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## New cabinet members, top officials take oath



The new ministers and other government officials appointed by President Paul Kagame took oath of office on Friday, June 14, in a ceremony held at Parliament. President Kagame made changes in Cabinet and in government agencies on 12 June, appointing Amb Olivier Nduhungirehe the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, replacing Dr Vincent Biruta. Biruta was appointed the new Minister for Interior, replacing Alfred Gasana who was named Rwanda's envoy in The Hague, where he replaces Nduhungirehe.

Other changes saw the former Director General of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR), Yusuf Murangwa, appointed as Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, replacing Dr Uzziel Ndagijimana. At NISR, Murangwa was replaced by Ivan Murenzi, who has been the deputy Director General.

Consolée Uwimana, the former Vice Chairperson of Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF-Inkotanyi) – Rwanda's ruling party – was named Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, replacing Valentine Uwamariya who was moved to the Ministry of Environment ministry in a similar capacity. Dr Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya who was Minister for Environment was moved to the Ministry of Public Service and Labour.

Other new cabinet members include Olivier Kabera as state minister in the Ministry of Infrastructure, replacing Patricie Uwase, and Mutesi Rusagara, as state minister in the ministry of finance where she will be in charge of resource mobilisation and public investment. Rusagara who has been the CEO of Agaciro Development Fund, replaces Jeanine Munyeshuli who was dismissed on June 3.

President Kagame also made changes at the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) where Aimable Havugiyaremye was named Secretary General, replacing Maj. Gen. Joseph Nzabamwita who was moved to the Office of the President to serve as senior security advisor. Havugiyaremye has been the Prosecutor General at the National Public Prosecution Authority (NPPA), a post now taken over by Angélique Habyarimana, who has been the Deputy Prosecutor General.

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## RwandAir introduces new freight services to Dubai World Central (DWC)



Kigali, June 10, 2024 – RwandAir Cargo is launching new services to Dubai and Djibouti, both operated by its dedicated freighter B738SF. The expansion is part of the airline's mission to connect Africa and the world.

The new routes will increase RwandAir's cargo network to seven destinations and support their continued expansion of freighter offerings across Africa and the Middle East. Yvonne Makolo, CEO of RwandAir: "The added destinations will support efficient and reliable connections for business and provide significant opportunities for enhanced trade between Rwanda, the UAE, Djibouti, and the rest of the continent.

As a landlocked nation, we recognize the importance of air freight in Rwanda's economic growth across Africa and beyond. "Our geographic location at the heart of Africa enables us to connect every part of the continent, and we eagerly anticipate expanding this connectivity even further."

The addition of Dubai World Central Airport (DWC) marks RwandAir's second cargo destination in the United Arab Emirates after Sharjah. The first flight departed from Kigali on June 10.

RwandAir Cargo will also began dedicated freighter service to Djibouti, connecting via Dubai World Central and Sharjah starting June 17, 2024. Flights operate twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays, respectively. Bosco Gakwaya, Director of RwandAir Cargo Services: "Our expansion to Dubai and Djibouti strengthens RwandAir Cargo's role as a key trade facilitator on the African continent and is well aligned with the goals of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA), transforming Kigali into a regional cargo hub."

RwandAir is a vital component of Rwanda's economy, facilitating the transportation of fresh produce, medical supplies, and other essential goods to connect and drive the diverse and growing economy of the country and continent. The new destinations will increase their market reach and allow them to offer cargo services to a wider range of businesses and consumers.

**Read more on RwandAir website**

## IGP Namuhoranye, Abu Dhabi Police Commander-in-Chief hold bilateral talks



On 23 May 2024, The Rwanda Police delegation led by IGP Felix Namuhoranye visited the Abu Dhabi Police headquarters in the UAE. The delegation, along with Rwanda's Ambassador to the UAE, H.E John Mirenge, was hosted by the Abu Dhabi Police Commander-in-Chief, Maj. Gen. Faris Khalaf Al Mazrouei.

Discussions centered on building strong partnership between the RNP and Abu Dhabi Police in various fields of modern policing. Cooperation is among the Rwanda National Police (RNP) priority areas to respond to the ever-evolving policing landscape and to fight against transnational and organized crimes.

[Read more on RNP website](#)

## Amb. Mirenge receives IGP Felix Namuhoranye at the Embassy



On 23 May at the Embassy, Ambassador John Mirenge welcomed Rwanda's Inspector General of Police (IGP) CG Felix Namuhoranye and his delegation who were in the United Arab Emirates for an official visit.

