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World is not learning lessons of the past, warns Rwandan President



At the 11th World Government Summit in Dubai, H.E President Paul Kagame expressed concern over the world's failure to learn from past tragedies, such as the genocide against the Tutsi. He emphasized the need for nations to build capacity to prevent such disasters and criticized the lack of progress in learning from history.

I don't know what is new that I would call on the world to do more, that we didn't call on the world to do at the time the Genocide was happening. That is a very significant signal that the world is not learning much from what is happening, or what has happened in the past, to be able to prevent such a situation from occurring. For those of us who have experienced these situations and circumstances, we have learnt our lesson: countries need to build their own capacities." H.E President Paul Kagame said. **Watch the one-on-one conversation with President Kagame at the 11th World Governments Summit.**

Rwandan President visits Dubai Police HQ, explores policing innovations



H.E Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, visited the Dubai Police General Headquarters and explored its leading-edge security systems and policing innovations. The visit coincided with President Kagame's participation in the World Governments Summit 2024 held from 12th to 14th February in Dubai.

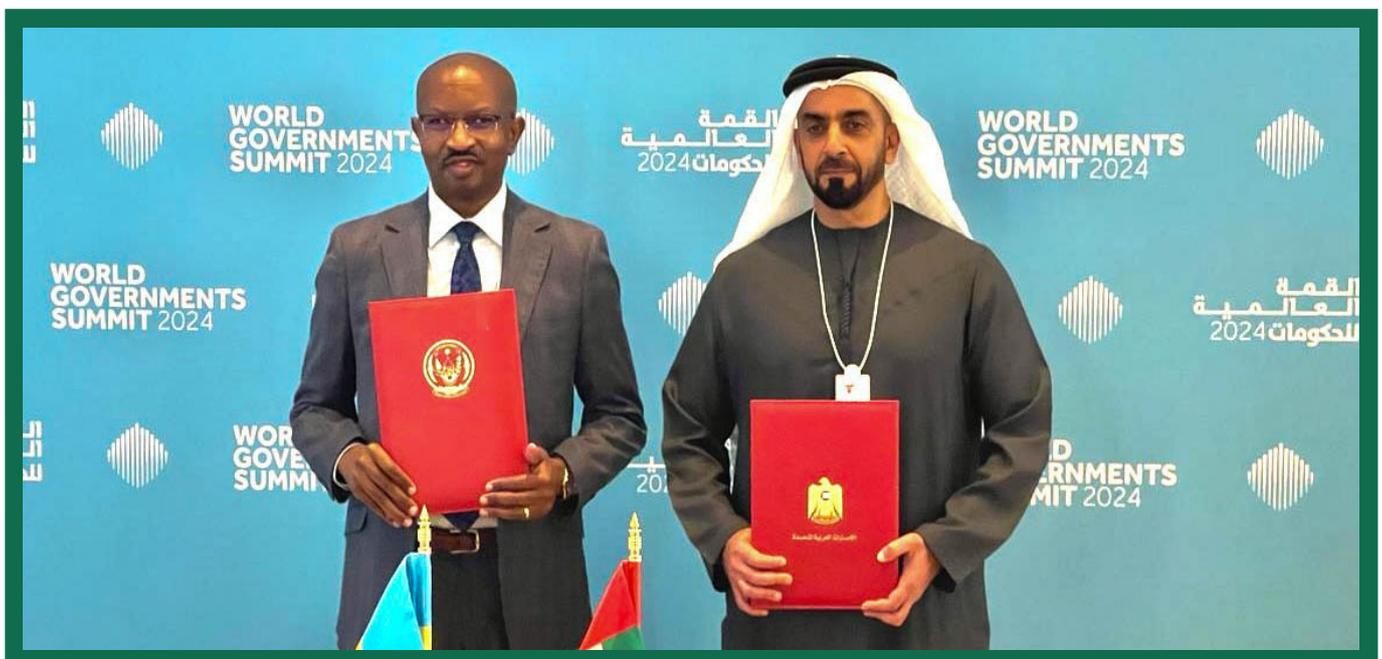
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Rwanda wins the Global Government Excellence Award in Innovation and Public Services Excellence



