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Minister Biruta attends the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace



On 9th November 2022, Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Dr. Vincent Biruta represented H.E. Paul Kagame, the President of Rwanda in the 9th edition of the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace under the theme: "Global Conflict and Universal Peace: Urgent Needs and Opportunities for Partnership".

In his address to the Forum, Minister Biruta shared Rwanda's experience in peacebuilding not only in Rwanda but also within the region. "No single nation or region can claim to be an island of peace in a sea of conflicts, the reason why such forums are crucial to enhance dialogue for peace and conflict resolution," Minister Biruta said.



The Minister told the gathering that Peace building and reconciliation in Rwanda became more urgent than ever following the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, noting, "It is a journey that has involved millions of Rwandans traveling through uncharted paths for many across historical religious and geographical barriers."

He explained that Rwanda's efforts at peacebuilding have been anchored in ideological clarity. "They are based on a critical examination of our society's history, the cultural values of unity, reconciliation, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence," Minister Biruta added.

The ninth assembly of the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace attracted the participation of a large number of decision-makers and religious leaders, including ministers, representatives of UN organizations and government bodies, intellectuals and academic figures, civil society institutions, and organizations working in the field of peace and tolerance.

Watch Hon. Minister Dr. Vincent Biruta's speech at the 9th Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace

The Embassy of Rwanda in UAE hosts Minister Vincent Biruta



On 10th November 2022, The Embassy of Rwanda in UAE hosted Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Dr. Vincent Biruta who was in the UAE for the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace.

The Minister had productive interactions with the embassy team and representatives of the Rwandan Community in UAE with an appreciation of the good bilateral relations and the need to strengthen them further.

Minister of State Prof. Manasseh Nshuti meets with Saudi Exim bank CEO



On November 8th, Minister of State Prof. Manasseh Nshuti held a meeting with Eng. Saad Alkhalb CEO of Saudi Exim bank. Discussions focused on promoting trade between Rwanda and Saudi Arabia through credit facilities offered by the bank.

Rwanda announced as host of World Travel and Tourism Council Global Summit 2023



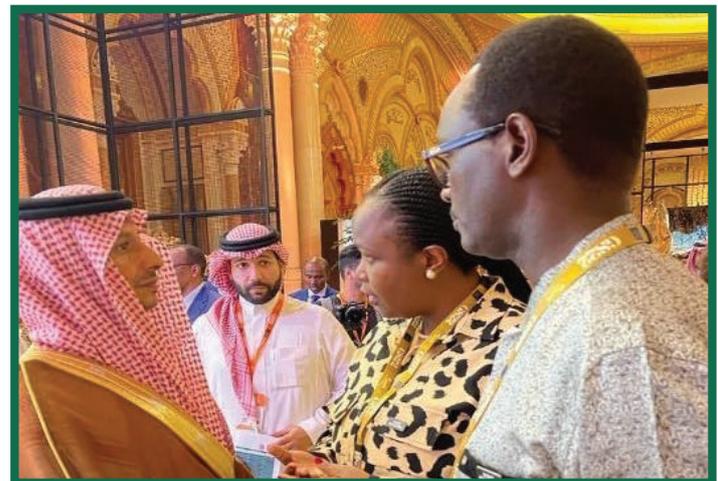
From 28th to 30th November 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka along with RDB CEO Clare Akamanzi and other officials participated in the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) Global Summit that took place in Riyadh - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The congress was attended by global leaders, and travel and tourism experts to explore investment policies required for a more sustainable future.

The World Travel and Tourism Council announced Rwanda as the host country for next year's Global Summit. The announcement was made at the closing of this year's summit.

Activities in the margins of the WTTC Global Summit in Riyadh



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Rwandan Delegation meets tour operators from Saudi Arabia



On the sidelines of the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTTC), Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka along with the Rwandan delegation met with tour operators from Saudi Arabia and introduced them to Rwanda as an investment and tourism destination.

