cuts across four key dimensions including Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment.

These factors are the longest-standing and help on tracking progress towards closing these gaps over time since its inception in 2006. This year, Rwanda scored 81.1%, leading the African continent and ranking 6th on closing the gender gap.

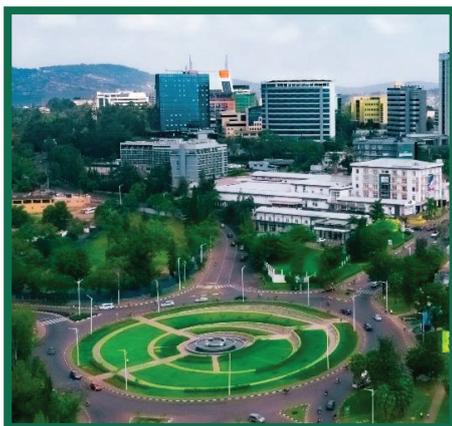
Namibia scored 80.7%, becoming the second and 8th globally. In Africa, only Rwanda and Namibia featured in the list of top ten, according to the report. Rwanda is the first country in the world to have majority female representation in its parliament with 61.3%.

UAE ranked first among Arab countries

While Rwanda ranked first in Africa, the UAE ranked first in the Arab world in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Gender Gap Report 2022. It climbed four global ranks to 68th place.

Commenting on Rwanda's and UAE's performance, H.E Hategeka Emmanuel, Ambassador of Rwanda to the UAE attributed the performance to the good leadership of the two countries. "We pay tribute to the great leadership of Rwanda and that of our host UAE leading the call to action on gender parity!" he said. [Read more on KT Press and WAM](#)

Rwanda Named Among Time Magazine's Top Destinations



A prominent American news magazine, TIME, named Rwanda among the world's top 50 destinations for the year 2022. To compile the list, TIME solicited nominations of places from its international network of correspondents and contributors, "with an eye toward those offering new and exciting experiences."

"Often described as the friendliest African city, the Rwandan capital of Kigali is pushing toward a green future, especially for its growing tourism trade," reads part of the article TIME wrote about Kigali.

Among other things, the magazine credited the city for initiatives like GuraRide, the new bike-sharing app that provides easy and affordable access to scooters, road bikes, and e-bikes.

"Kigali is also upgrading its roads as part of the recently launched years-long Kigali Infrastructure Project, which aims to ease congestion, provide more direct connection among hard-to-reach neighborhoods, and reduce pollution. Newly created car-free zones, the most recent launched in Gisimenti, let residents and visitors take back city streets on weekends," it further read.



Developments in the tourism sector, for example the first 18-hole golf course in the city at the new Kigali Golf Resort and Villas, and the opening of the Nyandungu Wetland Ecotourism Park also earned Kigali credit to feature on the list. In general, the list features places from different continents, ranging from Australia's the Great Barrier Reef, where visitors can see undersea wonders while participating in conservation efforts, to the ultra-high-tech city of Seoul.

Kigali and Nairobi were the magazine's urban picks from Africa, while South Africa's Franschhoek, Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park and Zambia's Lower Zambezi National Park were also recommended. In the Middle East, the emerging adventure ports destination of Ras Al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar capital Doha also made the cut. [Read more on The Time](#)

Rwanda Among Countries Chosen For AfCfta Pilot Trading



Rwanda has been picked among countries set to start trading under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) framework in a pilot phase that also involves six other countries.

The move seeks to test the environmental, legal and trade policy basis for intra-African trade, according to the Ghana-based AfCFTA secretariat.

Countries picked to participate in what's known as the AfCFTA Initiative on Guided Trade were announced during the 9th meeting of the AfCFTA Council of Ministers in the Ghanaian capital of Accra on Monday, July 25.

The other pilot countries include Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius and Tanzania.

Read more on The New Times

Meet In Remarkable Rwanda

2022

CALENDAR OF
KEY UPCOMING EVENTS



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<p>JULY</p> <p>African Taekwondo Championship 13 - 17 July Kigali Arena</p> <p>1st Africa Protected Areas Congress - APAC 18 - 22 July KCC</p> <p>African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science & Technology (AFRA) 18 - 22 July Marriott Hotel</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p>13th International Conference of Narrative therapy & Community Work 8 - 12 August Lemigo Hotel</p> <p>Kigali Global Dialogue - Observers Research Foundation 10 - 12 August Marriott Kigali</p> <p>Ironman Triathlon 14 August Rubavu</p>	<p>Gateway to Africa 'Ready to wear' Shoes and Leather' 18 - 20 August KCC</p> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Kwita Izina 2 September KINIGI- Kwita Izina site</p> <p>Africa Green Revolution Forum 5 - 9 September KCC</p> <p>Africa Football Business Summit 14 - 15 September KCC</p> <p>Aviation Africa 12 - 13 September KCC</p> <p>African Association Summit 23 - 24 September Intare Arena</p> <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Poultry Africa 5 - 6 October KCC</p>	<p>145th Inter Parliament Union (IPU) GA 11 - 15 October KCC</p> <p>YouthConnekt Africa Summit 13 - 15 October BK Arena & Intare Conference Arena</p> <p>Global Off - Grid Solar Forum & Expo 18 - 20 October KCC</p> <p>Mobile World Congress Africa (MWC) 24 - 28 October KCC</p> <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Gateway to Africa 'Food and Horeca' 2 - 4 November KCC</p> <p>DISCOP Africa 29 November - 1 December KCC</p> <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>International Conference on Public Health in Africa 13 - 15 December KCC</p>
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**SOME OF THE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Are you looking for an event to attend in Rwanda? The calendar of events from August-December 2022 can be accessed [here](#) Rwanda ranks 2nd most popular MICE destination in Africa according to the International Congress and Convention Association.



