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H.E President Kagame addresses the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly



On 21st September 2022, H.E. President Paul Kagame delivered his address at the General Debate of the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly. President Kagame talked about regional security, continental and global issues, and mentioned potential partnerships to solve them.

"We cannot anticipate or prevent every crisis. But we can be better prepared to react quickly and effectively, when needed, especially if we work together." - President Kagame said.

On the Sidelines of the UN General Assembly, President Kagame met with leaders from across the world including the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, Prime Minister Mia Mottley of Barbados, President Emmanuel Macron of France and President Félix Tshisekedi of DR Congo, President Irfaan Ali of Guyana, Prime Minister Juan Antonio Briceño of Belize, African Union Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat, President of the European Council Charles Michel, WHO Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, The Administrator of USAID Samantha Power, the Director General of the Global System for Mobile Communications Mats Granryd, WHO Ambassador for Global Strategy and Health Financing Raymond Chambers, and David Bonderman, an American billionaire and businessman.

President Kagame also attended several meetings including the Global Food Security Summit convened by President of the European Council Charles Michel, President Macky Sall of Senegal who is also the Chair of the African Union, Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez of Spain, and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

Furthermore, President Kagame took part in the 7th Global Fund Replenishment meeting where Rwanda pledged \$3,250,000, a 30 percent increase from the last round. **Watch the speech of H.E President Kagame at UNGA77**

RwandAir wins three accolades at World Airline Awards



RwandAir, the national carrier, has been voted the 'Best Airline Staff in Africa' for the second time in a row at the 2022 World Airline Awards. The airline also scooped 'Best Cabin Crew in Africa' and 'Best Airline Cabin Cleanliness in Africa,' to complete a trio of accolades at the event hosted physically in London, United Kingdom.

RwandAir was ranked first out of ten other African airlines all contending for the top spot. The national carrier is one of Africa's most ambitious airlines with a reputation for delivering a premium service to all its customers.

The airline currently operates in 28 destinations across 22 countries throughout Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Widely referred to as 'Oscars of the aviation industry,' the World Airline Awards began in 1999 when Skytrax launched its first global, annual airline customer satisfaction survey. **Read more on The New Times**

Gorilla Naming – Rwanda’s Commitment to Conservation



Friday 2 September, 2022 was not a day like others for people interested in conservation and nature. Thousands of people from Rwanda and beyond turned up in Kinigi, Northern Province of Rwanda for the 18th Kwita Izina gorilla naming ceremony which saw 20 baby gorillas named.

The Kwita Izina gorilla naming ceremony is modeled off a centuries-old tradition in which Rwandans name their children in the presence of family and friends. The ceremony is a way of emphasizing the value that gorillas deserve. The ceremony is also an opportunity to thank the communities that live around the gorilla habitat, Volcanoes National Park, research partners, vets, dedicated conservationists, and rangers who protect the gorillas on a daily basis. 10% of tourism revenue is invested into communities surrounding the park.

Gorilla naming is one of initiatives that advance conservation, a field that both Rwanda and the UAE place at the center of sustainable development. Therefore, Kwita Izina- Gorilla naming provides an opportunity to reflect on other conservation initiatives in Rwanda and UAE as parties to conservation-related international conventions and bodies.

Both Rwanda and the UAE are parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites) and the two countries are on a Green List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature for their leading role in conservation.

“As states committed to the 15th goal of Sustainable Development Goals on Life on land, the gorilla naming ceremony provides Rwanda with momentum to drive further conservation programs. Rwanda’s relentless focus on Gorilla conservation has paid off both in terms of growing tourism flows but also community development around the park. Previous poachers have converted to protectors of gorillas as they reap the benefits directly through various community development projects,” H.E Emmanuel Hategeka, Ambassador of Rwanda to the UAE stated.

He went on to add: “We also applaud similar conservation efforts as UAE’s leading role in protecting the treasured falcon and endangered species notably the Arabian leopard and Arabian Oryx, among others.”

The 2022 Kwita Izina event is special as it comes within the global tourism return. “We are also happy to celebrate the safe return of tourism to Rwanda, after managing the Covid-19 pandemic well. We look forward to continuing to protect our natural heritage, providing world class experiences that highlight the diverse natural beauty of Rwanda,” said Clare Akamanzi, Chief Executive Officer of the Rwanda Development Board (RDB).

Kwita Izina- Gorilla naming was adopted by the Rwandan government in 2005, as a means to give value to mountain gorillas, and the annual event has since gained global momentum. Grand achievers in Rwanda and beyond; and conservation champions are the official namers of baby gorillas.

This year’s baby naming event featured a naming ceremony of 20 baby mountain gorillas born in the park over the last 12 months. And, so far 354 baby gorillas have been named since the start of the naming ceremony in 2005. 20 distinguished namers for this year’s edition include His Royal Highness Prince of Wales, Charles Philip; former Arsenal midfielder, Gilberto Silva; former Paris Saint-Germain FC, Juan Pablo Sorin and Chelsea FC legend, Didier Drogba.

