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## President Kagame joins leaders for the opening ceremony of COP28



H.E President Paul Kagame joined COP28 host UAE President HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UN Secretary General António Guterres and other world leaders for the opening ceremony of the UN Climate Change Conference COP28.

During the two weeks at the COP28, Rwanda's delegation called for more ambitious climate action and a doubling of funding for adaptation and shared why Rwanda is an ideal destination for green investment.

## COP28: Rwanda awarded for green transport investment, Green City Kigali project



05<sup>th</sup> December - President Paul Kagame was awarded the "Presidential Transport Investment Statesman of the Year". Amb. John Mirenge received the award on behalf of the Present during the Africa Investment Earthshot Leaders' Summit and NDC Investment Awards Ceremony at COP28 in Dubai. During the ceremony, the Green City Kigali project received the "Best Financeable City Initiative of the Year".

The purpose of the NDC Investment Awards is to recognize achievements across the main NDC sectors and reward the governments, institutions, and individuals driving transactions improving the investment readiness of Africa's NDC projects, requiring \$3trn of investment by 2030.

## Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, MINAFFET sign a collaboration MOU



02 December - Minister Vincent Biruta joined Sheikh Shakhboot Nahyan Al Nahyan, Minister of State in UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs in signing a collaboration MOU between Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy and Rwanda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, on the sidelines of COP28 in Dubai, UAE.

The MOU lays the ground for collaboration in training and exchange programs and initiatives.

## Rwanda and UAE Sign MoU on Civil Space Activities



02 December - The Rwanda Space Agency and the UAE Space Agency signed a collaboration MOU on the sidelines of COP28 in Dubai, UAE.

The MoU will boost collaboration in space technology, and support Climate Action and strategic sectors.

## Ambassador John Mirenge opens the KIFC and UNDP Investor Roundtable



During COP28, Amb. John Mirenge opened the KIFC and UNDP Investor Roundtable: "Rwanda an Emerging Hub for ESG Investment. He noted that sustainable finance is at the heart of Rwanda's aspiration to become a recognized hub for financial services on the continent and beyond.

## Rwanda, UAE Centres for Fourth Industrial Revolution sign an MOU



During the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2024 in Davos, Rwanda and UAE Centres for Fourth Industrial Revolution signed an MoU, shaping the path for the visionary C4IR AI Fellowship Program. The program aims to bridge gaps, foster global collaboration, and unleash AI's transformative potential.

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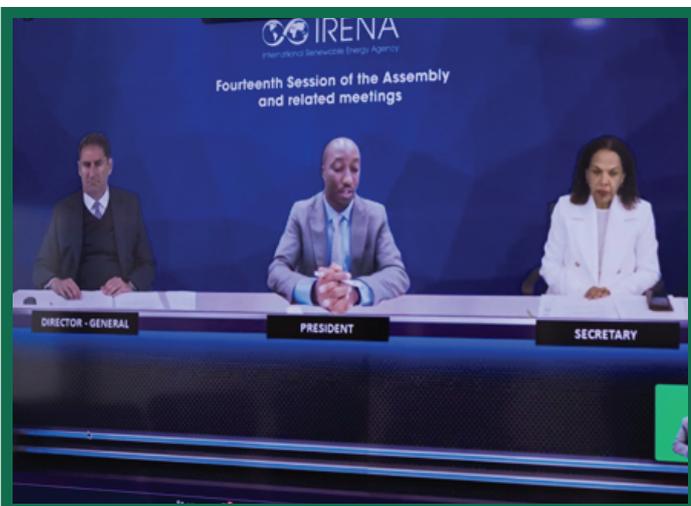
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31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 in Manama, Bahrain - Hon. Musoni Paula, Rwanda's Minister of ICT & Innovation led the Rwandan delegation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Digital Cooperation Organisation (DCO).

In the margins of the Assembly, Minister Paula met with H.E Mohamed bin Thamir AlKaabi, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications of Bahrain and Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development of Bahrain. The meetings focused on exciting avenues for bilateral collaboration between both countries.