On 14 February - Rwanda was awarded the Global Government Excellence Award – Government Innovation & Public Services Excellence category, for Imihigo Performance Contracts initiative. On behalf of the Government of Rwanda, Minister of Interior Alfred Gasana received the award during an awarding ceremony at the World Governments Summit in Dubai. **Read more on WAM**

Rwanda and UAE sign MoU on security and countering terrorism



Lt. General H.H. Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Interior, & Alfred Gasana, Minister of Interior of Rwanda, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) aimed at enhancing security & counter-terrorism efforts between the two countries. The signing ceremony took place at the World Governments Summit in Dubai.

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WGS2024: Minister Paula Ingabire discusses Rwanda's Digital transformation



At WGS2024, Rwanda's Minister of ICT and Innovation Hon. Paula Ingabire discussed Rwanda's Digital transformation journey and Data protection Law in the panel "Government Digital Transformation: The Road Ahead" at the Government Summit 2024 in Dubai, UAE.

Minister Ngabitsinze heads Rwanda's delegation at WTO Ministerial Conference in UAE



26 February, Rwanda's Minister of Trade and Industry Dr. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze along with Amb. John Mirenge attended the opening session of the 13th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The World Trade Organisation (WTO) members concluded the Ministerial with the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration setting out a forward-looking, reform agenda for the organisation. Ministers also took a number of ministerial decisions, including renewing the commitment to have a fully and well-functioning dispute settlement system by 2024 & to improve the use of the special and differential treatment (S&DT) provisions for developing & least developed countries (LDCs). They also agreed to continue negotiations in all areas where convergence was elusive at MC13.

Rwanda joins global deal to end illegal fishing



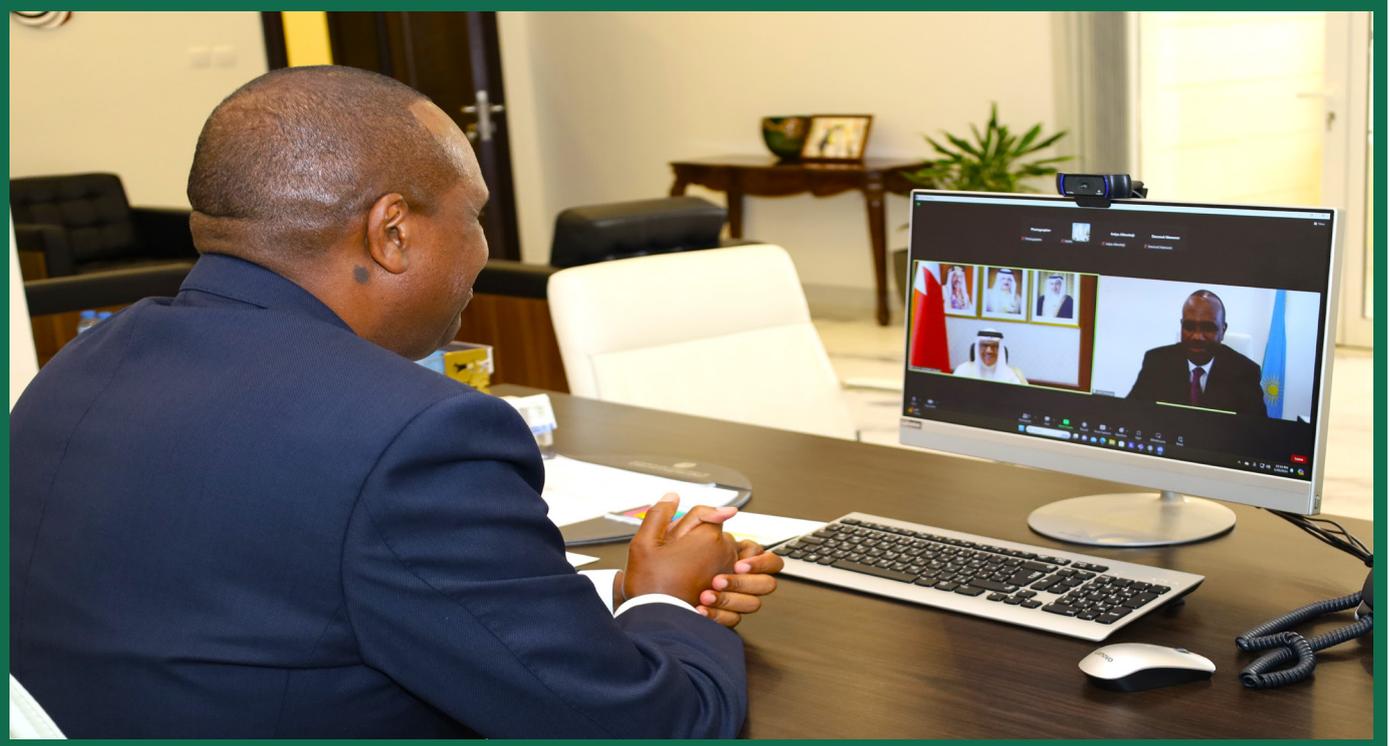
Rwanda ratified a multilateral agreement to combat illegal and unregulated fishing which threatens biodiversity & fish production in water bodies. The effort, joined by over 70 countries, is led by the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WTO's Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies is the culmination of more than 20 years of negotiations. Rwanda's ratification was made during the WTO's 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) that took place from February 26 to 29, 2024 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). [Read more on The New Times](#)