The Rwanda Development Board (RDB) reports that efforts to protect gorillas in Rwanda have contributed to the increase in number of mountain gorillas worldwide to more than 1,000; and their categorization as no longer critically endangered.

Rwanda and Ras Al Khaimah To Boost Socio-Economic Exchanges



On 13th September 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka had a working visit to the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah and met H.H. Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, UAE Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah at Al Dhait Palace. Discussions focused on strengthening social economic exchanges between Rwanda and the Emirates for mutual benefit of both peoples.

Ras Al Khaimah economy is the 4th largest of UAE after Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah Emirates. RAK is an industrial stronghold with over 6000 factories, over 40,000 multinational companies, 8130 hotel rooms 48% of which are five star. Her population is 350,000 enjoying a GDP of close to USD 10 billion. [Read more on WAM](#)

Amb. Hategeka Met with Senior Managers of Public and Private Entities in RAK



As part of his working visit to the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka met Senior Managers of public and private entities in different sectors including real estate, manufacturing and tourism. The meeting was hosted by RAK Tourism Department Authority. The Ambassador pitched to them Rwanda's investment and collaboration opportunities.

Amb. Hategeka Met with Senior Managers at Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research



Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka also met Dr. Jessica Tsimprea Maluch, Director of Strategy, Research and Impact and her team at Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research, a Think-and-do-Tank based in RAK-UAE. They discussed on research promotion and knowledge exchange on Rwanda's growth experience.

Rwanda, Abu Dhabi to deepen economic cooperation



On 07th September 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Second Counsellor Inès Mutoni met H.E. Rashed Abdulkarim Al Blooshi, Undersecretary of the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development (ADDED) and his team.

The purpose of the visit was to identify opportunities for deeper economic cooperation between Rwanda and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. The two sides agreed to work together to develop a program for collaboration and to meet regularly and fast track action.

Amb. Hategeka met different investors in Abu Dhabi



On 5th September, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Second Counsellor Inès Mutoni received Dr. Sakher M. Eid, Head of Emirates Gate Investment and Eng. Ghassan Al Khadrawi, Managing Partner at Mazaya Consulting Engineers. Discussions focused on opportunities in the real estate sector in Rwanda. Emirates Gate Investment is a major real estate developer under EPC +finance arrangements.



On 21st September 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka met Sultan Al Jaber, CEO of E20 Investment LTD, an agribusiness investment company based in Abu Dhabi-UAE. Discussions focused on Rwanda's investment opportunities in the agriculture sector.

E20 Investment LTD focuses on farming, processing and trading and has investments across different continents including Africa.

17 Rwandan companies to participate in Saudi Agriculture 2022 exhibition



Seventeen Rwandan exporters will showcase the Rwandan agricultural products in the highly anticipated Saudi Agriculture 2022 exhibition. The exhibition will take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 17 – 20 October 2022 and will be a chance for Rwandan exporters to access Saudi Arabia market, a business hub with over 35m people.

Under the Rwanda Stand, companies which will showcase their products include Moozays Dairy and Crop Farm Ltd; High And Lum Multi-Supply Export & Import Ltd; Agati Foods Ltd; Aubin Produce International Ltd; Antonov Ltd; Gashora Farm Plc; Agasaro Organic Ltd; Best In Rwanda Group Ltd; Cyato Tea Plantation And Factory Ltd; G-Step Coffee; Jerika Trading

Company; Dukunde Kawa Cooperative; BAHAGE FOODs Ltd; SOUK Farms; Afri-Foods Ltd; Veggie Fresh Ltd and KAWA COFFEE.

Are you visiting or participating in Saudi Agriculture 2022 exhibition? Make sure you visit the Rwanda Stand to get a glimpse of Rwanda's quality products.

Rwanda: Agricultural Exports Increase By 44%



Rwanda's agricultural exports increased by 44 per cent to over \$640.9 million (over Rwf663 billion) in 2021- 2022, from \$444.8 million (over Rwf460 billion) in the previous financial year, according to a new report.

These figures released on Monday, September 12, contained in the June Report by the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB), imply that Rwanda got over \$196 million (or Rwf 201 billion) from its agricultural exports.

This additional export revenue is more than Rwf 160 billion which was allocated to funding agriculture sector projects in the current fiscal year.

According to the report, the increase in terms of revenues is attributed to the economic recovery measures and movement of goods and people in 2021-2022 compared to 2020-2021, where cross borders movements were restricted by the coronavirus pandemic preventive measures.

During the period in review, traditional export commodities - coffee, tea, and pyrethrum - increased by 18 per cent, while non-traditional export commodities (those that are relatively new for Rwanda, such as horticulture and cereals), increased by 58 per cent.

In comparison to the fiscal year 2020/2021, horticulture (vegetables, fruits and flowers) accounted for 6.7 per cent of total agro-export revenues as they generated \$42.8 million. Vegetable and fruit export earnings rose by 63 per cent and 87 per cent respectively.

It is worth mentioning that Rwanda seeks to expand its agricultural export base through commodity diversification as it seeks to able to generate \$1 billion (over Rwf 1 trillion) in annual foreign agricultural revenues by 2024.