## Rwanda assumes IRENA Assembly Presidency



15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Amb. John Mirengye attended the 14th session of the Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) as Rwanda assumed the Assembly Presidency. Hon. Dr Jimmy Gasore, Rwanda's Minister of Infrastructure presided over the first part of the Assembly virtually.

As the supreme decision-making organ of IRENA, the Assembly, comprising 169 Members, is a strategic global platform for inclusive and diverse discussions on all facets of the energy transition. The second part of IRENA 14th Assembly will convene in-person from 16-18 April in Abu Dhabi.

## Five Rwandan women entrepreneurs in horticulture attend the Middle East Organic & Natural Expo in Dubai



Rwandan exporters participated in the Organic and Natural Exhibition in Dubai from 12-14 December 2023. The Rwanda booth offered fresh and processed avocados, French beans, passion fruits, chilis, and more. MENA has emerged as a promising market for fast-moving consumer goods and hotel, restaurant, and cafe products such as coffee, honey, fruits, and vegetables.

RDB has identified potential buyers among supermarkets, distributors, and wholesalers. Sales to such buyers would grow exports of high-value, organic and natural products to increase Rwandan export revenues. RDB expects to sign significant export deals, in terms of both revenue and volume, from the trade fair.

## Rwandan coffee exporters participate in the World of Coffee Exhibition in Dubai



22 January - Amb. John Mirenge met with Rwandan coffee exporters who participated in the World of Coffee Dubai, an exhibition that connects coffee producers, manufacturers, retailers, traders, and the broader coffee industry. Discussions included promoting Rwandan Coffee in the UAE and the broader Gulf Region.

The World of Coffee Dubai is an exhibition tailored to those who wish to break into the UAE and wider Middle East's emerging coffee industry. During this year's edition, Rwandan exporters showcased their coffee products and connected with potential buyers. A coffee cupping session was organized in collaboration with the Dubai Multi-Commodity Centre (DMCC) to showcase the quality of Rwanda coffee.

## Amb. Mirenge discusses collaboration opportunities with the DG of Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism



31 January 2024 - Amb. John met with H.E. Helal Saeed Al-Marri, Director General of the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism. Their discussions focused on the existing cooperation and how to grow economic exchanges between Rwanda and the UAE.

## Rwanda National Cycling Team competes for the first time in the Tour of Sharjah



29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Amb. John Mirenge met the Rwanda National Cycling Team competing for the first time in the Tour of Sharjah, an international stage race classified as a UCI 2.2 Men elite event in the Asian Tour. He encouraged the team to represent Rwanda to their best.

## Nour takes oath of Rwandan Citizenship



The Embassy welcomed a new Rwandan national Ms. Nour Ahmad Subhi Abdelkarim after taking the oath of citizenship. "I have always felt I am Rwandan in heart with honour. Words can express the happiness and pride I feel today! – Noor said after taking the oath at the Embassy in Abu Dhabi.

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## COP28 President lauds Parties' success in delivering comprehensive response to Global Stocktake during closing plenary



Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and COP28 President, lauded the success of the parties in delivering a comprehensive response to the Global Stocktake and all the other mandates, and finding a new way.

In his statement at the closing plenary of the 28<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference (COP28), Dr. Al Jaber said, "Together, we have confronted realities, and we have set the world in the right direction. We have given it a robust action plan to keep 1.5 within reach. It is a plan that is led by the science. It is a balanced plan, that tackles emissions, bridges the gap on adaptation, reimagines global finance, and delivers on loss and damage. It is built on common ground. It is strengthened by inclusivity. And it is reinforced by collaboration."

## Bahrain hosts DCO 3rd General Assembly Meeting



31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - Bahrain hosted the third General Assembly Meeting of the Digital Cooperation Organisation (DCO), co-chaired Mohammed bin Thamer Al Kaabi, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chair of the Council of the DCO, and Deemah AlYahya, Secretary-General of the DCO.

The meeting discussed the organisation's plans and initiatives aimed at promoting digital prosperity. On the sidelines, bilateral meetings were held with delegations of participating countries, which included Rwanda, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, and Qatar. [Read more on Bahrain News Agency](#)