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## H.E President Kagame meets with UAE-based investors



H.E President Paul Kagame on Saturday, October 7, inaugurated IRCAD Africa, a research and training centre in Rwanda poised to train the continent's next generation of medical professionals in minimally invasive surgery.

Accompanied by First Lady Jeannette Kagame and Prof Jacques Marescaux, the founder of IRCAD France, the president said the centre located in Rwanda's emerging 'health city' in Masaka would improve and take African talent to a higher level.

"IRCAD Africa is not serving Rwanda alone it is serving Africa. It is also improving and taking beyond, the talent we have in Africa to a much higher level. Bringing people together and bringing them together in our country here and around this Centre of Excellence, has limitless value of understanding and feeling. This encourages us to keep investing significantly in public health infrastructure." President Kagame said.

IRCAD Africa plans to train 500-1000 surgeons every year in minimally invasive surgery, a modern medical technology that minimises pain and trauma on patients, allowing for shorter periods spent in hospital, a lower risk of bleeding and infection and a speedy recovery.

IRCAD Africa, which employs artificial intelligence in research and training, will provide skills and knowledge of the next generation of surgeons across various specialties including in general surgery, urology, gynaecology, ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgery, neurosurgery, anaesthesiology, and orthopaedics.

Marescaux said the centre will be a catalyst for all African surgeons and computer scientists. "The most important thing I have to confess is that this project was only made possible thanks to the vision of our President," said Marescaux, who has Rwandan citizenship.

The facility, worth more than \$32 million, features cutting-edge simulation technology, including virtual reality and augmented reality platforms, which allow surgeons to practice and refine their skills in a safe and controlled environment. **Read more on The New Times**

## Amb. John Mirengue presents credentials to IRENA DG



On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Ambassador John Mirengue presented his Letter of Credence to Francesco La Camera, Director General of the International Renewable Energy Agency as Rwanda's Permanent Representative to IRENA with HQs in Abu Dhabi - UAE.

Amb. John Mirengue and IRENA DG Francesco La Camera exchanged on ongoing initiatives aimed at promoting the deployment of renewable energy and Rwanda's role in driving energy transition as current IRENA Council member and incoming President of the 14th IRENA General Assembly.

## Amb. Mirenge reiterates Rwanda's unwavering commitment to clean energy at the 26th IRENA Council.



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Rwanda’s Permanent Representative to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Ambassador John Mirenge delivered a statement on the deployment of renewable energy at the 26th IRENA Council meeting that was hosted in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 19 – 20 October 2023.

The Ambassador told the Council that Rwanda has made significant strides in its quest for universal access to electricity, with a current electricity access rate of 70.78%, bolstered by 18.03% from off-grid solutions, particularly in remote areas, which include solar home systems and mini-grids.

Presently, renewable energy accounts for 50.7% of our energy generation mix, and our goal is to maintain a 60% share of renewable energy in our overall energy mix by 2030. “We extend an open invitation to potential partners to collaborate with us on enticing opportunities and projects aimed at enhancing energy generation from hydro, solar, and other innovative renewable energy technologies,” Amb. Mirenge said.

The Ambassador further underscored Rwanda’s commitment to playing a leading role in advancing the global renewable energy agenda.

“As the incoming 14<sup>th</sup> President of the IRENA General Assembly and a current council member, Rwanda is wholeheartedly committed to engaging with partners in all endeavors that seek to efficiently and effectively address the global demand for renewable energy,” the Ambassador stated. [Read the full statement here.](#)

## Rwanda’s Minister of Finance meets senior officials of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development



Rwanda’s Minister of Finance and Economic Planning Uzziel Ndagijimana met senior officials of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development at the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings that took place from 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> in Marrakech, Morocco. They discussed cooperation in areas of mutual interest such as water and sanitation, energy, transport, private sector investments, trade and finance.

## Amb. Mirenge meets UAE Minister of Education to discuss opportunities for collaboration



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023- Ambassador John Mirenge along with Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni met with H.E Dr. Ahmed AlFalasi, UAE Minister of Education and his team at the Headquarters of the Ministry of Education in Abu Dhabi.

They appreciated the existing collaboration including scholarships offered to Rwandan students and agreed to further enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of education.

