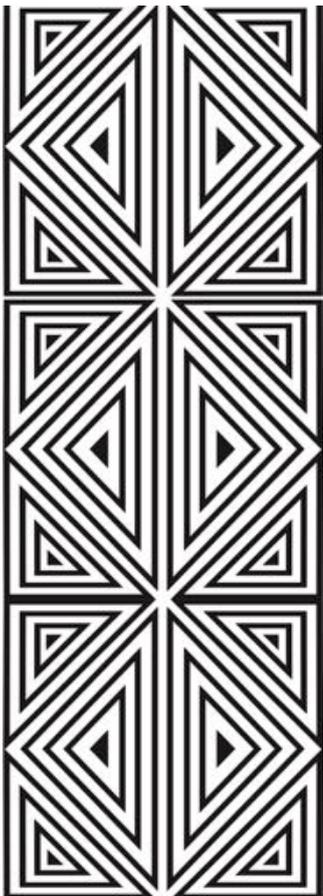


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G20: President Kagame Challenges World Leaders On Tackling Climate Change



President Kagame has challenged world leaders on action in tackling climate change, noting that previous commitments have not always materialized. The President was speaking at a session on climate change at the G20 Summit in Rome, Italy.

The G20 is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union (EU) and works to address major issues related to the global economy, such as international financial stability, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development.

Kagame said that the commitment to mobilize \$100m billion a year for green transition in developing countries has not fully materialized and there is no tangible action in this direction.

President Kagame At G20 In Rome

On 30 October in Rome, President Kagame attended the G20 Rome Summit where he was welcomed by Prime Minister Mario Draghi who currently holds the G20 Presidency.

The President attended G20 Session 1: Global Economy and Global Health.

[Click here](#) to read the remarks by President Kagame .



On 31 October, President Kagame attended G20 Session 2: Climate Change and Environment. [Click here](#) to read the remarks by the President.

Later that day the President of Rwanda attended G20 Session 3: Sustainable Development. [Click here](#) to read the remarks by President Kagame.



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President Kagame met with United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for the Inclusive Finance for Development, Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands on the side-lines of the #20 Summit in Rome.

President Kagame Takes Part In World Policy Conference Abu Dhabi



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"We cannot talk about a theoretical democracy that is not built on what the actual citizens of that place desire for themselves, their families, and their societies. That's the confusion of, in some cases, contemporary liberal democracy with its singular emphasis on individual freedoms, identities, and desires, even at the expense of the common good," said President Kagame. [Read the full speech.](#)

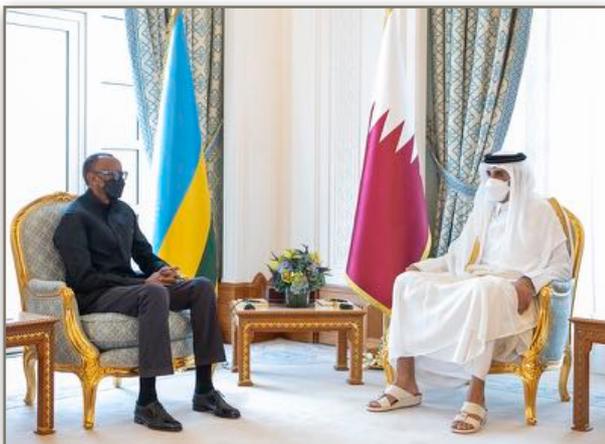
President Inaugurates Rwanda Pavilion At Expo 2020 Dubai

On 2 October, President Paul Kagame inaugurated Rwanda's pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai, kicking off a six-month World Expo experience taking visitors on a virtual gorilla trekking experience, showcasing Rwanda's conservation efforts and offering Rwandan coffee at Café Rwanda.

Drummers and dancers performed a lively traditional dance at the inauguration, which was also attended by a delegation that included Emmanuel Hategeka, Ambassador of Rwanda to the UAE, and Yves Iradukunda, Rwanda's Commissioner-General for Expo 2020 Dubai.



President Kagame Meets Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum



On 3 October, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai received President Paul Kagame. The meeting, held at the Expo 2020 Dubai venue, explored cooperation in various sectors and mutual investment opportunities, mainly in the tourism sector. The discussions also covered issues of common interest in the economic and trade sectors, among others.

African Union – European Union Ministerial Meeting In Kigali

On 26 October 2021 in Kigali, foreign affairs ministers of the European Union (EU) and the African Union (AU) met for the second time in this configuration since January 2019 to take stock of progress made since the fifth EU-AU Summit (Abidjan, 29-30 November). Ministers also exchanged views on the EU-AU partnership and how to strengthen cooperation.