## Amb. Mirenge delivers Rwanda's statement at IRENA Council meeting



On 13th June in Abu Dhabi, Amb. John Mirenge delivered Rwanda's statement at the 27th Council Meeting of the International Renewable Energy Agency. He underscored the critical role of renewable energy in achieving sustainable development and combating climate change.

The Government of Rwanda recognizes the transformative potential of investing in renewable energy for the socio-economic development of the nation and the broader African continent. Leveraging African vast renewable energy resources can contribute to global energy security and climate goals. Rwanda is committed to playing a leading role in this endeavor, working alongside African and global partners.

Currently, Rwanda boasts a cumulative electricity access rate of 76% (54% on-grid and 22% off-grid), with renewable energy sources contributing 52% to the installed generation capacity. The government remains dedicated to increasing this share to 60% by 2030.

## Amb. Mirenge holds an interactive talk with students and faculty members at Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy



In the context of Kwibuka30, Amb John Mirenge had an interactive talk with students and faculty members at Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy in Abu Dhabi, UAE. He discussed the history of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi and Rwanda's transformation into a stable and prosperous nation.

## Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy delegation visits Rwanda



On 09 May, Amb. Christine Nkulikiyinka, CEO Rwanda Cooperation Initiative received a team from the UAE's Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy led by Dr. Narayanappa Janardhan, Director for Research & Analysis. They discussed Rwanda's transformation journey, South to South Cooperation, and opportunities for partnership.

## Amb. Mirenge meets with the Director of Abu Dhabi Fund for Development



On 12 June 2024, Amb. John Mirenge paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi, Director General of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development. They hailed the existing collaboration and discussed financing and investment opportunities in Rwanda.

## Amb. John Mirenge pays a courtesy visit to the Director of the African Affairs Department at the UAE MOFA



On 16 May 2024, Amb. John Mirenge met with H.E Abdulrahman Al Hebsi, Director of the African Affairs Department at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Their exchange focused on boosting collaboration in areas of common interest including education, government experience exchange and artificial intelligence.

## Amb. Mirenge attends Africa Day celebration



On 25 May, Amb. John Mirenge joined members of the diplomatic corps and officials in the UAE for the celebration of Africa Day 2024, organized by the African Group of Ambassadors in the UAE.

## Amb. Mirenge receives Evolvin' Women CEO



On 27 May, Amb. John Mirenge received Assia Riccio, CEO and Founder of Evolvin' Women, a social enterprise empowering women from emerging countries through talent development. The two sides along with Rwandan women enrolled in the program, discussed ways Rwandans can tap into internship and employment opportunities in the hospitality sector in the UAE and beyond.

## Minister Counsellor Bizumuremyi paid a visit to Dubai Healthcare City



On 10th June 2024, Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi paid a visit to Dubai Healthcare City, which integrates essential healthcare services and a diverse range of businesses. Discussions with the city's leadership focused on collaboration opportunities in knowledge exchanges with the Kigali Medical city in Masaka.

## Minister Counsellor and Second Counsellor visit Dubai Refreshment



On 30th May 2024, Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi and Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni paid a visit to Dubai Refreshment, One of UAE's leading F&B manufacturing and distribution companies. The discussions primarily focused on exploring investment opportunities within the distribution sector, fostering knowledge exchange, and identifying potential employment opportunities for Rwandans.

## Rwandan interns complete a six-month internship at Dubai Golf course



Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi attended the graduation ceremony of Rwandan interns who successfully completed a six-month internship at Dubai Golf course. 11 of the 37 interns were offered permanent jobs thanks to their excellent performance.

## Rwanda's economy expands by 9.7% in the first quarter of 2024



Rwanda's economy witnessed a notable growth of 9.7% in the first quarter of 2024. This surge can be attributed to the robust performance of the industry and services sectors. Notably, the agriculture sector demonstrated significant improvement during season A of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023, particularly in the production of food crops, which experienced substantial growth.

As per data released by the Institute of Statistics of Rwanda, the GDP at current market prices was estimated at Frw 4,486 billion, a notable increase from Frw 3,904 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2023. Contributions to the GDP were as follows: services sector at 46%, agriculture sector at 25%, industry sector at 23%, and net direct taxes at 7%.