WTO initiatives in agriculture, fisheries, digital trade vital for millions: Rwandan Minister

Rwanda finds the negotiations at the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) in Abu Dhabi, especially in agriculture, fisheries, digital trade, are vital for millions of people around the world. Dr. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze, Rwanda's Minister of Trade and Industry who led his country's delegation to MC13, said Rwanda actively participated in the negotiations on agriculture & fisheries that have the capacity to help people walk out of poverty. In a statement to the Emirates News Agency at the conference, the minister said concluding the agreement to stop illegal fishing in the oceans is very important. [Read more on WAM](#)

Amb. John Mirenge presents copies of credentials to Bahraini Foreign Affairs Minister



20 February- Amb. John Mirenge virtually presented to H.E Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, a copy of his credentials as Rwanda's Ambassador-designate to the Kingdom of Bahrain with residence in Abu Dhabi. They used the occasion to discuss the promotion of bilateral relations in areas of common interest including trade, investment, and tourism.

Amb. Mirenge meets with the Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah

21 February - Ambassador John Mirenge met with H.H Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, UAE Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah, at Al Dhait Palace. Their discussions focused on advancing bilateral relations between Rwanda and the UAE. On the same day, the Ambassador met senior leaders of RAK-based companies including Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority and RAK Ceramics. **Read more on WAM**



Minister Ngabitsinze, Amb. Mirenge visit prominent companies in Ras Al Khaimah to forge partnerships



27 February - Minister Ngabitsinze along with Ambassador John Mirenge visited prominent companies in the emirate of Ras Al Khaimah, including RAK Ceramics, STREIT GROUP, Julphar and Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority. Discussions focused on enhancing Rwanda-UAE cooperation in investment, trade and tourism.

RwandAir celebrates one year of dedicated freighter operations in the UAE



20 February - Amb. John Mirenge delivered a keynote speech at RwandAir Cargo Corporate Event organized in Dubai to mark a year of dedicated freighter operations in the UAE. He highlighted RwandAir's role in promoting Rwanda-UAE business ties and connecting Africa to the world. [Read more on Aletihad](#)

RNP SWAT Teams participate in UAE SWAT Challenge 2024



5th February - Ambassador John Mirenge welcomed a team of Rwanda National Police Officers who participated in the UAE SWAT Challenge 2024. On the final day of the UAE SWAT Challenge, Rwanda National Police SWAT Team-1 claimed first place in the Obstacle Course, defeating 72 elite SWAT teams from all over the world.

The UAE SWAT Challenge, hosted by Dubai Police, is a challenge that tests and celebrates tactical brilliance, precision, and teamwork. This year, the RNP was represented by two SWAT teams in the five-day Challenge, which started on February 3, in Dubai.

