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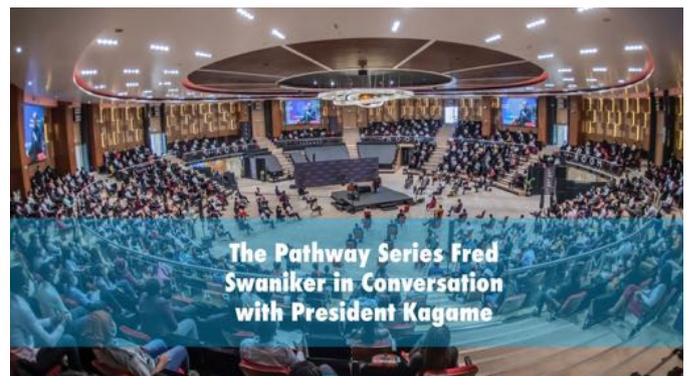
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## President Kagame To Students At The Pathway Series: "Challenge Yourselves Enough, Before Seeking Help."



President Kagame made this observation during an interaction with 600 university students as part of The Pathway series hosted by Fred Swaniker, founder of African Leadership Group and TheRoomGlobal. In the discussions, Kagame's advice included national unity, social solidarity, patriotism, integrity, bravery, tolerance, among others.

"When we are talking about the future, we are talking about those who are going to be in that future, to build the future. We are necessarily talking about the young people of now," President Kagame said to the students.



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## President Kagame Addresses Rwanda-Zimbabwe Trade & Investment Conference

“The history of both our countries has been marked by moments of adversity and tragedy, but also success and resilience. In that, we are part of the wider African experience. Progress does not come easily or without sacrifice. It requires hard work, dedication, and self-reliance. But self-reliance does not mean being alone. No country on our continent can prosper without cooperating within our region.”  
President Kagame



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## President Kagame Visits Troops In Mozambique



President Paul Kagame visited the northern Mozambican province of Cabo Delgado to reaffirm the importance of collaboration between the two countries. The President of Rwanda met with President Nyusi and reaffirmed that the conflict in northeastern Mozambique against armed jihadist groups, marked by some successes of joint Mozambican and Rwandan forces, is in a "consolidation phase".

## The African Green Revolution Forum Heads Of State Summit

President Kagame joined leaders from around Africa and of multilateral institutions for a high-level panel discussion at the AGRF2021 Summit in Kenya. “We must bear in mind that success comes down to implementing these bold ideas, not just discussing them. We cannot afford business as usual, when it comes to food systems, and the livelihoods that depend on food production.” President Kagame said at the summit.



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## Minister Biruta Visits 76th Session Of UN General Assembly



Starting on the 24th of September, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Rwanda, H.E. Vincent Biruta, joined the 76th session of the UN General Assembly. At the United Nations Headquarters in New York the Minister held a bilateral meeting with UN Secretary General António Guterres.

On the same day, Minister Biruta met with the President of the 76th session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid. Foreign Minister Biruta conveyed the support of Rwanda to the Presidency of Hope and the priorities identified by President Shahid for the 76th session.

The President underlined the necessity of achieving vaccine equity by the end of 2022, as the first step to build back better from the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Minister Biruta mentioned that Rwanda would soon be manufacturing COVID19 vaccines with an international partner

(BioNTech) which would be used to help vaccinate the continent.

Both sides also discussed other relevant topics, including climate change. The President briefed the Minister on the forthcoming high-level event on climate change that he proposes to organize at the General Assembly on 26 October 2021. Minister Biruta conveyed that Rwanda would support PGAs initiatives on climate change.

