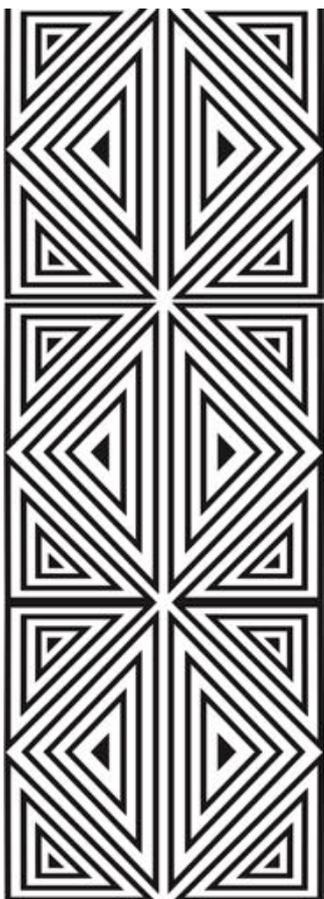


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“Raising ourselves to the level where we feel we are equal with others is also an issue of mindset. It’s an issue of choices we have made or we want to make going forward. Being equal shouldn’t be just words, it should be demonstrated in real life.” President Kagame said on the 11th of June at the RDF Command and Staff College Graduation Ceremony.

To view photos [click here](#).

President Kagame Meets With Norrsken East Africa

On 9 June, President Paul Kagame received Niklas Adelberth, founder of Norrsken East Africa, and Pascal Murasira, Managing Director at Norrsken East Africa and member of the Rwanda Community Abroad in the Netherlands. Norrsken is a global Entrepreneurship hub which earlier this year announced that it has earmarked \$12m for investment into the local and regional entrepreneurship scene through their Kigali Campus.



Back in the Netherlands, Pascal Murasira met with Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe at the Embassy in The Hague to discuss how to attract more Dutch investors and startups to Rwanda's tech ecosystem.

First Lady Urges Green Hills Academy Graduates To Be Solution-Oriented



First Lady Jeannette Kagame has urged Green Hills Academy's 2021 high school graduates to be innovative and bold as they embark on the next level of their academic journey. Speaking to the graduates, she noted that they have already gone through a lot due to the inconveniences caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Class of 2021, so much was already asked of you during this very challenging year. But if you allow me, I have one more request: As you embark on this new journey, remember that for any obstacle you find on the way, there are always solutions,” the First Lady said. [Read more.](#)

Ambassador Nduhungirehe Presents Letters Of Credence To President Of Estonia

On 3 June 2021, Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe presented his letters of credence to President Kersti Kaljulaid appointing him as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Rwanda to Estonia.

Following the official presentation of credentials, the President of Estonia and the Ambassador of Rwanda held a conversation focusing on strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation, including in digital transformation, trade and investment.

In bid to open-up her foreign policy with Africa, under the leadership of H.E. Ms Kersti Kaljulaid, Estonia reached has out to Rwanda consistently since 2016. Rwanda's Ministry of ICT has identified Estonia as one of the strategic countries it is looking to partner with, and learn from their e-health, e-governance, blockchain use, and digital IDs systems as well as the X-Road system that enable different government services to exchange data seamlessly. Rwanda is also looking to explore partnership with Estonia in Africa in the ICT sector.

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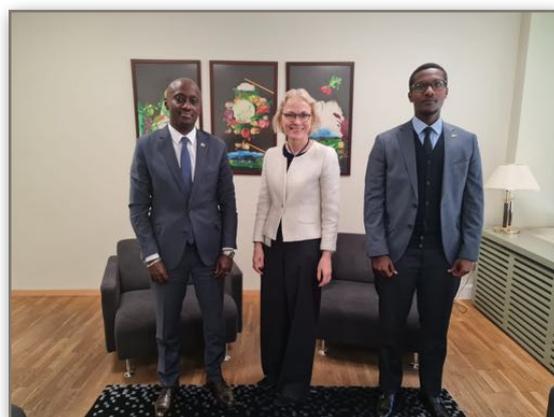


Other Highlights of Ambassador Nduhungirehe's Visit To Estonia

On the 2nd of June, Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe presented the copies of his letters of credence to Jana Vanaveski, Chief of State Protocol in the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



On the 2nd of June, Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe met with Ms. Ingrid Amer, Director of Middle East Africa and Latin America in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia. Strengthening economic and political ties between both countries was the focus of the discussions.