During the meeting, discussions revolved around the following topics:

- the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
- building resilience
- investing in the digital and green transitions
- peace, security and global governance
- migration and mobility
- education, science, technology and skills development
- EU-Africa relations (background information)

Ahead of the sixth EU-AU Summit, which is scheduled to take place in Brussels in early 2022, ministers discussed the most important common priorities, opportunities and challenges for the agenda. The meeting was co-hosted by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, and the Vice-Premier Minister/Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and President of the AU's Executive Council, Christophe Lutundula Apala Pen'Apala. The Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, also attended the meeting.



According to Vincent Biruta, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, it is important that both Africa and Europe start thinking beyond short term imperative in order to address the medium to long term structural challenges which will ensure a stronger and more equal partnership. The platform, he said, will lead to tangible steps that will significantly strengthen cooperation for the benefit of the people.



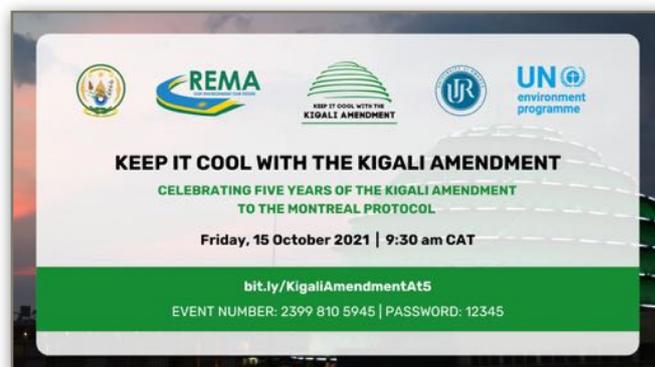
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H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, made remarks at the Opening Ceremony of the 2nd AU – EU Ministerial Meeting, [click here](#) to read her statement.

Keep It Cool With The Kigali Amendment

On 15 October, the Government of Rwanda celebrated the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. The event was an opportunity to celebrate the impact of the Montreal Protocol and the Kigali Amendment, reflecting on the urgent action needed to address the climate crisis, and demonstrate tangible commitments to cut emissions and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.

“If globally implemented, the Kigali Amendment has the potential to prevent up to 80 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent of emissions by 2050, as well as avoid 0.4°C of future warming by the end of the century. When paired with energy efficiency measures, the positive impact could double,” said Dr. Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya, Rwanda’s Minister of Environment.



“On this day of the Kigali Amendment anniversary, let’s urge the 71 parties that have not yet done so, to ratify the amendment, to continue to protect the ozone layer and accelerate actions to mitigate climate change. The world looks to the continued leadership of Rwanda along with other parties to ensure that the Kigali Amendment will flourish to achieve all its objectives and benefits” says Megumi Seki, Executive Secretary, Ozone Secretariat. [Read More.](#)

Rwanda And Finland Partner On Meteorology, Climatology & Air Quality



The Ministry of Environment and the Finnish Meteorological Institute have on 5th October 2021 signed a wide-ranging Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in the fields of meteorology, climatology and air quality. The agreement was signed by Rwanda’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Vincent Biruta, and the Director General of the Finnish Meteorological Institute, Jussi Kaurola. [Read more.](#)

Rwanda's Peacekeeping Missions: Promoting Global Peace And Security

By Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Society and the world in general continue to experience security threats of all kinds that have, in many instances, cost countless human lives and left many more deeply traumatized. Populations have lost their means of livelihood on account of destruction of property occasioned by insecurity and violence. Insecurity, taking many forms, is usually a transnational problem caused by the way things are done in a country which can also impact a region.

Taking Rwanda as a case, insecurity took the form of a genocide. Our past history has shown that Rwanda was left alone during the Genocide against the Tutsi in 1994 and was abandoned by the international community including the UN troops under the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) that had been in the country for exactly 6 months by April 1994. However, we have learnt from this and our post-genocide trajectory has been focused on taking into consideration those lessons learnt and thus, do things differently. A major part of our national effort has been on building a united country.

With this, the protection of civilians remains at the centre of our domestic laws and part of our foreign policy. The Constitution further mandates the Government of Rwanda to take part in peacekeeping globally and to fully support all the communities affected. This commitment to make a difference, where we can, has also been reflected with the signing of the 2015 Kigali Principles on Protection of Civilians.