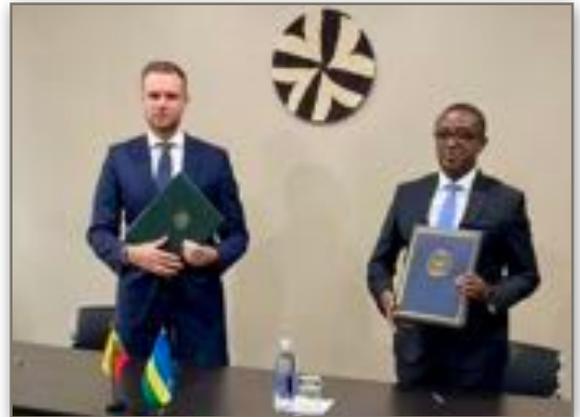


## Minister Biruta Signs MoUs On Political Consultations With Estonia And Lithuania At 76th UN General Assembly



On 21 September, Minister Vincent Biruta and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Estonia Eva-Maria had a meeting and included the signing of a cooperation agreement for holding political consultations. “We would like to have closer contacts, with a main focus on digital cooperation,” Foreign Minister Liimets said. “Consultations on regional and international topics contribute to advancing bilateral relations. We will attend the ministerial meeting of the European Union and Africa in Kigali in October, where Estonia will focus on green and digital transformation.”

Minister Vincent Biruta and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Lithuania Gabrielius Landsbergis had a meeting and they discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation and signed an MoU on political consultations.



Minister Vincent Biruta was glad to reconnect with Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon, UK Minister of State/Commonwealth and they had a fruitful discussion on COP26, COVID-19 recovery and CHOGM21 in Kigali.

Minister Biruta met with his counterpart from Luxemburg, Jean Asselborn. They discussed bilateral cooperation as well as the upcoming AU-EU Ministerial Meeting and visit to Rwanda of Luxemburg’s Development Minister.



# IFC, Government Of Rwanda Partner To Develop Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity

On 3 September, IFC and the Rwanda Development Board signed a collaboration agreement to develop vaccine manufacturing capacity in Rwanda and contribute to expanding vaccine production in Africa. IFC will support Rwanda to conduct diagnostic and feasibility studies to ensure the right technical and policy frameworks needed to establish a world-class vaccine manufacturing supply chain in Rwanda are in place to produce vaccines for use in Rwanda and to export across Africa.

IFC—a member of the World Bank Group—is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector in emerging markets. In fiscal year 2021, IFC committed a record \$31.5 billion to private companies and financial institutions in developing countries, leveraging the power of the private sector to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity as economies grapple with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The partnership will focus on supporting Rwanda’s recently announced association with BioNTech, a leading biotechnology company, and the kENUP Foundation to explore establishing end-to-end manufacturing capability for mRNA vaccines. Other potential vaccine and pharmaceutical production facilities, including a fill-and-finish facility, are expected to be co-located with BioNTech in the Kigali Special Economic Zone.

Africa depends on other countries for 99 percent of its vaccine supply. The African Union and the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are aiming to have 60 percent of Africa’s routine vaccines produced locally by 2040. Africa CDC has identified Rwanda, Senegal, and South Africa



as potential regional vaccine manufacturing hubs in Africa.

“Rwanda aims to produce high-quality vaccines for the African market. A production facility like the one envisaged in this collaboration agreement advances this objective. We are pleased to have IFC as a strategic partner,” said Zephania Niyonkuru, Deputy CEO of the Rwanda Development Board (RDB).

“A resilient Africa needs to develop and maintain its own reliable vaccine supply and health industry. This partnership with the Rwanda Development Board is a vital step toward helping Africa build vaccine manufacturing capacity to respond to COVID-19 and future pandemics,” said Samuel Dzotefe, IFC’s Acting Regional Industry Director for Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services in the Middle East and Africa.

The World Bank Group has been scaling up support to countries to produce, acquire and deliver vaccines, particularly in Africa. As of July 29, 2021, the World Bank approved operations to support vaccine rollout in 54 countries globally, amounting to \$4.6 billion to help countries purchase and distribute vaccines and to address readiness issues. To support this work, IFC is working with governments and the private sector to support pharmaceutical and related vaccine manufacturing projects.

## Kigali Launches Bike-Sharing Scheme To Promote Green Mobility

On 9 September, Kigali launched a bicycle-sharing transport scheme as part of Rwanda's efforts to promote green mobility, especially in urban areas. Kigali has partnered with GURARIDE, a local smart and green mode transport company, to promote non-motorized transport in the city. GURARIDE installed modern green mobility bicycles at several ridesharing docking stations in Kigali City.