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UAE eases restrictions related to COVID-19

The UAE government eased a number of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic at the state level in various sectors. The new updates took effect as of Wednesday 28/09/2022, according to the National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority (NCEMA).

NCEMA explained that the vaccinated people would have to conduct PCR test every thirty days to ensure continuity of green pass activation on AI Hoshn application, while the non-vaccinated will have to do that every seven days.

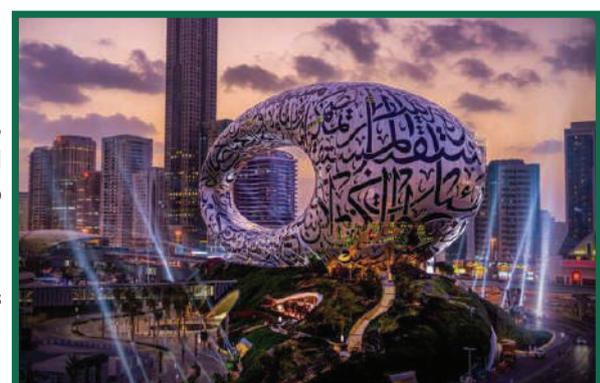
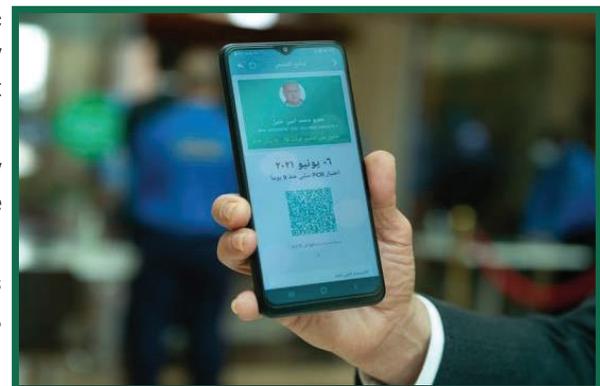
Face masks are no longer mandatory in all indoor public places, the UAE's crisis authority has said. People will be required to wear masks only in places of worship, hospitals and on public transport from Wednesday, September 28.

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UAE introduces paperless tax refund system for tourists

The UAE has introduced a paperless tax refund system for tourists visiting the country, doing away with the need to retain receipts. Under the initiative, registered retail merchant tills in the Emirates will generate electronic invoices that will allow visitors to claim VAT refunds.

The system is integrated for purchases at a range of hotels, shopping centres, malls and other retail locations. **Read more on The National**



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Digital Cooperation Organization Adopts Riyadh AI Declaration at the Global AI Summit

On 13th September, following a Ministerial roundtable at the Global AI Summit, member states of the Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO) agreed to adopt the Riyadh AI Call for Action Declaration (RAICA), which seeks to use AI technology to benefit people, communities, nations, and the world as a whole.

The declaration was signed by all members of DCO including Bahrain, Cyprus, Djibouti, Kuwait, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Jordan, Rwanda, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The call to action aims to advance the DCO's commitment to identify and address present, emerging and future humanitarian issues in the field of AI. The declaration highlights the different ways AI can be used as a tool to benefit the lives of millions of people around the world by improving the quality of work, developing better designed public policies and nurturing efficiencies into the eco system. **Read more on SPA**

Tourists in KSA to comply with 7 requirements

Any foreigner who arrives in Saudi Arabia on a visit visa with the purpose of tourism is not allowed to engage in work in the Kingdom or perform Umrah during the Hajj season or perform Hajj without a Hajj visa. These include among seven obligations that a tourist on a visitor visa shall comply with, according to the visit visa regulations issued by the Kingdom.

As for the validity of the single-entry visa, it permits one-time entry, and its validity is for a period of three months with a condition that the period of stay does not exceed one month. As for a multiple entry visa, its validity is one year, provided that the period of stay does not exceed three months at one time during its period of validity. The fee for the visa is SR 300.

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Bahrain launches six-month, multi-entry e-visa for training purposes

Bahrain has launched a new six-month, multi-entry electronic visa for training purposes. The visa will cost BD60 and is also renewable for a similar period.

According to Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, "Those wishing to apply can do that through www.evisa.gov.bh."

Applicants for this visa must meet the prerequisites and work as a trainer or trainee in the public or private sector. A letter from the company clarifying the training details should be attached by the applicants, along with a copy of their passport with a validity of at least six months. **Read more on Gulf News**

Bahrain International Airport records nearly 3 million passengers in first half of 2022

Almost three million passengers passed through Bahrain International Airport (BIA) during the first half of 2022. The airport expects to serve approximately 6.5 million passengers by the end of 2022, and nine million by the end of 2023, a senior official told the press.

"We can all be proud of how well our airport has performed this year. After losing more than 75 per cent of our usual traffic in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we witnessed a recovery in 2021," said Yousif Al Binfalal, CEO of Bahrain Airport Company, which operates the airport. **Read more on Gulf News**

