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## #CitizenOutreach: H.E President Kagame urges leaders on swift response to citizens' concerns



H.E President Paul Kagame urged leaders to solve citizens' problems swiftly without waiting for presidential citizen outreach visits. The Head of State made the call on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 as he visited Nyamagabe District as part of his four-day citizen outreach visits to Southern and Western provinces which began on 25th August.

During the visit, President Kagame interacted with thousands of residents at Nyagisenyi Stadium who voiced appreciation for achieved progress and raised concerns on issues affecting them in different areas including infrastructure. As he delivered remarks, President Kagame urged residents to take part in development activities and drew emphasis on poverty along Gitwe-Kaduha corridor.

The Head of State requested leaders to develop a habit of reaching out to citizens to hear their problems and find a solution because some of them are within their capacities. The Head of State also promised action on leaders not responding swiftly to citizens' concerns.

### President Kagame's outreach tours motivate leaders

Following President Paul Kagame's citizen outreach tour, leaders were encouraged to improve their service delivery, according to Jean-Marie Vianney Gatabazi, the Minister of Local Government.

"The citizens were eager to meet the president, with a big turnout and joy, and they had time to present their thoughts, wishes and sticking issues that we as locals and other concerned authorities should have solved," he said.

"We have noted the existing need for improvement of service delivery in order to solve the issues before they are presented to the head of state," Minister Gatabazi added.

The outreach tour came nine months after new local leaders, including district mayors, were elected. Gatabazi said the tour served as a lesson for the new leaders to understand the work they are expected to do.



**Read more on IGIHE and The New Times**

## Umuganura2022 in UAE: Rwandans tipped on productivity, cultural values



The Rwandan community and friends of Rwanda living in the United Arab Emirates met on 28<sup>th</sup> August in Dubai to celebrate Umuganura. It was an occasion for over 300 participants to celebrate and share the harvest, set targets for the future and relive Rwanda's cultural values of hard work, unity and patriotism.

Addressing the community at the event, the Ambassador of Rwanda to the UAE Emmanuel Hategeka explained the origins and significance of Umuganura Day and its role in promoting values of humanity, friendship and unity among members of the Rwandan society.

"As Rwandan community abroad, Umuganura has a very significant meaning. It's a time to share not only our harvest but a time to reflect on our cultural values embodied in Umuganura including hard work, unity and love for the country. We celebrate a leadership that has crafted a development model that draws from our rich traditions and aspirations for a better life. We celebrate our achievers mindful that we reap what we sow. We call upon all to defend Rwanda's image and exhibit values of integrity and unity of purpose," Ambassador Hategeka said.

Reflecting on national harvest and achievements, Ambassador Hategeka noted that there is a lot to celebrate 'as we set targets for the future'. Rwanda's GDP grew by 10.9% in 2021, up from a contraction of 3.4% recorded the previous year owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Rwanda continues to perform well in international partnerships and trade. The UAE has been a leading Rwanda's trade partner for the last two years.

"We thank Rwandans in the UAE for your contribution towards the development of Rwanda and your role in finding solutions to challenges faced by Rwandans in the jurisdiction and back home. In CanaChallenge campaign, Rwandans in the UAE supported solar based system lighting for up to 213 families. This is a commendable contribution," Ambassador Hategeka said, adding:

"You need to keep working hard, create businesses, provide jobs, and bring new innovations and acquired skills that are solutions oriented to spur our country's development."

In his remarks, The Chairperson of the Rwandan Community in UAE, Kassim Kaganda reiterated the community's commitment to Rwandan culture and their resolve to contribute to Rwanda's development programs."

"A country without a culture is on its downfall. We understand the responsibility to uphold our values. We commit to celebrate Umuganura every year. On development, I urge my fellow community members to participate in all government programs, investment and saving, among others," Kaganda said.

The celebration of Umuganura in UAE featured tasting Rwandan food and beverages and cultural entertainment by UAE RCA Uruyange cultural troupe who staged an exciting performance. Best dressed attendees in traditional and made in Rwandan attire were awarded different prizes including a business class ticket offered by RwandAir. Karambizi Emile was the lucky winner of grand prize.

Umuganura started to be celebrated first during the reign of Gihanga Ngomijana Ijaana in around 11<sup>th</sup> century. In 1925, the colonialists banned umuganura as part of the infamous divide and rule policy. It was restored by the Government of National Unity in 2011.

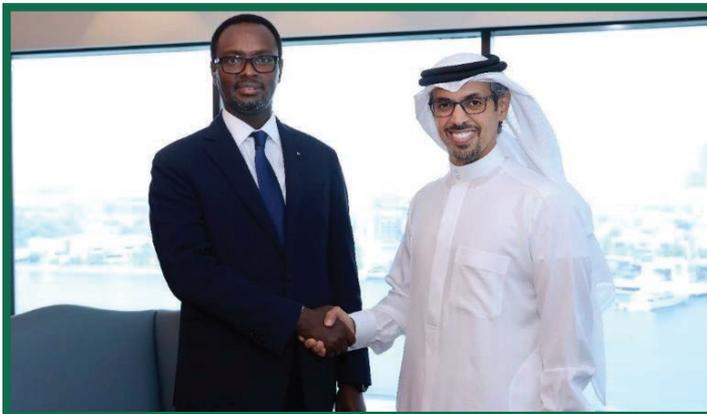
Normally, Umuganura is celebrated on the first Friday of August every year but activities celebrating the day are organized throughout the month of August.