Amb. John Mirenge meets with DMCC Senior executives



15 February - Amb. John Mirenge met with Dubai Multi Commodities Centre Senior Executives led by COO Feryal Ahmadi, Executive Director of Free Zone, Ahmad Hamza and Director of Agri Commodities, Saeed Al-Suwaidi. They discussed leveraging DMCC facilities to expand Rwanda UAE business ties.

First Shipment by Sea of combined fresh Hass and Fuerte avocados arrives in Dubai



The first shipment by sea combined fresh Hass and Fuerte Avocados from Rwanda arrived in Dubai safely. Second Counsellor, Mrs. Ines Mutoni witnessed the shipment's arrival at Farzana Trading, a major importer & distributor in the UAE and Middle East.

Rwandan Students showcase Rwandan Culture at Al Qasimia University



29 February - Rwandan Students at Al Qasimia University in Sharjah, participated in the International Communities Forum, a cultural event organized by the University. They introduced Rwandan culture and attractions to over 120 participating nationalities.

WAM delegation explores media cooperation in Rwanda



A delegation from the Emirates News Agency (WAM), led by Director-General Mohamed Jalal Alrayssi, has explored avenues of cooperation with several media organisations in Kigali, the capital of the Republic of Rwanda.

During the visit, WAM signed cooperation and news exchange agreements with The New Times newspaper, IGHE, a multimedia company based in Rwanda, the African News Agency (ANA), and Royal FM, owned by the Mount Kigali University. The delegation also visited the Rwanda Broadcast Agency, Mount Kigali University, and the University of Rwanda, where they met with officials from their respective media faculties.

The delegation discussed opportunities to develop bilateral media cooperation and relations, as well as knowledge transfer, cultural exchanges, and organisation of joint trainings. **Read more on WAM**

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UAE launches technology fund for developing nations



The United Arab Emirates launched a fund to finance the development of sophisticated technology in developing nations. The fund was launched with capital of \$200 million, financed by the Abu Dhabi government, & will be overseen by the Gulf state's Advanced Technology Research Council (ATRC), the council announced during the World Governments Summit in Dubai.

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Abdullah bin Zayed: UAE provides US\$10 million grant to support WTO initiatives



H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced that the UAE will provide a US \$10 million grant to support a number of key initiatives of the World Trade Organization (WTO), whose 13th Ministerial Conference was hosted & chaired by the UAE in Abu Dhabi from 26th-29th February.

Sheikh Abdullah said that the grant to be provided by the UAE will be allocated to the Fisheries Funding Mechanism, the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), and the Women Exporters in the Digital Economy (WEIDE) Fund that will be launched during MC13.

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UAE allocates \$5 million to WTO's Women Exporters In Digital Economy Fund



Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade and Chair of the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference 2024, announced that the United Arab Emirates has allocated \$5 million to a \$50 million fund launched ahead of the conference to help female entrepreneurs in developing countries to export more using the opportunities offered by the digital economy.

"The WTO's Women Exporters In Digital Economy Fund allows us to celebrate the invaluable contribution of women entrepreneurs & women-led businesses around the world and to recognise the critical role they play in driving economic growth," the minister said.

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Rwanda given as an example as Experts say drones can slash delivery costs as Dubai plans revealed



Drone deliveries that are cheaper and 20 times more efficient than land vehicles could complement an air taxi service poised for Dubai in 2026, experts have said.

Aviation experts said drone deliveries had transformed access to medical supplies in hard-to-reach areas of Africa, with a similar model holding the potential to be implemented in the UAE. In Rwanda, ZipLine drone operators slashed delivery times of critical supplies to medical facilities from eight hours by road in the wet season, to just 30 minutes. **Read more on The National**

Manama Health 3rd edition to be held in December



Supreme Council of Health (SCH) and Government Hospitals signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SM Bahrain to organise the 3rd edition of Manama Health (Exhibition & Conference). Manama Health is expected to be held in December with the participation of officials in the health sector, representatives of international medical institutions in Bahrain & abroad, & medical companies & those interested in the medical sector. **Read more**