On the 2nd of June, Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe met with Mr. Margus Rava, Ambassador at large for Economic Affairs with Africa, together with Ms. Nele Leosk, Ambassador at large for Digital Affairs. Topics of discussion: economic cooperation in various sectors, including digital transformation.

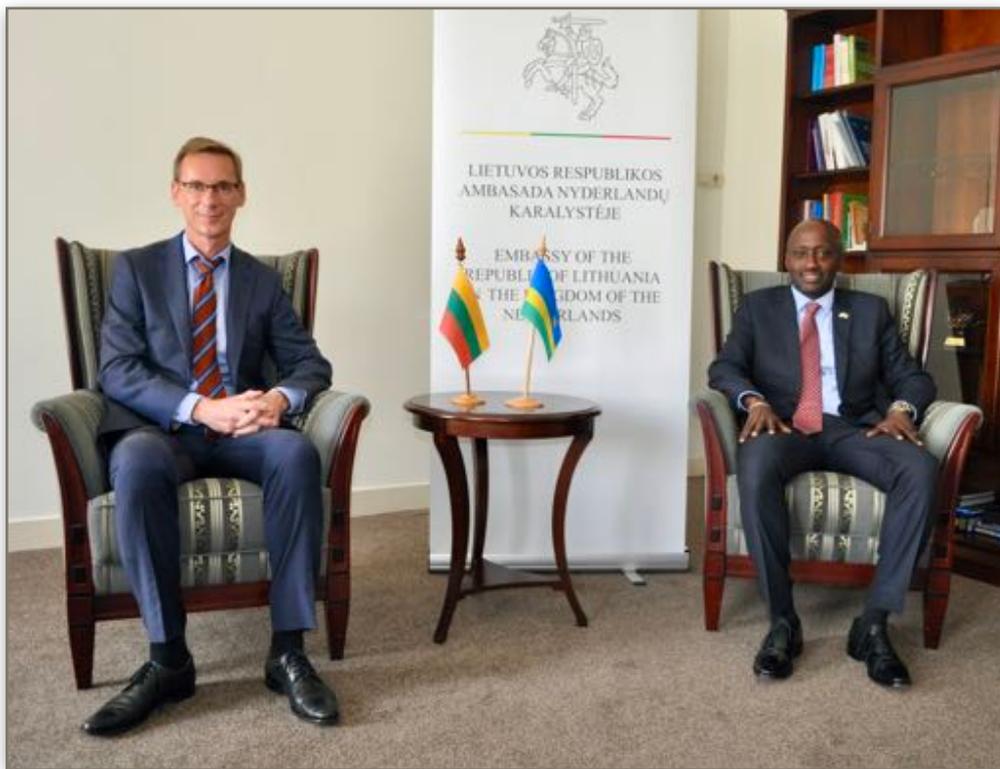


On the 3rd of June, Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe signed in Tallinn a memorandum of understanding with the Estonian School of Diplomacy to enhance cooperation in diplomatic training.



Virtual Presentation Copies Of Letters Of Credence To Lithuania

On the 8th of June, Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe was welcomed by Ambassador Vidmantas Purlys at the Lithuanian Embassy in The Hague to virtually present copies of his letters of credence to the Director of Protocol Department Neilas Tankevičius.



Following the virtual presentation Ambassador Nduhungirehe held a conversation with Vice Minister Mantas Adomenas and Director of the Regional Department Audrius Brūzga focusing on strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Lithuania is the southernmost and largest of the three Baltic states. Lithuania's economic freedom score is 75.3, making its economy the 19th freest in the 2018 Index. With a decrease in government restrictions and increase in privatization, increase investment freedom, judicial effectiveness, and fiscal health, Lithuania is ranked 11th among 44 countries in the Europe region.



RDB & OVO Partner To Support And Invest In Rwandan Start-Ups

The Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and Belgium-based Entrepreneurs for Entrepreneurs (OVO), have signed a cooperation agreement to support OVO's Sustainable Technology for Africa (SusTech4Africa) program in Rwanda by providing access to debt and expert capital for Rwandan start-up businesses. [Read more.](#)



Kigali Named Among Top 50 Cities With Innovative Responses



Kigali has been named among the 50 finalist cities in the 2021 Global Mayors Challenge, a global innovation competition that identifies and accelerates the most ambitious ideas developed by cities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

These 50 urban innovations rose to the top of a competitive pool of more than 630 applications from 99 countries, in the first-ever Global Mayors Challenge. [Read more.](#)

