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President Kagame receives Saudi Minister of State for African Affairs

On 8 June 2021, President Paul Kagame received the Minister of State for African Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E Ahmed Abdul Aziz Kattan who was on a two day official visit to Rwanda.

President Kagame received H.E Kattan after meeting with Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr. Vincent Biruta where the two ministers exchanged on strengthening bilateral ties and signed a General Cooperation Agreement.

Rwanda and Saudi Arabia have enjoyed good relations and cooperation in different areas that include trade and investment, health, education, tourism, energy and infrastructure development among others. In 2018, both countries signed the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The Saudi minister's visit followed the presentation of letters of credence by the new ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Rwanda. Ambassador Jamal M.H Al-Madani presented his letters to President Paul Kagame on 7 June 2021.



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Rwanda, Saudi Arabia sign a General Cooperation Agreement

On 8 June 2021, Rwanda Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Vincent Biruta met with H.E Ahmed Bin Abdul Aziz Kattan, Minister of State for African Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They discussed bilateral cooperation between the two friendly countries and ways to enhance and develop them in various fields. They exchanged on opportunities to enhance economic and investment cooperation.

The two Ministers signed a General Cooperation Agreement between Rwanda and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Following the signature of the General Cooperation Agreement, the bilateral relations and exchanges are expected to flourish.

Rwanda and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have enjoyed good cooperation in areas of health, education, and energy and infrastructure development. Other areas of shared business opportunities exist in technology, financial sector, tourism development, trade and investment among others.



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Africa must be an equal partner in Covid19 vaccine production



The African continent has to be an equal partner with the rest of the world when it comes to manufacturing vaccines instead of waiting for them from other places where they are currently being manufactured. This was said by H.E President Paul Kagame during the virtual Qatar Economic Forum that kicked off on Monday, June 21.

The forum which was officially opened by Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, focused on global leadership and strategies to support post-pandemic economic growth.

The high-level forum held in partnership with Bloomberg under the theme 'New Horizons for Tomorrow' has brought together more than 100 leaders and diplomats, academics and the business community. Asked about how African nations will be able to get adequate vaccines for its people, President Kagame pointed out that there is a need to start manufacturing vaccines on the African continent.

"Right now, Africa is trying to do exactly that. To find partners and to start manufacturing vaccines on our continent," he added, "We have International Finance Cooperation, European Union, and we have other partners that are willing to come and do exactly that with our continent." Highlighting that the continent has initiated discussions with various partners across the world, Kagame said that Rwanda, Senegal and South Africa are so far the countries which are expected to host vaccine manufacturing hubs on the continent.

He shared Rwanda's example citing that the government has partnered with some industries specialized in mRNA technology.

"We have already discussed with people with that technology and we are discussing with people who will help with the financing and I think in a few months, we should hear a different story."

Resource mobilisation

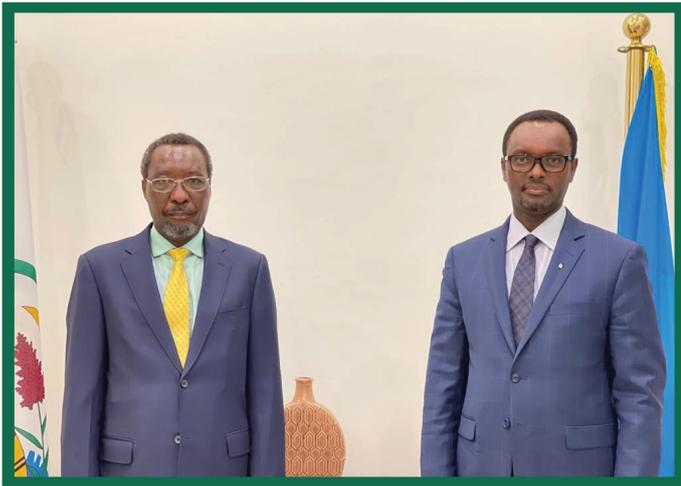
Like the rest in the world, President Kagame said that Rwanda is no exception as countries look for ways to mobilise funds to invest, especially after the pandemic took a toll on most economies.

President Paul Kagame was commenting on whether the country was looking to return to international financial markets to raise money through avenues like Eurobond.

"To begin with, Rwanda has been having a very good B+ credit rating, we want to build on that, we have a solid debt management framework, so the Eurobond is one good option that will provide us with the resources that we are looking for."