## Amb. Mirenge meets with the Director of Technology Adoption and Development at UAE Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Ambassador John Mirenge along with Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi and Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni met with Dr Tariq Al Hashimi, the Director of Technology Adoption and Development at UAE Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology.

They discussed Opportunities to promote collaboration and knowledge exchange in advanced technologies including the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Industrial Technology Transformation Index- measuring the digital maturity and sustainability of factories & formulating a roadmap for industrial transformation.

## Amb. John Mirenge meets with Dubai Chambers President & CEO



On 17th October 2023, Amb. John Mirenge met H.E Mohammed Ali Rashed Lootah, President & CEO of Dubai Chambers. They exchanged on the great bilateral ties between Rwanda and UAE and explored further areas of collaboration especially in tourism, support of tech start-ups, investment and trade promotion.

## Amb. Mirenge attends the Pre-COP meeting in Abu Dhabi



On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Amb. John Mirenge joined senior officials including ministers and negotiators from around the world in Pre-COP Opening Ceremony in Abu Dhabi.

Pre-COP is laid the foundations for #COP28, discussing climate change adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation.

## Rwanda negotiates climate action at COP28



On 30<sup>th</sup> November, Rwanda's delegation led by the Minister of Environment Mujawamariya Jeanne d'Arc joined the Opening Ceremony of COP28 in Dubai, UAE.

At this year's COP28, Rwanda called for more ambitious climate action, a doubling of funding for adaptation and shared why Rwanda is an ideal destination for green investment.

## Amb. Mirenge meets with UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment



Monday, 6 November - Amb. John Mirenge met with H.E. Mariam bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri, UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment.

Discussions: Collaboration in environment protection and tackling climate change, as well as the upcoming COP28 under the Presidency of the UAE.

## Amb. Mirenge receives students from Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy



Friday, 24 November - Amb. John Mirenge received postgraduate students and faculty - Human Rights Class at Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy.

**Discussion and key message:** The Ambassador briefed the delegation about Rwanda's tragic past and inspiring turnaround. "Rwanda's impressive transformation is underpinned by the visionary leadership that embraced unconventional solutions and homegrown initiatives to heal the nation and chart a path to inclusive development built on core values of Unity, Accountability and Thinking Big," said Amb. Mirenge.

## Amb. Mirenge urges the Rwandan community in Abu Dhabi to promote the positive image of Rwanda



Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November – Ambassador John Mirenge hosted at the embassy members of the Rwandan community in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

**Discussions:** upholding Rwandan values, promoting the positive image of Rwanda, acquiring new skills, and engaging in professional and trade activities that will boost individual and national economy.

## Rwandan women entrepreneurs participate in Gulfood Manufacturing Expo



Tuesday 7- Thursday 9 November - Rwandan women entrepreneurs from the Specialized Cluster at Rwanda Private Sector Federation participated in the Gulfood Manufacturing Expo 2023 in Dubai, UAE.

The bigger picture: Gulfood Manufacturing represents the pinnacle of the global food and beverage manufacturing industry evolution, offering a decisive destination for those seeking to accelerate the adoption of technology, and improve efficiencies and productivity to meet new challenges. The Rwandan delegation used the exhibition to forge new partnerships that will help them tap into the UAE and Gulf region markets

## Amb. Mirenge meets with UAE Deputy Minister of Cabinet Affairs



Thursday 02 November – Amb. John Mirenge met with H.E Abdullah Nasser Lootah, UAE Deputy Minister of Cabinet Affairs for Competitiveness and Experience Exchange.

**Discussions:** Progress of the implementation of the Government Experience Exchange MOU and its role in boosting bilateral ties between Rwanda and the United Arab Emirates

## Seven Rwandan tech companies participate in GITEX Global exhibition in Dubai



Tuesday 17 October 2023- Amb. John Mirenge met with a Rwandan delegation from seven tech companies that participated in the GITEX Global exhibition at the Dubai World Trade Centre from 16-20 October 2023

Global 2023 brought together innovators and tech enthusiasts from around the globe to explore amazing advancements, discuss emerging trends, and shape the digital landscape. The Rwandan delegation used the exhibition to engage like-minded industry leaders.