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INFO NOTE FOR PASSENGERS ARRIVING OR DEPARTING FROM RWANDA THROUGH KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The following Covid-19 travel guidelines and procedures are in place for travellers, effective immediately. These guidelines will be regularly reviewed and revised in light of health conditions.

Before Departure

- Covid-19 testing is no longer a requirement prior to boarding the flight to Rwanda. However, regular Covid-19 testing is encouraged.
- The Passenger Locator Form is no longer a requirement before departure.

Arrival

- An additional Covid test is no longer required upon arrival at Kigali International Airport.
- Certain meeting venues and national parks require Covid-19 tests. Testing is available at health facilities and other designated sites for 5,000 RWF (or US\$5) for rapid antigen tests, and 50,000 RWF (or US\$50) for PCR tests (required to access Virunga National Park). Rwandan citizens pay a subsidized cost for PCR tests of 30,000 RWF (or US\$30).
- Face masks are no longer mandatory in Rwanda, but people are encouraged to wear a face mask in public indoors/closed spaces.
- In addition, the public is urged to get frequently tested while continuing to observe preventive measures including social distancing and hand hygiene.

Test Results

Test results will be shared by SMS, and via the online portal accessible at www.rbc.gov.rw. In case of difficulty obtaining results, contact the RBC on 114 or covid@rbc.gov.rw.

Departure

- A Covid test is no longer a requirement to depart Rwanda by air.** However, Covid testing (at own cost) is available for all travellers whose final destination requires one at health centres and other designated sites.
- All Rwandan travellers aged 12 years and above must show proof of full vaccination before departing Rwanda by air. Fully vaccinated for people aged 18 years and above means having two doses and a booster when eligible (administered 3 months after second dose.)

Emergency contact information

Call 114 or email covid@rbc.gov.rw

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Uae President Sheikh Mohamed Sets Out His Vision In Address To The Nation

UAE President Sheikh Mohamed has set out his vision for his country, urging all people of the UAE to seize the opportunities before them to prosper. The head of state stressed that hard work, dedication and innovation would continue the strong growth the Emirates has seen in recent years.

In a broadcast on Wednesday July 13, he said that empowering the nation's people was the top priority for its leaders.

Sustainability, transparency, sovereignty and security are also crucial, he stressed. On international relations, he said the UAE would be a friend to those in need, delivering support and humanitarian aid "regardless of race or religion". [Read more on The New Times](#)



UAE to develop and launch advanced radar satellite constellation under new AED3 billion space sector fund

The UAE Space Agency announced on 17th July a new AED3 billion national investment and development fund for the space sector, The National Space Fund.

The Fund will support ground breaking new programmes launched to support international and Emirati companies co-operating in leading edge space sector engineering, sciences and research applications.

The Fund's first project to be launched to space will be a constellation of advanced remote sensing satellites using radar technologies to provide unparalleled imaging capabilities. [Read more on WAM](#)



Jeddah Security and Development Summit concludes with Optimism

On July 16 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, leaders who participated in the Jeddah Security and Development Summit released a communique stressing their keenness to confront challenges in the region and preserve security in the Middle East. The summit, hosted by Saudi Arabia, kicked off on Saturday 16 July with the participation of all GCC countries plus Egypt, Jordan and Iraq – also known as GCC+3. US President Joe Biden and other US officials who were on official visit in Saudi Arabia also took part in the regional summit.

The leaders discussed issues of security, energy and climate change, among others. On behalf of King Salman, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman inaugurated the summit. He said that Saudi Arabia has announced an increase in its production capacity level to 13 million barrels per day, after which the Kingdom will not have any additional capacity to increase production.

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Bahrain's quick Covid response documented in WHO case study

Bahrain's early response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been documented in a World Health Organization case study.

The case study looks at how Bahrain managed to overcome challenges through readiness and early response, the WHO said, as the pandemic took hold around the world.

It praises the country for forming a national task force in February 2020 – three weeks before its first case was reported. A round-the-clock "war room" was also formed.

[Read more on The National](#)



Happy Hijri New Year!

H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka together with all staff at the Mission of Rwanda in UAE wish you a prosperous, blessed and happy Hijri New Year!