The forum's agenda is spread across six main themes, including "A Sustainable World", which will explore the intersection of capitalism and the climate, and "Markets and Investment", which will discuss the ability of investors to pursue growth opportunities that will help shape a more resilient global economy.

Read more: Kagame: Africa must be an equal partner in Covid vaccine production | The New Times | Rwanda



Ambassador Hategeka receives Mozambique envoy for a courtesy visit

On June 16, H.E Excellency Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka received H.E Tiago Castigo, Ambassador of the Republic of Mozambique to UAE, for a courtesy visit.

Both Ambassadors exchanged on areas of mutual interests between Rwanda and Mozambique

Institutional collaboration can boost Rwanda-Dubai tourism exchanges

On June 17th 2021, H.E Emmanuel Hategeka, Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda to the United Arab Emirates held a meeting with Ms Stella Ibiene Obinwa, Director for Africa, International Operations at Dubai Tourism. Their Discussions focused on building institutional collaborative framework for increasing tourism exchanges between Dubai and Rwanda



Rwandan products available across the UAE at Carrefour outlets



Enjoy a natural taste of Rwanda Fresh products on promotional prices in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, UAE. Hurry up and get fresh avocados and passion fruits at Carrefour UAE at the Mall of the Emirates, Mirdif City Center, Ibn Battuta, IMPZ, Marina Mall and Yas Island.

It is for the first time to have on sale Rwandan fresh products in Abu Dhabi. It's no longer a dream to consume Rwanda Fresh products in the UAE and many more are coming soon!

Rwandan fresh products give a special taste and experience. Famous UAE influencers Mr. Bo Fouzi with more than 265k followers and Mr. Yousef Al Kaabi with 219k followers from the UAE and GCC couldn't hide the positive taste of the fresh avocados and passion fruits.

Rwandan Fresh produce exporters explore market in Dubai



On 16th June 2021, Rwanda fresh produce exporters started a 1 week visit to Dubai to strengthen existing business deals, assess challenges and learn the major market pre-requisites so as to tap into possible opportunities that could increase the export volumes to the United Arab Emirates. Rwandan exporters of fresh produce met with the chairman Mr. Mohammed Al Sharif and his team from Farzana Trading and expressed potential partnership. On their one week visit Rwandan exporters also met with Group head of procurement Sumit Gupta and Purchase Manager George Joseph at BarakatMe, One of leading suppliers of Fresh produce of five-star establishments, class retailers and major airline catering companies in the UAE.

Good news that Barakat Me is ready to open gates to Rwanda's horticulture fresh products of French Beans, Passion Fruits, Hass Avocado, Fuerte Avocado, Herbs, Baby corn and Okra!

Kigali named among top 50 cities with innovative responses to Covid-19



Kigali has been named among the 50 finalist cities in the 2021 Global Mayors Challenge, a global innovation competition that identifies and accelerates the most ambitious ideas developed by cities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, these 50 urban innovations rose to the top of a competitive pool of more than 630 applications from 99 countries, in the first-ever Global Mayors Challenge.

Read more: [Kigali named among top 50 cities with innovative responses to Covid-19 | The New Times | Rwanda](#)