## Rwanda showcases investment opportunities at UNCTAD's World Investment Forum in Abu Dhabi



Rwanda, represented by RDB, showcased investment opportunities at the UNCTAD's 8th World Investment Forum which took place at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, UAE from 16-20 October 2023.

The forum attracted over 8000 participants from 160 countries. Potential investors and partners who visited the Rwanda pavilion got an opportunity to learn about Rwanda's conducive business environment and attractive investment opportunities.

## Rwandan interns embark on enriching placement at Emirates Golf Club



Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> October- Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi and Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni visited 22 students from UTB Rwanda doing a 6-month internship at Emirates Golf Club. The students appreciated the Government of Rwanda and UTB for opening opportunities to acquire skills in the country and abroad.

The students also expressed commitment to excellence and learning for their personal and national development. Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi and Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni assured the interns of the Embassy and Consulate full support.

## Rwandans in UAE tipped on unity and resilience



On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in the United Arab Emirates in collaboration with Rwanda Ministry of National Unity & Civic Engagement hosted a virtual conversation on unity and resilience with the Rwandan Community in UAE and Bahrain, as part of celebrating the month of unity and resilience.

In his remarks, Ambassador John Mirenge told the community that unity and resilience have been pillars of the new Rwanda. He used the occasion to urge community members to promote unity among all Rwandans as well as Rwandan cultural values, and invited them to embrace resilience as an enabler of individual and national development.

## Kisanara takes oath of Rwandan Citizenship



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – The Embassy welcomed a new Rwandan national Mr. John Kisanara who took the oath of citizenship. "Rwanda has been in my heart since I arrived in Kigali in 1995 as a UN staff. I am very excited to finally be granted Rwandan citizenship today," said John Kisanara after taking the oath at the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

## Travel: All you need to know about hiking it up in Rwanda



An intrepid hike through a Rwandan rainforest offers a sumptuous treat of flora and fauna in the wilderness.

"I feel on top of the world as I swing on to the next section of the bridge, looking down at the surreal scene below: a canopy of rainforests and trees with cauliflower like crowns, lichens and orchids clinging on trees and the forest floor covered in fifty shades of green. I watch the play of clouds and feel one with the forest, sky and the spectacle of nature unfolding in front of me. We sit down by the bridge, watching the sun cast burnished shadows and start our return journey." Kalpana Sunder writes in Khaleej Times about her recent experiences in Nyungwe National Park, Rwanda's UNESCO site. Read the story here.

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## COP28 in UAE: Top trade bodies to host 'Trade House pavilion' in Dubai



The world's top trade bodies, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and the International Trade Centre (ITC) will host the "Trade House pavilion" at the 28th UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, bringing trade and climate policymakers and experts together for the first time in a UN climate conference.

For the first time, trade has been spotlighted as a specific theme at the UN conference, as trade-related emissions contribute roughly a quarter of all carbon dioxide emissions globally. Climate-related measures, such as industrial policies, carbon pricing and related border adjustments, are increasingly affecting trade and investment, with serious potential development impact. Read more on Khaleej Times

## COP28 Presidency unveils steps supporting women's leadership in climate diplomacy



The COP28 Presidency has announced measures to support the representation and participation of women at the UN Climate Change Conference COP28 in the UAE. The measures include financial assistance to encourage stronger attendance of women delegates, technical training sessions, and support for an international conference. Read more on WAM

## GCC unified tourist visa to be introduced between 2024 and 2025



Five member states of the Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO) including the Republic of Rwanda, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Cyprus, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, launched the 'United Nations Group of Friends for Digital Cooperation' initiative at the United Nations (UN) headquarters in New York City.

The event was held on the sidelines of the 78<sup>th</sup> annual UN General Assembly (UNGA) meetings. This initiative aims to lead global support and sustainable growth for the digital economy, enabling prosperity and social inclusivity for all on a global scale. Read more on SPA

## Bahrain to harness AI's power in government and industries



Bahrain is looking at ways to use artificial intelligence in the government and other key industries to support its digital transformation agenda, a top executive of the kingdom's economic planning body has said. The kingdom is looking to leverage the potential of the technology's newest iterations in sectors such as education, financial services and logistics. Read more on The National