Subsequently, Rwanda is such a vibrant advocate of multilateralism for security through its participation in several African Union and United Nations peacebuilding operations. In fact, Rwanda is now ranked in the top five contributor to the UN peacekeeping operations, with over 5,000 troops engaged in various missions since 2004,



namely in Darfur (2004), South Sudan (in 2011) and Central African Republic (in 2014).

Additionally, the Government of Rwanda has also entered in bilateral agreements, upon request and after further consultations with relevant stakeholders, and institutions, to deploy Rwandan troops. Most recently, the Rwandan troops in Mozambique have joined their efforts with Mozambique Armed Defence Forces (FADM) and forces from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in designated sectors of responsibility to fight terrorism in Cabo Delgado Province and restore Mozambican state authority. The Joint Forces have already liberated several key towns from the terrorists, which is a step in restoring stability in the country.

Peacebuilding is most definitely a long-term and ongoing process, and cooperation between all actors is critical to minimise and resolve the root causes of security threats. That said, we must pay attention to the local contexts and the situations on the ground.

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For this reason, the deployment of our troops are not limited to military operations, however, they are also engaged in development activities including in the health sector by providing treatment to local citizens. Our troops have also been introducing our home grown solutions, when fitted, like the monthly community works commonly referred to as Umuganda, to support vulnerable groups and contribute to the welfare of the citizens in the host nation. But above all this, we must understand the concept of ownership from the concerned local actors to achieve concrete and long-lasting results.

All these examples that I have cited are rooted in Rwanda's domestic approach and have brought our soldiers and police officers closer to the local communities as well as helping them to earn the population's trust in the countries where they serve. They have also been appreciated by local communities for their discipline, resilience, professionalism, and promotion of dignity for women amongst others.

Because of the lessons learnt and the experiences gained that we want to share with everyone, today, our Government runs the Rwanda Peace Academy, that offers training and research courses with the objective to enhance capacity for conflict prevention and post-conflict management in the region and beyond. It is a project that aims to share values and skills relating to the accumulated experience by our troops, which we hope will have a global impact, that will help create sustainable peace in the world.

In conclusion, regardless of the countries where our troops are, our mission is to protect the ordinary people who are the most vulnerable and at risk and that is why we will always be ready to contribute whenever civilians are endangered. Our goal is to connect with local realities, understand the cultural context and engage the community which most definitely have helped establishing trust and enhance the effectiveness of the missions. We remain ready to assume our responsibility in achieving global peace.



On 24 September, President Kagame visited the Rwandan Peacekeeping Mission in Mozambique

BioNTech Initiates Construction mRNA Vaccine Manufacturing Facility In Rwanda

BioNTech announced that the company plans to initiate the construction of the first state-of-the-art manufacturing site for mRNA-based vaccines in the African Union in mid-2022. This is the next step in BioNTech's efforts to implement sustainable end-to-end vaccine supply solutions on the African continent.

The decision is the result of a meeting between Rwanda's Minister of Health, Dr Daniel M. Ngamije, Senegal's Minister of Foreign Affairs Aïssata Tall Sall, Ugur Sahin, M.D., CEO and Co-Founder of BioNTech and Sierk Poetting, COO of BioNTech as well as Dr Sabin Nsanzimana, Director-General of Rwanda Biomedical Centre and Dr Amadou Alpha Sall, Directeur-General of Institut Pasteur de Dakar in Kigali, Rwanda. The meeting occurred upon the invitation of the KENUP Foundation and took place as a side-event of the Second Ministerial Meeting of the African Union and the European Union and resulted in a

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This comes after the parties signed a Joint Communiqué at a previous meeting in Berlin on August 27, 2021.

“State-of-the-art facilities like this will be life-savers and game-changers for Africa and could lead to millions of cutting edge vaccines being made for Africans, by Africans in Africa,” said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, World Health Organization Regional Director for Africa. “This is also crucial for transferring knowledge and know-how, bringing in new jobs and skills and ultimately strengthening Africa's health security. WHO is ready to work with countries to step up their commitment to vaccine manufacturing.”

“By working together, in the spirit of this meeting, the African Union, the European Union, key technology partners, and other stakeholders, can make decisive contributions and effective coordination in the fight against this pandemic, and future health challenges,” commented Dr Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission. [Read more.](#)



RDB & APIEX Sign MoU To Promote Strategic Private Sector

On 6 October, the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Investment and Export Promotion Agency (APIEX) of the Republic of Mozambique to attract, promote and facilitate investments between the two countries. Strategic sectors of focus include; agro-processing, tourism, healthcare, mining, and real estate sectors, among others.