Amb. Hategeka meets with the DG of Africa at Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs



On 1st December 2022, while on a working visit in Riyadh, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka met with Amb. Waleed Al Humoudi, Director General of the African department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Both sides reaffirmed the desire to strengthen diplomatic ties and bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Minister Paula participates in the Digital Government Forum in Riyadh



On 16th November 2022, upon the invitation of the Digital Cooperation Organization, Hon. Minister Paula Ingabire participated in the Digital Government Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Minister participated in the opening fireside chat on Global Digital Cooperation Priorities hosted by Saudi Arabia's Digital Government Authority.

In the margins of the Forum, Minister Paula met senior leaders at the Saudi Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Digital Government Authority, Saudi Fund for Development, Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property, Riyadh Elm University, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, NEOM, ELM, Saudi Company for Artificial Intelligence and Thiqah. All sides reiterated a strong commitment to strengthening collaboration.

Saudi Arabia, Rwanda Discuss Fostering Partnership in Digital, Innovative Fields



The Saudi Deputy Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Eng. Haitham bin Abdurrahman Al-Ohali, received the Minister of Information Technology, Communications, and Innovation of the Republic of Rwanda, Paula Ingabire, who was on a visit to the Kingdom. The meeting was attended by the Secretary-General of the Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO), Deemah Al-Yahya.

During the meeting, they discussed the aspects of expanding cooperation and partnership in the digital, technological, and innovative fields. They also reviewed ways to develop and activate relations between the two countries, especially in the field of the digital economy, as Rwanda is an active member of DCO. **Read more on SPA**

CEO of SFD Receives Minister of Information Technology of Rwanda



The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad, received a delegation headed by the Minister of Information and communications technology and Innovation of the Republic of Rwanda, Paula Ingabire, and her accompanying delegation. During the meeting, they discussed enhancing development cooperation and the Fund's projects in Rwanda. [Read more on SPA](#)

Amb. Hategeka engages industry leaders at ADIPEC



On 1st and 2nd November 2022 in the margins of the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka visited pavilions of leading energy companies including ADNOC Group, Total Energies, and ARMACO pavilions. He exchanged with different



On 1st November 2022 on the margins of ADIPEC 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni met Damian Howard, Vice President – Energy, and Tiago Marques, Head of Content - Africa at dmg events, a global events company with presence in Europe, Asia, and Africa. They explored collaboration opportunities.

Amb. Hategeka, meets ADNOC Global Trading Ag. CEO



On 3rd November 2022 on the sidelines of ADIPEC2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni met Ahmad Bin Thalith, Acting CEO, and his team at ADNOC Global Trading, part of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC Group). The two sides discussed collaboration opportunities in oil supply.

Amb. Hategeka receives his Belgium counterpart



On 3rd November 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka received H.E Antoine Delcourt, Ambassador of Belgium to the UAE for a courtesy visit. Discussions focused on Geopolitics, Trade and Investment, and other issues of common interest between the two friendly countries.

Amb. Hategeka visits Borouge Innovation center in Abu Dhabi



On 3rd November 2022, Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka along with Second Counsellor Inès Mutoni visited Borouge Innovation center in Abu Dhabi and discussed with the leadership business opportunities. Borouge is a leading company that provides value-creating polymer solutions for the agriculture, infrastructure, energy, advanced packaging, mobility, and healthcare industries with a turnover of \$5.13 billion. It serves customers in over 50 countries across Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Amb. Hategeka speaks at the Middle East Family Office Investment Summit in Dubai



On 8th November 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka spoke at the Middle East Family Office Investment Summit in Dubai. The Ambassador presented Rwanda's investment and trade opportunities.

Amb. Hategeka engages investors at the FOE Summit Abu Dhabi



On 17th November 2022, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka together with Iza Irame, Chief Investment Officer of Crystal Ventures Ltd joined a panel discussion on investment opportunities in Africa, especially in Rwanda. They highlighted Rwanda's investment offerings.

Rwanda launches avocado sea freight shipment as market expands



On 25th November 2022, Claude Bizimana, CEO of the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB), and Rwanda's horticulture partners flagged off the 1st reefer container shipment of avocados by sea.

The pilot 23MT contingent cargo to Dubai is an opportunity window for Rwanda to reach more international markets. Claude Bizimana, who officiated at the ceremony, stated that this shipment is part of efforts to diversify export logistics routes in order to increase Rwandan benefits from international markets.