Rwanda open and safe as EU lifts travel restrictions on Rwanda



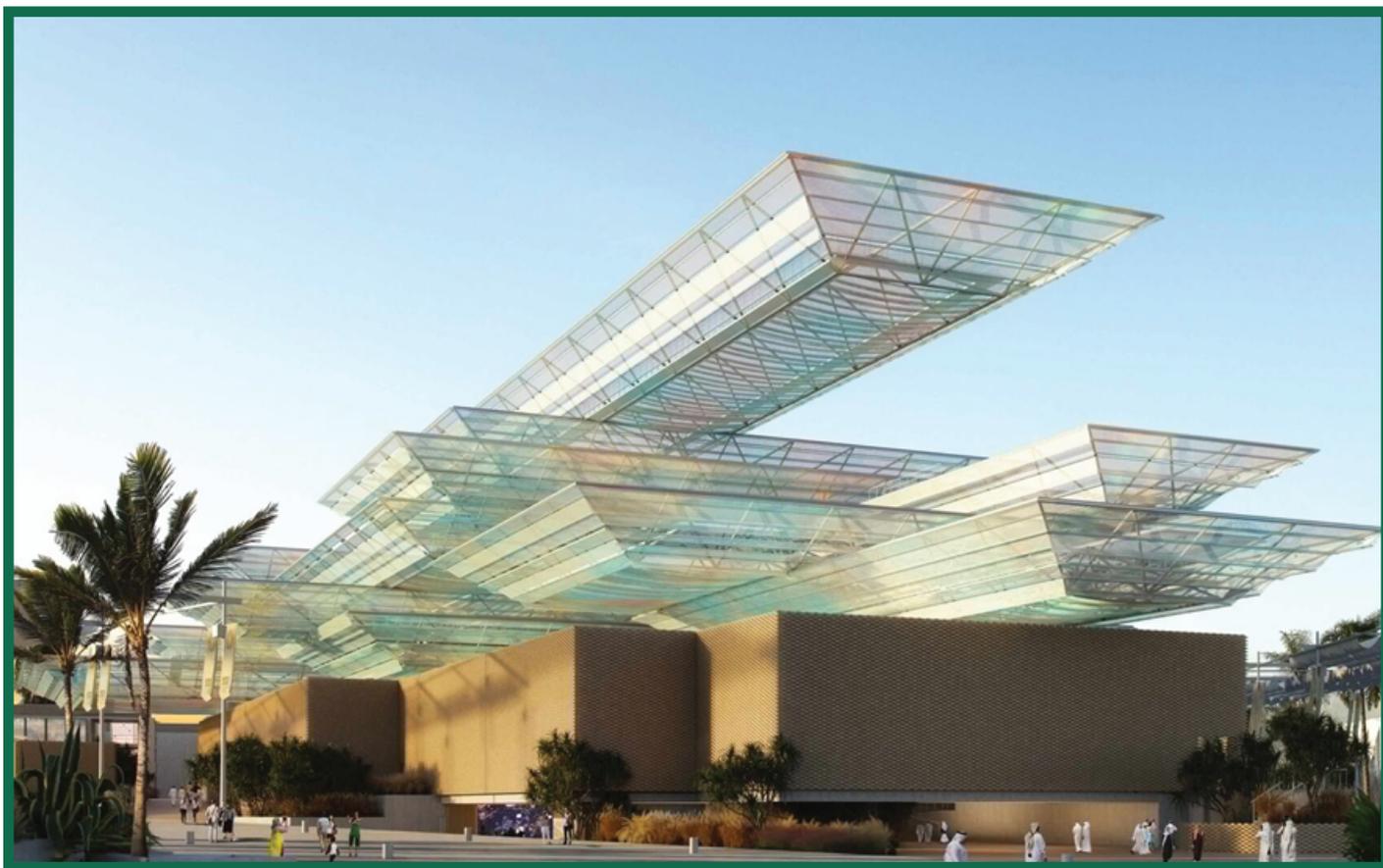
Rwanda is open and safe! A warm welcome to you all to start your unforgettable journey to Rwanda and Africa! Following the Covid19 preventive measures we put in place, investors and tourists should rest assured of the safety measures.

The European Union has listed Rwanda among the countries on which Covid-19 restrictions for non-essential travel into the EU territory should be lifted. According to a statement from the Council of the European Union on June 18, the development follows a review under the recommendation on the gradual lifting of the temporary restrictions on non-essential travel into the EU.

Rwanda's tourism industry is adapting to create a safe environment for travellers and operators, in order to thrive in these unprecedented times. We encourage all travel enthusiasts and nature explorers to take advantage of this unique opportunity to venture out and experience the beauty and adventure that Rwanda has to offer." Together with the private sector, RDB is offering attractive all-inclusive tourism packages for everyone. These packages have been designed to showcase Rwanda's remarkable leisure and recreational experiences, from adventures in the mountains, to memorable excursions in serene landscapes, and a taste of the lively cities. Plan your amazing gateway at www.visitrwanda.com

Read more: Rwanda once again features on Europe's 'safe list' | The New Times | Rwanda

Countdown is on: 100 days to Expo 2020 Dubai



Mission Possible - Opportunity thematic Pavilion

Countdown is on: 100 days to Expo 2020 Dubai

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai, announced on 23th June 2021 the start of the countdown for Expo 2020 Dubai.

The six-month world showcase, postponed for a year as a result of the global coronavirus crisis, is set to begin on October 1 and run through to March 31, 2022 under the slogan "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future." More than 25 million visits are projected from a local and international audience over its 182-day duration.

Countries will not be clustered by their geography, but under Expo 2020's three subthemes of Opportunity, Mobility and Sustainability. Rwanda's pavilion is located in the "Opportunity" thematic district.

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