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Rwandans cannot be indifferent to roots of Genocide – H.E President Kagame



H.E. President Paul Kagame said that Rwandans cannot be indifferent to the root causes of the Genocide, adding that the people will always pay maximum attention, even when left alone.

To him and many Rwandans, the reason why any country would remain intentionally vague about who was targeted in the Genocide is not understandable.

He made the remarks, on April 7, during the 30th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi that brought together several dignitaries from around the world including heads of state, members of diplomatic corps, government officials & Rwandan citizens, at BK Arena.

The annual commemoration started with lighting of the 'Flame of Remembrance' at the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre, Gisozi by President Kagame, which will burn for the next 100 days, in memory of the more than one million lives lost from April through July 1994. **Read more on The New Times**

Shakhboot bin Nahyan attends 30th anniversary of Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda



On April 7, on behalf of President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Sheikh Shakhboot bin Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of State attended the 30th anniversary of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

During his visit, he met with Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda and discussed various aspects of the bilateral relations between the two friendly countries, ways to develop and enhance cooperation at all levels, and several issues of common interest. **Read more on WAM & Aletihad**

Over 500 Rwandans, friends of Rwanda meet in UAE to mark Kwibuka30



21 April 2024 - Over 500 people including UAE Government Officials, members of the Diplomatic Corps, Rwandans and friends of Rwanda gathered in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates to commemorate for the 30th time the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

In his remarks, Rwanda's Ambassador to the UAE, John Mirenge reflected on the unimaginable human tragedy of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and called for concerted efforts in the fight against genocide denial. "The 30th commemoration should serve as a clarion call to the global community for concerted efforts to tackle genocide ideology, denial and revisionism. Bringing to justice genocide suspects who are still at large is equally unfinished work that needs international collaboration," he underscored.

On Rwanda's remarkable transformation post-genocide, Ambassador Mirenge observed: "Three decades later, Rwanda has risen into a beacon of transformation and progress as we chose to live not only for ourselves and future generations but also for those who departed and whose dreams were cut short. To fellow Rwandans, notably the youth, we have a collective responsibility to preserve the memory, sustain the gains made by our country, and contribute to the ambitious ongoing transformation journey. [Read more on RwandaInUAE](#)

President Kagame receives UAE Minister of State H.E Noura Al Kaabi



On 07 March 2024 at Urugwiro Village, President Paul Kagame met with H.E. Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, for discussions on further strengthening collaboration in areas of mutual interest. Minister of State Noura was in Rwanda for the inaugural Joint Committee for Cooperation meeting between Rwanda and UAE.

UAE and Rwanda hold first Joint Committee for Cooperation meeting



07 March 2024 - Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Dr. Vincent Biruta and H.E. Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, co-chaired the 1st Session of the Joint Committee for Cooperation (JCC) between Rwanda and the United Arab Emirates.

They explored new avenues for cooperation and signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Education.

"Through this partnership, we aim to bolster educational exchanges, research collaborations, & capacity building, laying down the foundations for a future where our youth can thrive in a globalized world," Minister Biruta highlighted in his opening remarks.

The Minister said that bilateral cooperation spans several vital sectors, with notable advancements in trade and investment, security, ICT, and space among others.

On her part, H.E. Al Kaabi underscored the historic ties between the UAE and Rwanda, founded on mutual endeavors across various levels, which reflect the two countries' readiness to reinforce & develop relations that benefit both nations and their peoples.

Her Excellency added: "The bilateral relations between the UAE and Rwanda have witnessed remarkable progress over the past years, demonstrating the leadership of both countries' commitment to strengthen these bonds. The UAE and Rwanda are partners in trade and investment, & have expressed their keenness to attract further investments in emerging economic sectors.

During the meetings, the two sides discussed new mechanisms to enhance coordination within economic areas, trade, and investment, in addition to strengthening cooperation and developing investment opportunities as part of the Double Taxation Agreements, and the Promotion and Protection of Investments Agreement.