## Ambassador Hategeka welcomes a new diplomat



On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka hosted a dinner with Embassy staff in Abu Dhabi to welcome Ms. Inès Mutoni who joined the Embassy as Second Counsellor. She was appointed by the Cabinet meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Amb. Hategeka met H.E Buamim, President and CEO of Dubai Chamber



On Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka met with H.E Hamad Buamim, outgoing President and CEO of Dubai Chamber and his team. They discussed ways of expanding the existing collaboration between Rwanda and Dubai in different areas of investment and trade. Amb. Hategeka took the opportunity to appreciate H.E Hamad Buamim contribution to strengthening UAE relations with Rwanda and the whole African continent.

### Amb. Hategeka, Mr. Reuben of RwandAir visit Dubai Tourism



On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Mr. Reuben Mbyonye Country Manager of RwandAir in UAE met Mr. Ahmad Al Falasi, CEO, Corporate Services & Investment, Dubai Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing. Discussions focused on co-curating activations to increase flows between Rwanda and UAE.

### Amb. Hategeka, officials at MOFAIC discuss advancing Rwanda-UAE relations



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka along with Second Counsellor Inès Mutoni met Ms. Ayesha Al Menhali, Deputy Director of Africa in UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOFAIC) and her team. Their discussions focused on advancing bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and the United Arab Emirates

### Amb. Hategeka and RwandAir delegation discuss ways of increasing UAE- Rwanda tourism flows



On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka along with Second Counsellor Inès Mutoni hosted RwandAir Chief Commercial Officer Mr. Jimmy Musoni and his team at the Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Discussions focused on activations to spur tourism and trade flows between UAE and Rwanda.

## Amb. Hategeka receives UDL delegation



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka along with Second Counsellor Inès Mutoni received and had discussions with a delegation from Ultimate Developers Ltd (UDL) led by CEO Alice Ntamitondero who had been on a benchmarking visit to the Sustainable City in Dubai by Diamond developers.

## Amb. Hategeka receives UDL delegation



On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka met Mr. Omar Al Dhiyebi, Founder and CEO of Regional Sports, one of the fastest growing academies based in Abu Dhabi. Discussions focused on ways to promote football among the youth through forging collaboration between Rwanda and UAE football clubs.

## Rwanda fresh produce exporters visit the UAE in search of business deals



In the week of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022, a group of Rwanda fresh produce exporters on a business visit met with senior managers of major fruits and vegetables distributors in the UAE including Silal-UAE, Al Dahra group and Del Monte in search of business deals that will increase Rwandan fresh products in the UAE.



On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022, another group Rwandan exporters of fresh products met the management of Farzana, Silal UAE and Jaleel Holdings, key importers and distributors in the UAE. The exporters explored market opportunities in the UAE.

## Masdar completes inaugural course in Rwanda to empower women



Masdar's Women in Sustainability, Environment and Renewable Energy (WiSER) platform completed its first field-based course on 26<sup>th</sup> August in Rwanda to teach young women in rural off-grid communities to harness the potential of clean energy solutions, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (UN SDG) 7 to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Launched in the Gatsibo district of Rwanda, the course, titled "Rural Energy Access: Designing and implementing inclusive community energy systems," is the inaugural offering of WiSER Cares, a multidisciplinary initiative launched this year to engage WiSER Pioneers in on-the-ground learning experiences that promote sustainable community development.

Fourteen young women, including nine WiSER Pioneers and five Rwandan professionals, completed the six-day WiSER Cares course, comprised of a series of lectures and hands-on projects led by global experts in renewable energy and sustainable development. **Read more on MASDAR**

## Opportunities awaits Rwandan exporters at Saudi Agriculture 2022 exhibition

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The 39<sup>th</sup> edition of the international exhibition for agriculture, Food, Aquaculture, Packaging and Agroindustry is in the corner!

Saudi Agriculture 2022 is a chance for Rwandan exporters to access Saudi Arabia market, a business hub with over 35m people.

Saudi Agriculture 2022 will take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 17 – 20 October 2022 and will combine 3 major annual events: Saudi Agrofood, Saudi Food Pack and Saudi Aqua Culture, offering a wide arrange of opportunities to different players in agri-business industry.

