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President Kagame meets with Sheikh Abdulla Al Hamed



On 9th September 2025, President of the Republic of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, received Sheikh Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Butti Al Hamed, Chairman of the National Media Office, and Chairman of the UAE Media Council, in Kigali, to discuss ways of enhancing bilateral relations in various fields of common interest.

During the meeting, Al Hamed conveyed the greetings of President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to President Kagame, wishing the Republic of Rwanda and its people continued progress and prosperity.

For his part, President Kagame reciprocated the greetings to President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, commending the depth of relations between the two countries and wishing the UAE government and people further growth and prosperity.

The meeting also reviewed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation across various sectors, with the two sides affirming the strong ties that unite the two nations and the keenness of both leadership to broaden their partnership in a manner that serves shared interests and promotes opportunities for sustainable development. **Read more on WAM**

President Kagame greets young Emiratis at Kwita Izina Gala



On 6 September 2025, President Paul Kagame warmly greeted youth from the UAE during #Kwitalzina20 Gala Dinner in Kigali.

Young Emiratis Join Rwanda in Celebrating Kwita Izina 2025



On 5th September 2025, a delegation of young intellectuals, researchers, authors, and opinion leaders from the UAE joined Rwanda in celebrating the 20th edition of the Kwita Izina Gorilla Naming Ceremony – a unique tradition honoring conservation and culture.

This year, 40 baby mountain gorillas were named, including 18 born in 2024. Rooted in the centuries-old Rwandan tradition of naming newborns, Kwita Izina was officially introduced in 2005 to celebrate Rwanda's conservation achievements, engage communities, and inspire global awareness.

Over the past 20 years, Kwita Izina has become one of Africa's leading events on conservation and sustainable tourism, attracting global icons, conservationists, and thousands of attendees annually. Since 2005, 397 baby gorillas have been named.

Amb. Mirenge, Sheikh Abdulla Al Hamed explore media collaboration opportunities



On 12th August 2025, Ambassador John Mirenge met with H.E. Sheikh Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Butti Al Hamed, Chairman of the National Media Office and the UAE Media Council. They discussed collaboration opportunities in the media sector as a driver to boost bilateral ties, fostering greater investment and trade between Rwanda and the UAE.

Rwanda-UAE Sports Cooperation gains momentum as Rwanda hosts UCI Road World Championships



On 8th August 2025, Ambassador John Mirenge met with H.E. Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Al Qubaisi, Assistant General Secretary of Abu Dhabi Sports Council. They discussed Rwanda's readiness for the 2025 UCI Road World Championships and the UAE's participation in this premier global cycling event. Subsequently, the UAE Team participated in the 2025 UCI Road World Championships in September 2025.

UAE Team Emirates-XRG wins 2025 Road Race in Rwanda



Tadej Pogačar, for the second time in as many years, won the UCI World Championships Road Race, ensuring that UAE Team Emirates-XRG will have the rainbow jersey for another year. The Slovenian went alone with 66km to go, and would not be caught before the line.

Hosted in Kigali, Rwanda, the 2025 Road Race drew impressive crowds and the finishing circuit only enhanced the spectacle. With tough climbs, cobbles to be dealt with, and the sport's most hallowed prize up for grabs, the racing lived up to all expectations. Pogačar secured victory with a time of 6:21:20 hours, followed by Belgian rider Remco Evenepoel, who finished 1:28 minutes behind, and Irishman Ben Healy, who came in 2:16 minutes later. **Read on WAM**

Amb. Mirenge meets with Multi Level Group CEO



On 8th August 2025, Ambassador John Mirenge met with Multi Level Group CEO Mohamed Salah Elissa at the Group's HQ in Abu Dhabi. They discussed MLG's participation in the Aviation Africa Summit and Exhibition in Kigali in September 2025, and potential collaboration in advanced aerial mobility. Subsequently, the CEO participated in the Aviation Africa Summit and Exhibition in Kigali, an event during which Rwanda showcased Africa's first self-flying electric air taxi, the Ehang EH216S.

Enhancing Rwanda-UAE Cooperation in Space Technology and AI



On 23rd September 2025, Ambassador John Mirenge met with Sulaiman Al Ali, Chief Commercial Officer of Space 42, a UAE based space tech company. They discussed collaboration opportunities in satellite communications, geospatial and AI capabilities, within the framework of the growing Rwanda-UAE cooperation.

Space42 Delegation visits Rwanda to forge partnerships



Sulaiman Al Ali, Chief Commercial Officer of Space42, met with Hon. Paula Ingabire, Minister of ICT and Innovation, Hon. Gaspard Twagirayezu, CEO of Rwanda Space Age, and Lt. Col. Juvenal Ndayisaba, Commander of Communications, during a recent visit to Kigali, Rwanda. The meeting focused on potential collaboration opportunities to advance Rwanda's digital and space ambitions, including the expansion of push-to-talk services, deployment of e-Health and e-Learning solutions, and exploring use cases for GIQ's geospatial intelligence capabilities. This engagement marks an important step in strengthening cross-nation cooperation and supporting Rwanda's vision for a connected, knowledge-driven future.

Rwanda participates in the UPU Congress in Dubai



On 8 September, Yves Iradukunda, then PS and currently State Minister at Rwanda's Ministry of ICT and Innovation led Rwanda's delegation at the 28th Universal Postal Congress in the United Arab Emirates. Under the theme 'Leading the Change, Creating the Future,' the congress gathered member states to shape the future of postal services.