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## Dubai Chambers showcases Dubai's competitive advantages at Africa CEO Forum in Rwanda

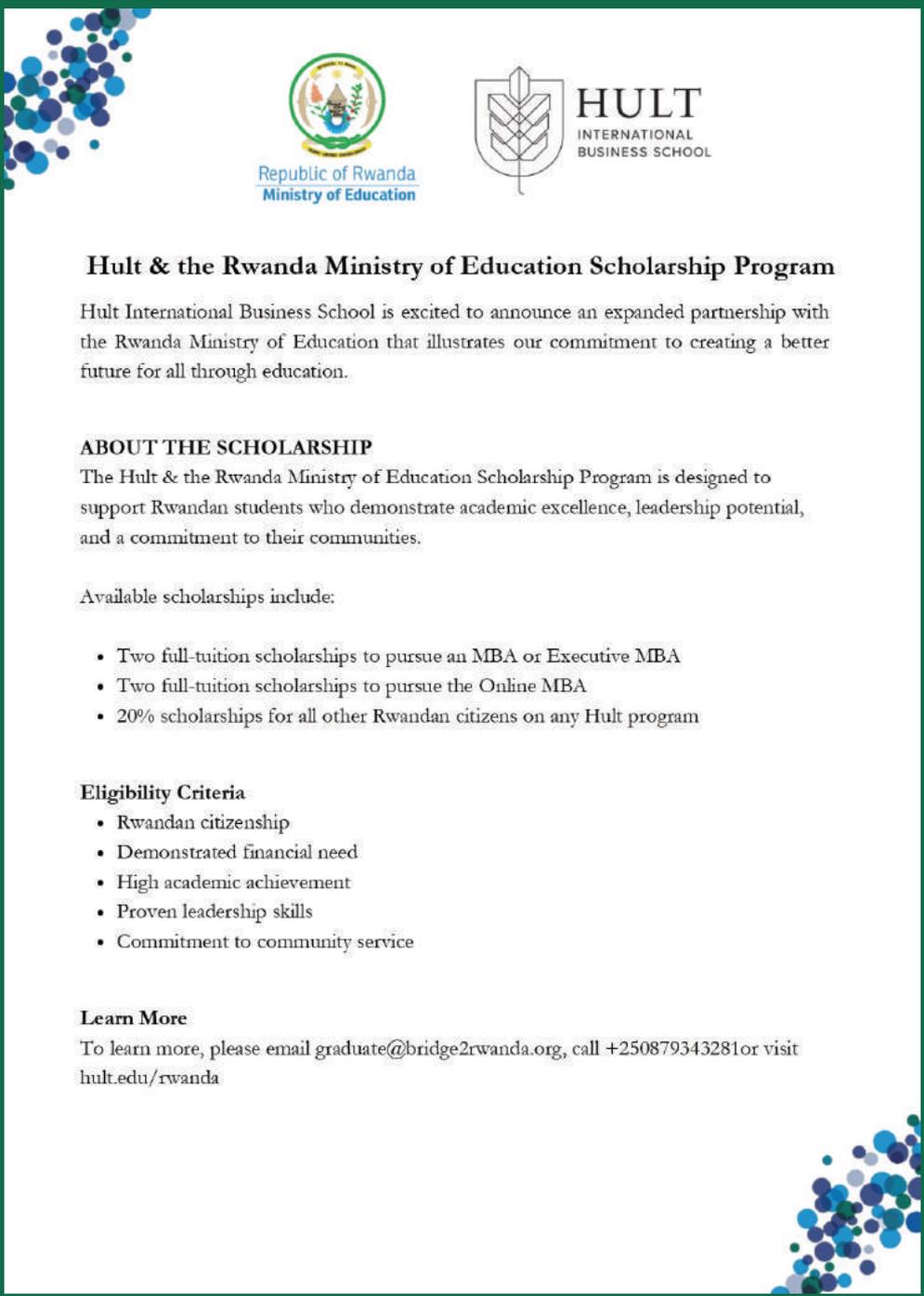


Dubai Chambers has successfully participated in the recently concluded Africa CEO Forum in Kigali, Rwanda, which attracted more than 2,500 attendees including African presidents, government officials, and CEOs of major international and African companies.

The delegation was led by Mohammad Ali Rashed Lootah, President and CEO of Dubai Chambers, who took part in an interactive panel discussion. Dubai Chambers also organised an event on the sidelines of the forum to showcase the emirate's competitive advantages. The session highlighted the services available to African companies seeking to expand into global markets through Dubai, as well as the support provided to African businesses to help strengthen their trade and investment ties with companies in Dubai.

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## Scholarship opportunity at Hult International Business School.






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- Commitment to community service

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