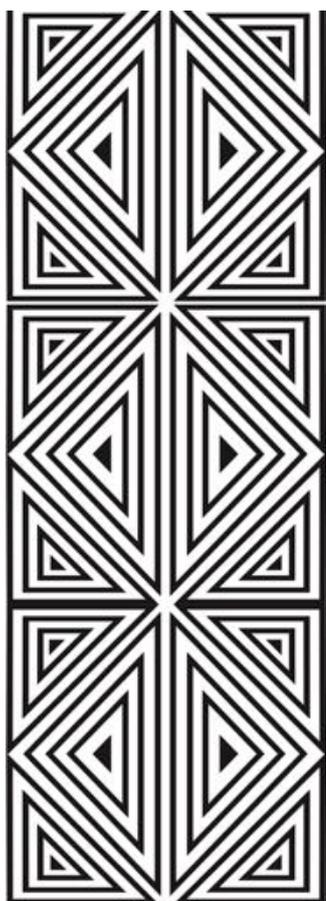


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President Kagame Addresses Rwandans And Friends Of Rwanda On Kwibohora27



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At the occasion of Kwibohora27, H.E. President Kagame delivered a speech and said that today, Rwanda is not just a place on the map: “For us, it means something that we can all identify with and be proud of, and in which we feel valued. Rwanda means hope. It means that we care for one another.”

The President said that this year we could not celebrate Liberation Day in the usual manner. “This is why we must continue our fight against the current surge in Covid-19 cases. It is now more important than ever to follow the measures put in place by the Ministry of Health and other institutions to curb the spread of Covid-19 and save lives. We want every Rwandan to be healthy and free to pursue all the opportunities available to them, including in education, employment, and entrepreneurship. Our work for Rwanda’s economic and social transformation must continue and accelerate,” President Kagame said.

President Kagame In Germany For G20 Compact With Africa Summit

At the end of August, President Paul Kagame was in Berlin where alongside other Heads of State from various African countries he took part in the G20 Compact with Africa Summit hosted by German Chancellor Angela Merkel. This year's Summit featured a G20 Investment Summit on "Framework Conditions for Business and Investment", as well as a session on "the G20 Compact with Africa amid the Covid-19 Pandemic". Discussions also focused on ways to improve the business environment and increase investment on the continent Africa.

The summit was launched in 2017 under the German G20 Presidency to promote private investment on the African continent and brings together reform-minded African countries, international organizations and bilateral partners from G20 and beyond to coordinate

country-specific reform agendas, support respective policy measures and advertise investment opportunities to private investors.



Countries that featured in the summit include Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo and Tunisia. South Africa, which is a member of the G20, co-chairs the initiative alongside Germany.

kENUP BioNTech Roundtable

President Kagame participated in a meeting with BioNTech CEO Uğur Şahin convened by the kENUP Foundation with the President of Senegal and the President of the EU commission to agree on a way forward for the development of end-to-end vaccine production in Africa, starting with Rwanda and Senegal. "Thank you BioNTech not only for being the genius behind this technology but also for having this vision that Africa, the place that needs what is being done urgently, is also associated and benefits," President Kagame said to the representatives of the media after the meeting.



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Team Europe And Rwanda Partner On The Road To Vaccine Manufacturing

On the 1st of July, the European Union (EU) and the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) signed a FRw 3.6 billion agreement to promote the Rwandan tourism and health sectors. This agreement will strengthen the capacity of the Rwanda Food and Drug Authority (RFDA), which is key to enhancing the attractiveness of Rwanda for investments in vaccine manufacturing.

European Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, noted: “I welcome the agreement today to strengthen the capacity of the Rwanda Food and Drug Authority (RFDA), which is key to enhance the attractiveness of Rwanda for investments in the manufacturing of vaccines and other pharmaceuticals, thus helping to improve access to medicines. This is an important step in supporting local manufacturing of health products in Africa. As announced by President von der Leyen, Team Europe will continue to support the country and Africa in strengthening the regulatory framework and attracting investment in the pharmaceutical sector.”

Dr Daniel Ngamije, Rwanda’s Minister of Health, said: “Upgrading Rwanda’s regulatory capabilities to the required international standards is a critical step on our journey to vaccine manufacturing. The European Union is a central partner in our efforts to bridge the gap in vaccine equity in Africa by building pharmaceutical production capacity.”

Clare Akamanzi, CEO of the Rwanda Development Board (RDB), said: “Access to vaccines is critical, especially for Africa where only around 1% of vaccines are manufactured on the continent. This agreement boosts Rwanda’s efforts to build a vaccine and pharmaceutical



manufacturing ecosystem to contribute to health security of our region and our continent.”

The initiative agreed today will help the RFDA establish a strong quality control laboratory for medical products and supply new equipment for an integrated information management system. This will help the RFDA in achieving the required level of certification by the World Health Organization (WHO) to be able to fully play its role to ensure the safety, efficacy, and quality of vaccines and pharmaceutical products.

The agreement is part of a comprehensive medium-term #TeamEurope support to bring the authority’s laboratory, technical and organizational capacity to high levels of performance. As part of this effort, the EU Delegation will also seek to facilitate a peer-to-peer partnership between the RFDA and national regulatory authorities from EU Member States.

Furthermore, the EU and the European Investment Bank are in discussions to partner with the Government of Rwanda to facilitate and promote investment by pharmaceutical and biotech companies in the country, including exploring opportunities for co-financing and de-risking potential investments.