You can learn more on <http://saudi-agriculture.com>  
Rwandan companies interested can register <http://rdb.rw/saudi-agriculture-2022-exhibition/>

On traveling to Riyadh from Rwanda, participants will have an option of flying with RwandAir from Kigali to Dubai and then to Riyadh. It takes less than six hours from Kigali to Dubai and less than two hours from Dubai to Riyadh.

On information regarding hotel booking, ground transportation and other facilities in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, you can contact the Embassy on [ambabadudhabi@minaffet.gov.rw](mailto:ambabadudhabi@minaffet.gov.rw)

## The census for Rwandans living abroad is on, get counted!

**Census for the Rwandan Community living abroad**

**16 August - 15 September 2022**

Rwandans living abroad participate in the census through an online link

Be counted because you count

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The Embassy calls upon Rwandans living in UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain to be counted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Population & Housing Census using the link: <http://census.statistics.gov.rw>

The census is open from 16/08/2022 – 15/09/2022.  
Be counted because you count!

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BATUYE UAE, SAUDI ARABIA NA BAHRAIN**

Banyarwanda mutuye UAE, Saudi Arabia na Bahrain,

Mbanje kubasuhuzwa mbifuriza ubuzima bwiza n'iterambere. Nkuko twabibamenyesheje mu minsi ishize, Leta y'u Rwanda yateguye Ibarura rusange ry'Abaturage n'Imiturire rya 2022. Ni igikorwa cy'ingenzi kuko amakuru abaturage bari imbere mu Rwanda no mu mahanga batanga niyo azafasha mu igenamigambi ry'igihugu mu myaka icumi iri imbere.

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Kwibarura ku Banyarwanda bari mu mahanga bikorwa hifashishijwe ikoranabuhanga kandi biroroshye. Ibaruze unyuzwe ku rubuga [www.census.statistics.gov.rw](http://www.census.statistics.gov.rw)

Uwakenera ubufasha yakegera cyangwa agahamagara Ambasade i Abu Dhabi (026429080) cyangwa Consulate i Dubai (043481330).

**Ibaruze kuko uri uw'agaciro!**

**Ambasaderi Emmanuel Hategeka**

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## JURISDICTION CORNER

### New UAE visa system: Changes to Golden, Green residencies; family sponsorship rules; entry permits explained

Emiratis, expatriates, investors and visitors will benefit from streamlined processes and simplified procedures with the launch of new UAE passport and visa services.

The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security (ICP) announced the launch of the third generation of the UAE passport and the trial run of an “advanced visa system”.

The new visa scheme, which will come into force on October 3, introduces new residency tracks and entry permits, and simplifies existing options. All visit visas are available for single or multiple entry and can be renewed for similar periods. They allow a stay of 60 days – up from the previous 30. **Read more on Khaleej Times**

### Expo City Dubai welcomes first visitors

Expo City Dubai welcomed its first visitors on September 1<sup>st</sup>, with guests enjoying an early look at two of its popular attractions ahead of the official opening on 1 October.

Fans of Expo 2020 Dubai – the first ever World Expo to be held in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia – marked the start of Expo City Dubai’s journey by visiting Alif – The Mobility Pavilion and Terra – The Sustainability Pavilion.

Other Expo 2020 attractions set to open in October include Al Wasl Plaza, the water feature, the Women’s Pavilion, and the Vision Pavilion. The Opportunity Pavilion will be transformed into the Expo 2020 Dubai Museum, a new addition highlighting the history and impact of World Expos and celebrating the success of Expo 2020 Dubai. **Read more on Dubai Media Office**

### Saudi Arabia allows Hayya Card holders for Qatar World Cup to visit kingdom

Saudi Arabia will open its borders to holders of the Hayya Card issued by Qatar to football fans attending the 2022 Fifa World Cup, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Hayya Card holders can spend up to 60 days in the kingdom during the World Cup season from November 1 to January 23 next year. They will be permitted to enter Saudi Arabia from 10 days before the start of the World Cup in Qatar, after obtaining an electronic visa through the kingdom’s unified national platform for visas. They must have medical insurance prior to their arrival in the kingdom.

The ministry said Hayya Card holders can enter and leave the kingdom several times during the validity period of the visa and are not required to have travelled to Qatar prior to visiting Saudi Arabia. **Read more on Saudi Gazette**

### Bahrain posts first-half surplus of \$88m

Bahrain posted a surplus of \$88 million in the first half of the year, while recording a 52 per cent annual jump in revenue, the Gulf nation’s Ministry of Finance and National Economy said on Aug 12, 2022.

The country’s revenue in the January-June period stood at almost 1.7 billion Bahraini dinars (\$4.5bn), from 1.1bn dinar in the same period last year.

Bahrain’s economy has sought ways to cut spending and achieve a balanced budget by 2024. In 2018, the country received a \$10bn package from its Gulf neighbours to support its Fiscal Balance Programme.

The country aims to have a balanced fiscal budget sooner than expected due to higher crude prices, Mr. Al Khalifa told The National earlier this year.

**Read more on The National**



# Photo gallery: Celebration of Umuganura in UAE