Both sides highlighted their commitment to fortifying collaboration and enhancing investments in the space technology sector. Furthermore, they affirmed their keenness to developing opportunities in the trade of food products, environment & energy fields, economic empowerment of youth, and investing in expertise to reinforce technical and creative industries. In this regard, the two sides signed the MOU for cooperation in the field of education.

Read more on The New Times & UAE MOFA

Minister Dr Jimmy Garore presides over the 14th IRENA Assembly in Abu Dhabi



Rwanda's Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Dr. Jimmy Gasrore presiding over the 14th Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency taking place from 17th– 18th April in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Under the theme "Outcome of COP28: Infrastructure, Policies, and Skills for Tripling Renewables and Accelerating the Energy Transition", the 2024 Assembly explored priorities for the energy transition and immediate steps to accelerate progress towards tripling renewable power capacity to at least 11 terawatts (TW) by 2030.

More than 1,300 participants from 144 countries, including Ministers, industry leaders, & CEOs attended the Assembly. [Read the Six Key Takeaways from the 14th IRENA Assembly](#)

Amb. John Mirenge met with UAE Minister of Human Resources and Emiratization



On 5th April 2024, Ambassador John Mirenge met with H.E. Dr. Abdulrahman Abdulmannan Al Awar, UAE Minister of Human Resources & Emiratization. Their discussion focused on Rwanda – UAE cooperation in the area of human resources.

Amb. Mirenge meets counterparts from Costa Rica, Qatar, Ukraine, and Israel



During March and April 2024, Ambassador John Mirenge engaged Ambassadors from different countries on matters of common interest. He met H.E Francisco Chacon, Ambassador of Costa Rica and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in UAE; H.E Sultan Bin Salmeen Al Mansouri, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the UAE as well as H.E. Dmytro Senik, Ambassador of Ukraine to the UAE.

Rwanda, Dubai Police forces sign cooperation pact



The cooperation pact was signed on Thursday, March 7, in Dubai between the Inspector General of Police (IGP) CG Felix Namuhoranye and Dubai Police Commandr-In-Chief, Lt. Gen. Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri. This was on the sideline of the three-day World Police Summit, which concluded on March 7, at the Dubai World Trade Center.

The agreement reaffirms the commitment of the two Police institutions to exchange training programmes & experiences; exchange of expertise in the fields of general public order management, transnational organized crimes

and terrorism, investigation techniques, forensic science, technologies, canine, and traffic police, among others.

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Kigali International Financial Centre and Abu Dhabi Global Market forge strategic partnership



Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC), a financial centre that aims to transform Rwanda into a leading financial destination for investors seeking opportunities across the African continent, & Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing a comprehensive framework for collaboration between the two financial centres. The strategic collaboration was inked at ADGM's Authority building with an esteemed delegation from Rwanda.

The partnership aims to foster cooperation within both financial centres including but not limited to promotion and international development, mutual recognition, capacity building and skill sdevelopment, sustainable finance, & Islamic finance. [Read more on WAM & Aletihad](#)

UAE shares successful government modernisation experiences with Rwanda



The Ministry of Cabinet Affairs' Government Experience Exchange Office received a delegation from the Government of the Republic of Rwanda. The aim of the visit is to share the UAE's successful experiences in government work.

As part of their official visit to the country, the delegation reviewed the best practices applied at the federal and local levels, to be later employed in supporting government development & modernisation in Rwanda.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information Communication Technology & Innovation, Yves Iradukunda, headed the delegation, which included government top officials from the President's Office, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, and the Rwanda Information Society Authority (RISA).

Deputy Minister of Cabinet Affairs for Competitiveness and Experience Exchange, Abdulla Nasser Lootah, stated that the UAE government has established a distinguished model of fruitful global partnerships based on sharing knowledge and successful experiences with other governments. **Read more on Aletihad**

Amb. John Mirenge hosted Rwandan students from different universities across the UAE



On 23rd March 2024, Ambassador John Mirenge hosted Rwandan students from different universities across the UAE. They discussed the role of the youth in Rwanda's socio-economic development.

\$1.1 billion mark in Rwanda-UAE bilateral trade augurs bright future: Rwandan envoy



As Rwanda-UAE bilateral trade has hit a new milestone that reflects the growth in overall relations, Rwanda wants to expand the ties to new and advanced sectors such as fourth industrial revolution, John Mirenge, Ambassador of Rwanda to the UAE, told the Emirates News Agency (WAM).