[Click here](#) to read more about the background,

Minister Biruta Exchanges With A Group Of 60 Rwandan Youth From Europe

On 9 July 2021, Minister Vincent Biruta exchanged with a group of 60 Rwandan Youth from Europe. This group was on a 10-day visit to discover their home country, learn the history and understand the role they can play in Rwanda's journey to transformation. Minister commended the Youth for this initiative and reminded them that Rwanda is not just a territory on a map, but it is wherever Rwandans live around the world and represent it. Also Minister Mbabazi together with General James Kabarebe exchanged with a group



Lot Of Potential For Commercial Farming Of Strawberries

On the 24th of August, the findings of the study 'Strawberry value chain analysis and market assessment in Rwanda' were presented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Animal Resources in partnership with HortInvest.

The study assessed the potential for commercial farming of strawberries as an innovative & high value crop. It was inspired by successful trials of new varieties in Muhanga, Karongi & Rutsiro districts. Currently, the imports of strawberries in Rwanda stand at 63.5 MT per year.

Minister of State Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze highlighted that farmers should take full advantage of the available market and embrace strawberry farming. He also stated that the Ministry of Agriculture & Animal Resources will keep strengthening capacity of farmers to meet the required quality & standards of produce for high value market.

The Minister of State also urged processors to closely work with local producers and farmers of

strawberries in line with bridging the gap in imports of strawberries flavors and use fresh strawberries from Rwandan farmers.

Ambassador of Rwanda to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Olivier J.P. Nduhungirehe, said that this an important step in the promotion of strawberries as a new but high value crop in Rwanda. "This is the fruit of an effective cooperation between the Netherlands and Rwanda in horticulture," he said.

‘Investing in Horticultural Development in Rwanda’ (HortInvest) is a four-year horticultural value chain-strengthening project funded by the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The project supports the overall objective of Rwandan National Horticulture Policy in terms of fast economic growth and rapid reduction of poverty and malnutrition in Rwanda, and focuses on the northwestern districts of Muhanga, Karongi, Rutsiro, Rubavu, Nyabihu and Ngororero. Led by [SNV](#), the implementing consortium includes [IDH – the Sustainable Trade Initiative](#), [Wageningen University & Research](#), [Agriterra](#) and [Holland Greentech](#).



Young Green Entrepreneurs Meet To Share Knowledge And Scale Up Green Initiatives

Young environmentalists from across Rwanda met on the 26th of August to share knowledge and ideas and participate in an exhibition that scaled up the impact of their green initiatives. The gathering was organized by the Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) with the support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations and the European Union, through UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Action for SDGs Project.

The one-day workshop equipped young Rwandan entrepreneurs leading existing climate change, environment and natural resources initiatives with knowledge on environmental innovation and how to access green investment.

“Young Rwandans are already coming up with exciting businesses that are solving complex environmental challenges, from organic compost and green pavers to sustainable furniture. We need to draw on their innovation and spirit of entrepreneurship to demonstrate and promote the benefits of linking socio-economic transformation with environmental sustainability,” said Juliet Kabera, Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority.

As part of the workshop, the participants had the opportunity to showcase their initiatives through an interactive exhibition. The exhibition allowed attendees to learn and



share experience and skills and encouraged others to join in building a green Rwanda by creating green innovation initiatives and investments that promote the sustainable use of national resources for socio-economic development.

Participants of the workshop came from all 30 districts of Rwanda, and many have been awarded through green innovation competitions organized by REMA and UNDP since 2019. Upon completing the workshop, the young people were linked to investment opportunities, including Made in Rwanda initiatives, and the most innovative initiatives will be promoted to expand their impact.

Young people play an important role in sustainable development and there is a need to empower them to take a stake in their future, be part of solving the challenges facing their communities and support them to create new opportunities for employment and green growth. The joint Rwanda Environment Management Authority, UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Action and European Union workshop aims to achieve this.

Rwandair And Qatar Airways Join Forces To Give Customers Greater Choice Over Combined Networks

RwandAir customers will be able to explore even more of the world following its new partnership with Qatar Airways via their hubs at Kigali and Doha. As part of the strategic partnership, the extensive interline agreement will give customers access to the networks of both airlines, providing a seamless travel experience and enhanced customer service the frequent flyers programs. Customers can pick and choose from over 160 destinations in the combined networks of both airlines, which are perfectly connected via their home main hubs.

Yvonne Makolo, RwandAir CEO, said: “We’re really excited to be opening up more of the world to our customers through the new interline agreement with Qatar Airways. Delivering excellent customer experience is key for us and we know that any traveler flying with Qatar Airways or RwandAir, as part of the agreement, will continue to receive the same unrivaled level of service they’re used to from both airlines,” she said.



Kigali International Airport Ranked Among Best And Cleanest



The Skytrax World Airport, the coveted quality accolades for airports across the world, and a global benchmark of excellence has ranked Kigali International Airport among the best and cleanest airports in East African Community (EAC) and Africa for 2021. It has been ranked 8th best airport in EAC and 7th cleanest on the continent. [Read more.](#)

2021 FIVB World U20 Women's Championship in the Netherlands



On July 9th, Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe and the Embassy Team saw how Rwanda played against the Netherlands in the 2021 FIVB World U20 Women's Championship in the Netherlands, where TeamNL unfortunately was too strong for TeamRwanda. In the final match, The team of Italy won from Serbia.

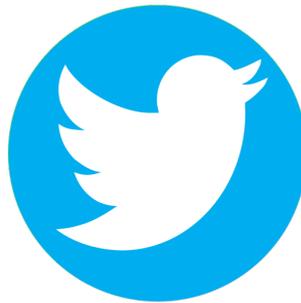


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