[Read more.](#)



## Rwanda To Plant Over 43 Million Trees In New Campaign



The Minister for Environment, Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya, has revealed that government plans to plant over 43 million tree seedlings across the country in order to fight desertification. These are to be planted during the forthcoming tree planting campaign set to start next month. [Read more.](#)

## Rwandan Conservationist Helps To Save Hundreds Of Cranes

The Umusambi Village has rescued more than 200 cranes from captivity over the years. Before the intervention, local communities were hunting or capturing the birds to sell, said veterinarian Olivier Nsengimana, whose conservation organisation runs Umusambi Village together with the government. The name means grey crowned bird in the Kinyarwanda language. [Read more.](#)



## 17th Kwita Izina Gorilla Naming Ceremony Celebrated On World Gorilla Day

On 25 September, Rwanda marked World Gorilla Day by naming 24 baby mountain gorillas in a virtual celebration of the majestic animals and the community-led conservation efforts that are ensuring their long-term protection in Volcanoes National Park.

Now in its 17th year, the Gorilla Naming ceremony, known as Kwita Izina, saw Rwandans, conservation partners, special guests and friends of Rwanda come together to celebrate the occasion. Kwita Izina is modelled off a centuries-old tradition in which Rwandans name their children in the presence of family and friends, and aims to give gorillas the value they undoubtedly deserve.

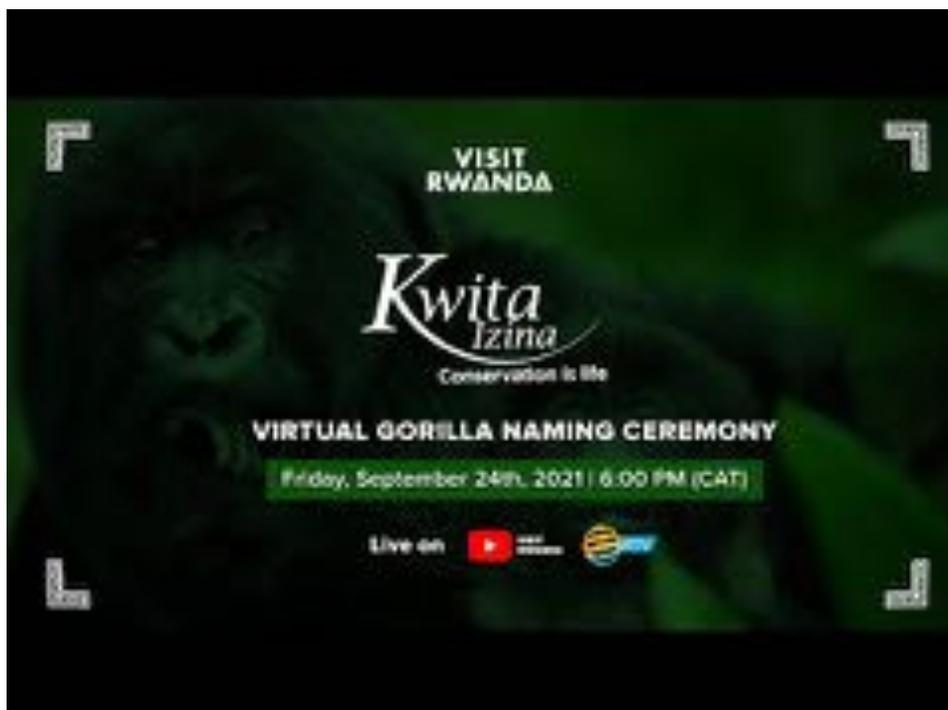
This year, the 24 baby mountain gorillas were named by distinguished individuals from around the world including environmental leaders, educators, public health advocates, artists and leading global athletes such as Arsenal's Bukayo

Saka and Paris Saint-Germain players Sergio Ramos, Angel di Maria, Marquinhos, Kylian Mbappe and Neymar.

During the ceremony, Arsenal first team players introduced the world to the newest member of Rwanda's gorilla family, a Visit Rwanda x Arsenal gorilla toy. Sales from the toy will support gorilla conservation and the expansion of Volcanoes National Park.