Meeting with Visa leadership in Dubai



Yves Iradukunda, the then PS and current State Minister at Rwanda's Ministry of ICT and Innovation, along with Ambassador John Mirenge visited Visa in Dubai, UAE, to reinforce our partnership in driving innovation. Together, we are committed to exploring new frontiers in payments innovation and financial inclusion.

Amb. Mirenge attends IRENA Council Meetings



Amb. John Mirenge joined delegations from around the world at the 29th and 30th Council Meetings of the International Renewable Energy Agency, held on 11 September and 30 October 2025, respectively, in Abu Dhabi. The council meetings discussed strategic actions and ideas driving the global energy transition powered by renewable energy.

Amb. Mirenge leads Rwanda's delegation to the IUCN Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi



From 9th – 15th October, Ambassador John Mirenge, led Rwanda's delegation at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi. The Congress gathered leaders, experts and changemakers from over 160 countries to accelerate action for nature and people. At the Congress, the Rwandan delegation took part in high-level discussions and panels to share Rwanda's success story in nature conservation and explore new opportunities for global collaboration.

Amb. Mirenge meets IUCN Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa



On the sidelines of IUCN Congress in Abu Dhabi, Amb. John Mirenge met Luther Anukur, IUCN Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa. They discussed nature-based solutions advancing Rwanda's climate resilience and new partnerships in ecotourism and smart green cities.

Amb. Mirenge Highlights Rwanda's Competitive Investment Climate at KIFC–DTOS Session held in Dubai



On 20th October 2025, Ambassador John Mirenge addressed the Exclusive Session organized by Kigali International Financial Centre and DTOS, under the theme "Rwanda: a gateway for investment opportunities in Africa." He highlighted Rwanda's conducive business environment and competitive investment opportunities.

Ambassador John Mirenge Participates in the UAE–Africa Tourism Investment Summit



On 27th October 2025, at the UAE-Africa Tourism Investment Summit in Dubai, Ambassador John Mirenge joined a ministerial roundtable that brought together over 20 African nations, resulting in the adoption of a \$6b investment mapping to boost tourism, create 70,000 jobs, and deepen UAE-Africa partnerships.

Rwanda Showcases its Digital Transformation at GITEX Global 2025 in Dubai



Rwanda showcased its digital transformation solutions and innovations at GITEX Global, the world's largest tech, AI, and startup show, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 13–17 October. Teams from the Ministry of ICT and Innovation, the Rwanda Development Board, and the Rwanda Information Society Authority engaged with innovators and investors eager to explore opportunities in Rwanda's thriving digital economy. Ambassador John Mirenge met with the Rwandan delegation and encouraged them to seize the exhibition as an opportunity to forge global partnerships.

Amb. Mirenge, E7 Group leadership discuss investment opportunities



On 20th October 2025, Ambassador John Mirenge met with Esteban Gomez Nada, Group of E7, an Abu Dhabi-based group specialized in secure printing. They reviewed and welcomed progress on the recently signed agreement with the Government of Rwanda to enhance secure printing solutions and advance Rwanda's manufacturing capacity.

Amb. Mirenge Participates in 14th International Government Communication Forum



On 10th September 2025, Ambassador John Mirenge attended the 14th International Government Communication Forum, a global platform shaping the future of governance. The forum focuses on food security, public health, education, environmental sustainability, and the green economy.

Amb. Mirenge joins Africa Debate -UAE Summit engaging on Africa's emerging economic future



On 30th September 2025, Ambassador John Mirenge joined the Africa Debate – UAE Summit, engaging on Africa's emerging economic future. Discussions centered on digital infrastructure, food security, innovation and sustainable growth shaping together Africa – UAE relations.

Amb. Mirenge Commends Rwandan Artists Following Performance at NYU Abu Dhabi



On 28th September 2025, at New York University Abu Dhabi, Amb. John Mirenge met artists from Rwanda's Mashirika group following their powerful joint performance with Sri Lanka's stages Theatre of "Dear Children, Sincerely" – a play retracing the histories of Rwanda and Sri Lanka. He commended the artists for bringing Rwanda's story to international audiences and urged them to keep inspiring. The performance drew eminent authors, academicians, students and arts lovers from Abu Dhabi and beyond.

Fostering Green Economy Cooperation with WGEO



On 22 August 2025, Second Counsellor, Mrs. Ines Mutoni met Alia Busamra, Global Alliance lead at the World Green Economy Organization. They discussed collaboration opportunities between Rwanda and World Green Economy Organization in leveraging the green economy to advance sustainable development.

Promoting Rwandan Horticultural Exports in the UAE Market



On 28, August 2025, The Trade and Communication Officer, Ms. Noor Ahmad conducted a market assessment at Al Awir Market with Mr. Fred Rwigamba, CEO of KUMEW Green Farms, focusing on Rwandan produce. Meetings were also held with Mr. Clement (Nuragro, Head of Sales) and Mr. Faizal (Fresh Fruits Company, Head of Procurement) to discuss potential horticulture partnerships.

UAE Embassy Hosts Exhibition Showcasing Rwandan Products to Promote Bilateral Trade



On 22nd October 2025, the UAE Embassy in Kigali organized a dedicated exhibition at its premises during the trade meeting, showcasing Rwandan products that represent some of the country's top exports. The exhibition served as a strategic platform for exchanging expertise and expanding partnerships between the public and private sectors of both countries.