Speaking at the signing of the MoU, Richard Tusabe, Rwanda's Minister of State in charge of National Treasury, said: "The timing of the signing of this MoU could not be any better. This is when we are trying to catch up on what we have lost over the last two years of the pandemic. The effects will be long-term, but through cooperation, we can shorten the recovery period. We need to complement each other in terms of policies and implementing strategies that respond to our national challenges."

Carlos Alberto Fortes, Mozambique's Minister of Industry and Trade, said: "The current COVID-19 pandemic situation calls for different approaches to decisions that we have to make to recover our economies. Working together is much better than working alone. This is what we will continue to enforce between our two governments. No one is going to do the development of our countries on our behalf. It will require a lot of sacrifice and effort."

Commenting on the MoU, Zephania Niyonkuru, Deputy CEO of Rwanda Development Board, said: "With the signing of this MoU, expectations are high regarding the business prospects for the private sector in Rwanda and Mozambique. We look forward to growing our bilateral trade and investment relationship underpinned by the friendship of both countries."

The delegation from Mozambique will meet with members of the private sector in Rwanda during their three-day visit, among other engagements.



International Coffee Day: Tribute To Farmers

October 1st is the world's International Coffee Day. The international coffee day is a global celebration of the beverage by coffee lovers whilst recognizing the hard work of millions of farmers, whose livelihoods depend on this cash crop. The celebration aims to raise awareness of the incredible work of those involved in the coffee industry and promote the fair trade of coffee.

On International Coffee Day, the International Coffee Organization (ICO) sheds light on the continued plight of farmers who grow coffee and makes people aware of how they produce this wonderful beverage at the cost of their sweat. "The coffee-lovers community is encouraged to celebrate International Coffee Day not only to honor the coffee, but also understand the issues faced by the coffee-farmers and join hands with industry



partners bringing proper reforms in this industry." Mr. José Dauster Sette, the Executive Director of ICO noted last year on the same day.

The colorful history and an exciting taste of Rwandan Coffee – which was introduced to the country in 1900s and later became a sole income of revenues for the country, has grown to become one of the leading specialty cups for coffee connoisseurs around the world while providing livelihoods to more than 400,000 households.

Rwanda is known for producing some of the best coffee in the world. The coffee offers a silky, creamy body along with the floral and acidity notes. With its delightful aroma, it is known for its in-your-face acidity and berry undertones. One of

those berry notes is black currant which makes 'Rwanda Coffee – A Second Sunrise' brand well-known.

The high elevation and moderate climate conditions make the country an ideal place for the unique coffee growing conditions, and the beans are popping with earthy and fruity flavors. That earthy quality gives the coffee a satisfying mouth-feel which makes the magical beverage an experience.

Ninety eight per cent of Rwandan coffee is Arabica (bourbon varieties). Almost allofour coffee is exported to well-known companies from worldwide; Europe, Asia, U.S.A. and African countries. During the recent fiscal year (2020/2021), Rwanda earned \$ 61,505,410 from its coffee exports.

Rwandair And Qatar Airways Seal Milestone Codeshare Agreement

RwandAir and Qatar Airways have signed a comprehensive codeshare agreement to offer travelers more choice, enhanced service, and greater connectivity to more than 65 destinations across Africa and the rest of the world. As part of the deal, the Rwandan flag carrier will also launch new non-stop flights between their Kigali hub and Doha in December. [Read more.](#)



Forbes: Why You Should Visit Rwanda Now



Like many countries around the world, tourism to Rwanda has taken a massive hit during Covid. However, Rwanda is taking positive steps to move forward and ensure tourism returns, but in a safe and thoughtful way. The country has put in place a strong covid-testing program to ensure the future of its national parks and the safety of both locals and tourists. Here's what Forbes writes about what Rwanda is doing right. [Read more.](#)

One&Only Nyungwe House & Gorilla's Nest Among Best Resorts In The World

Condé Nast Traveler readers rated their top resorts and safari camps in Africa. One&Only Nyungwe House and Gorilla's Nest are leading the chart. [Read more.](#)

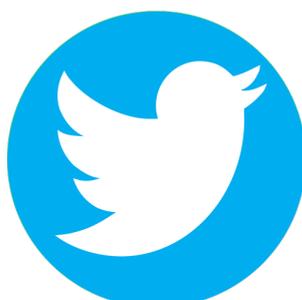


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