Rwanda's Economy Grows By 3.5% In Quarter 1

Rwanda's gross domestic product grew by 3.5 per cent in the first quarter of 2021 buoyed by manufacturing and industry sectors, the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) has said. This is the first time the economy has recorded a positive growth rate since the first quarter of last year when the first coronavirus case was reported in the country. [Read more.](#)



Visit Rwanda Teams Up With Paris Saint-Germain

Visit Rwanda has teamed up with Paris Saint-Germain to show you some of the country's most spectacular destinations and experiences. Find out what PSG players Alessandro Florenzi, Ángel Di María, Moise Kean, Abdou Diallo, Rafinha, Pablo Sarabia and Danilo Pereira have shared and book your next holiday to Rwanda today!



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Rwanda Pushes To Have Nyungwe Park Added To World Heritage List



Several institutions led by the Rwanda National Commission on UNESCO have embarked on a proposal to have one of Africa's oldest mountain forests, Nyungwe National Park, added to the world heritage list. Other institutions that are championing this include Rwanda Development Board, Rwanda Environmental Management Authority and the Ministry of Youth and culture among others.

Albert Mutesa, the Secretary-General of the Rwandan Commission on UNESCO hails the park's amazing features which convince him that it can be featured among the world's heritage list. "Basing on its beauty, and that it hosts a lot of biodiversities, we have realized that we do not want it to be considered a national asset, but a global adventure," he said. [Read more.](#)

World Environment Day 2021: Rwandans Urged To Preserve Natural Ecosystems



World Environment Day brought together Rwandan Government institutions, development partners, civil society and the private sector to foster green growth and climate change resilience, restore ecosystems and beat plastic pollution. During an event the Ministry of Environment through Rwanda Environment Management Authority and the Private Sector Federation launched a sustainable Management of PET single-use Plastics Project. [Read more.](#)

Bamboo Processing Factory To Start Operations In August

A factory that will process bamboos into different products is set to start operations in August this year, according to Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya, the Minister of Environment. Rwanda Development Board (BRD) and the Ministry of Environment signed an agreement with East Africa Bamboo Forest Industry to plant 2,300 hectares of bamboo in the districts of Kigali, Bugesera, Ngoma and Rwamagana.



The Minister for Environment signed a concession agreement on land for the company to have permanent bamboo nurseries in Rwanda. The investor is tasked with establishing a quality seedling raising centre to provide bamboo seedlings in Rwanda and for exportation.

The bamboos are expected to serve as raw materials for a bamboo processing factory expected in Kicukiro district to locally manufacture various products. [Read more.](#)

APR FC Crowned Primus National League Champions



On the 25th of June 25, APR FC was crowned Primus National League 2021 champions after thrashing Rutsiro FC 6-0 at Huye Stadium to win the league on a goal difference basis. APR FC won the league title undefeated having won 6 out of 6 games from the group stages topping it up with winning 6 out of 7 games in the Playoffs Phase drawing the other with AS Kigali in a title deciding game that took place at Stade Régional de Muhanga.

The army-based club entered the game with a superior goal difference. They opened the scoring through Yannick Bizimana in the 26th minute, he completed a brace in the 39th minute. Mugunga Yves scored the third in the 50th minute moments before Maombi Jean Pierre scored an own goal in the 58th minute. Ndayishimiye Dieudonné scored the 5th goal five minutes later. Youngster Byiringiro Lague scoring the sixth goal shortly before the end of the game was the icing on the cake. [Read more.](#)

Olivier Mugabo Nizeyimana Elected As New FERWAFWA President

Businessman and football enthusiast Olivier Mugabo Nizeyimana has been elected the new President of the Rwanda Football Association (FERWAFWA) in a landslide election that took place on Sunday at Lemigo Hotel. FERWAFWA members gathered at the Lemigo Hotel for an extraordinary General Assembly meeting to elect a new Executive Committee following the resignation of Brig. Gen Jean Damascene Sekamana in April. Members were given a chance to vote yes or no, and candidate Nizeyimana Mugabo Olivier was elected to head the football government body, garnering 52 votes. [Read more.](#)

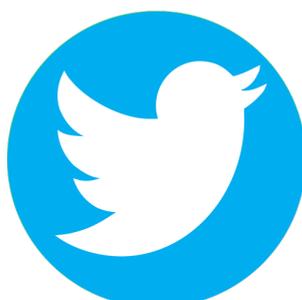


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