"The shipment is in line with Rwanda's Agriculture Transformation Strategic Plan. It is part of a larger project aimed at increasing the competitiveness of Rwanda's horticulture products through the use of sea freight transport, allowing the sector to remain relevant in the international market by supplying larger volumes of high-quality product."

According to NAEB, Rwanda exports 200-250 Metric tons of avocados per month. This is primarily for the UAE. However, avocado export figures are expected to rise rapidly in the coming years because Rwanda has long supported and invested in mass avocado production by providing farmers with avocado seedlings.

The figures from NAEB indicate that in the last five years, avocado export volumes from Rwanda increased from 105.4 Metric Tons (2016/2017) to 2,765 Metric tons (2021/2022) while revenues increased from \$37,155 (2016/2017) to \$4,533,801 (2021/2022). **Read more on NAEB**

RwandAir takes delivery of its first dedicated cargo aircraft



On 24th November 2022, RwandAir took delivery of its first dedicated cargo aircraft as the carrier expands its fleet. The Boeing 737-800 SF, which is painted in RwandAir's first cargo livery, will be based at the carrier's Kigali hub. The new jet will allow the Rwandan carrier to further expand its cargo operation, which has been on the rise. RwandAir will operate the new freighter to a number of key destinations in Africa and the Middle East, including Johannesburg, Nairobi, and UAE.

Yvonne Makolo, CEO of RwandAir said: "The delivery of our dedicated cargo aircraft is a huge milestone in RwandAir's fleet expansion plans. "Cargo is of ever-increasing importance for the aviation industry, and as a landlocked country, we recognize the importance and value of good cargo connections. "We want to ensure that Africa is seamlessly connected to the world, driving economic growth and valuable trade deals."

From its hub at the heart of Africa at Kigali International Airport, RwandAir is renowned for its excellent customer service where recently RwandAir won the award for 'Best Airline Staff in Africa' at Skytrax's 2022 World Airline Awards, for a second successive year.

RwandAir currently operates to a variety of destinations across East, Central, West, and Southern Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia.

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Students showcase Rwandan culture at UAE University and New York University Abu Dhabi



From 15 – 17 November 2022, Rwandan students at UAE University showcased the Rwandan culture and products at "UAE Homeland of Tolerance" cultural festival. The event attracted the participation of university students from 27 different countries. Visitors of the Rwanda booth at the festival also got the opportunity to taste Rwanda coffee and Tea.

Separately on 18th November 2022, Rwandan Students at New York University Abu Dhabi participated in AfroFest2022, a multi-cultural event celebrating the University community from the African continent and African diaspora. The Rwandan students' presentation focused on #VisitRwanda uniqueness.

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Masdar empowers the next generation of global sustainability leaders to innovate climate solutions at COP27

Masdar, one of the world's fastest-growing clean energy companies, and its global Youth 4 Sustainability (Y4S) initiative convened global industry leaders, regional policymakers, students, and young professionals for a series of events to empower youth climate engagement and action on the sidelines of the 2022 United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference (COP27).

A recent graduate from the University of Rwanda's College of Science of Technology, Nicole Bahati, who also joined the Y4S COP27 Delegation and participated in the Innovate 4 Climate challenge, said she was passionate about bringing practical, clean energy solutions to her community in Rwanda and others like it across Africa.

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Saudi Arabia elected to chair executive council of World Tourism Organization

Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Tourism announced the election of the Kingdom as chair of the executive council of the United Nations World Tourism Organization for 2023.

The announcement was made at the 117th session of the organization's executive council held in Marrakesh, making the Kingdom the first Gulf country to hold the post.

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Bahrain opens country's largest exhibition complex

Bahrain opened the country's largest exhibition and convention centre, located close to the Formula One circuit. Prince Salman bin Hamad, the country's Crown Prince and Prime Minister, inaugurated the Exhibition World Bahrain.

Located in the southwestern area of Sakhir, the complex spans 95,000 square meters and has a grand hall with a 4,000-seat capacity plus 10 other exhibition halls. It also houses 95 meeting rooms, 20 translation booths as well as 25 restaurants, cafes, and retail units. **Read more on The National**



UAE's National Day and Commemoration Day celebrated



Photo Gallery: Rwanda Embassy in UAE hosts Hon. Minister Vincent Biruta