This year's virtual event also featured updates on the designation of the Gishwati-Mukura National Park as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the expansion of the Volcanoes National Park, and performances by Rwandan artists and messages of support from friends of Rwanda.

World Gorilla Day marks the day that gorilla conservationist Dian Fossey established the Karisoke Research Center in Rwanda in 1967. It is a day that encourages people around the globe to join conservation efforts to protect gorillas in the wild. [Click here](#) to meet the new arrivals!



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## Rwanda Earns Rwf447bn From Agricultural Exports

Agricultural exports and re-exports from Rwanda generated over \$444.8 million (approx.Rwf447bn) in 2020-2021, representing a revenue increase of 6.17 percent compared to \$419 million earned during the previous fiscal year. This is according to latest data from the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB).

This growth, which was registered despite the outbreak of Covid-19, comes after two consecutive years of agricultural exports decline. The report shows that revenues from traditional export commodities – tea, coffee and pyrethrum – decreased by 1.19 percent due to an 8.7 percent drop in tea average price, while non-traditional export commodities (exports that are relatively new) increased by 10.67 percent.

Grains and cereals, fish, essential oils, sugar, vegetable oil and Oleaginous (Soya,



groundnuts, sunflowers) contributed to this good performance of non-traditional exports, the report indicated.

NAEB Communication Specialist, Pie Ntwari told that key attributes to the growth were some products that fetched high revenues such as flowers, pyrethrum and essential oils. He said that revenues of flower exports almost doubled from \$4 million to \$7.7 million, adding that these were mainly made up of roses that fetch high prices at the market. [Read more.](#)

## Coffee Sector Gets A New Coffee Sorting And Grading Machine



On the 21st September 2021, the National Agriculture Export Board (NAEB) officially

launched the operations of their newly acquired modern coffee sorting and grading equipment worth \$1.15 million. These new fixtures to NAEB warehouses will tremendously increase Rwanda's capacity to export high quality coffee.

The event was attended by the leadership of the project's key stakeholders and major donors of the project; Jonathan Kamin (USAID Rwanda Mission Director), Kevin Ngei (a representative from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands), Patience Mutesi (TradeMark East Africa Rwanda Country Director), Claude Bizimana (NAEB CEO), among others. [Read more.](#)

## Rwanda Wins Bid To Host The 2025 World Cycling Championships

The 2025 world road cycling championships will be held in Rwanda, a first in Africa, the Rwandan cycling federation announced on 23 September. Two applications, Rwanda (Kigali) and Morocco (Tangier), were in the running for these first world championships of cycling organized in Africa. The UCI's management committee opted unsurprisingly for Kigali's bid, which was the clear favourite. [Read more.](#)



## Five Things To Remember About Afrobasket 2021



The Afrobasket 2021 championship, which concluded at Kigali Arena on Sunday, September 5, will be noted in history as the stepping stone to the development of African Basketball. The two-week event brought together 16 teams was hailed as a successful tournament full of excitement at both ends, following the return of spectators in the Arena after Covid-19 guidelines were relaxed. [Read more.](#)

## Rwanda Hosts The Africa Men's Volleyball Championship

The 23rd edition of the Volleyball Men's African Nations Championship took place in Kigali from 7 to 16 September 2021. Rwanda was the first East African Nation to host the biennial international tournament organized by the African Volleyball Confederation (CAVB). 16 national teams participated in this year's edition at the Kigali Arena and the top two will represent Africa in the 2022 Volleyball Men's World Championship. [Read more.](#)



## Presentation Letters Of Credence To The President Of Lithuania



On Tuesday 28 September, Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe presented his letters of credence to the President of the Republic of Lithuania H.E.Gitanas Nausėda.

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.

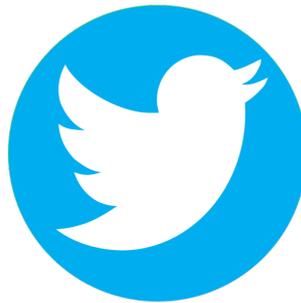


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