"Rwanda and the UAE enjoy excellent bilateral relations and the UAE is Rwanda's leading trade partner," he stressed in an interview at the Rwandan Embassy in Abu Dhabi. According to the UAE Ministry of Economy, Rwanda-UAE bilateral trade crossed US\$1.1 billion mark in 2023.

The envoy said exports from Rwanda to the UAE include a range of products, mainly horticulture. Currently, Rwanda exports approximately 60 tonnes of horticultural products to the UAE weekly, a volume expected to increase. Notable partnerships with major retailers in the UAE further contribute to the growth of horticultural exports to the UAE and other Gulf countries, he said. **Read more about the Ambassador's Exclusive Interview with The Emirates News Agency**

UAE was Rwanda's largest export destination in 2023 – RDB



The United Arab Emirates (UAE) was Rwanda's largest export partner in 2023 as the Middle East country accounted for more than half of its goods formally sold abroad, according to the latest report by the Rwanda Development Board (RDB).

Overall, the RDB annual report of 2023 which was published on April 24 showed that Rwanda's total export receipts reached \$3.5 billion (approx. Rwf4.5 trillion), up 17.2 per cent from 2022 revenues.

Information The New Times got from RDB shows that the \$2.47 billion revenues from goods export include informal cross border trade (ICBT). Formal trade, excluding ICBT, was \$1.67 billion (approx. Rwf2.1 trillion), with the UAE receiving goods worth \$951.1 million (approx. Rwf1.2 trillion) or 56.9 per cent, primarily minerals and horticulture products.

Read more on The New Times

India, UAE top Rwanda's list of foreign investment in 2023



Rwanda Development Board (RDB) attracted and registered 513 projects worth \$2.47 billion (approximately Rwf3.1 trillion) in investments in 2023, which represent a 50 per cent increase compared to \$1.6 billion recorded in 2022.

According to RDB's latest annual report, majority of the recorded investments came from India & United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The registered investments are expected to generate more 40,198 jobs, with majority of employments being created in manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, fishing, & real estate activities. **Read more on IGIHE**

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UAE ranks fifth globally in IPU's latest 'Women in Parliament 2023' report



The UAE ranks fifth in the IPU's latest 'Women in Parliament 2023' report, which is based on parliamentary renewals in 66 chambers in 52 countries in 2023.

"Rwanda continues to lead the IPU world ranking with women accounting for 61.3% of seats in the Chamber of Deputies, followed by Cuba and Nicaragua with 55.7% and 53.9% respectively, while Andorra, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates have parity," said the report.

Women made up 27.6% of MPs in those newly elected or appointed chambers, an overall increase of 1.4 percentage points compared with previous polls in the same countries, according to the report.

Expo Centre Sharjah concludes participation in UFI's MEA Conference in Kigali



The Expo Centre Sharjah (ECS) participated in the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI)'s Middle East and Africa (MEA) Conference, held by the UFI in Kigali, Rwanda.

Saif Mohammed Al-Midfa, CEO of Expo Centre Sharjah and Chairman of the Arab Union for Exhibitions, represented the ECS at the three-day event, which featured an extensive list of exhibition industry leaders and professionals from the Middle East, Africa, and various other countries across the globe. **Read more on WAM**

These are the 4 conditions for obtaining a transit visa in the UAE



The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship and Ports Security issues two types of transit visas, including a transit visa for 48 hours, which is free of charge, and another for 96 hours for only Dhs50.

The digital government has set 4 conditions to be able to obtain a visa, which are: "The validity of the passport or travel document must not be less than three months before entering the UAE, the provision of a personal photo with a white background, the traveler must have a travel ticket to continue his journey, and the traveler must be heading to a country other than the country he came from."

The UAE Digital Government confirmed that only national airlines in the UAE can arrange and coordinate obtaining a transit visa for foreigners, and the visitor must apply for and obtain a visa before coming and entering the country. **Read more on Gulf Today**

