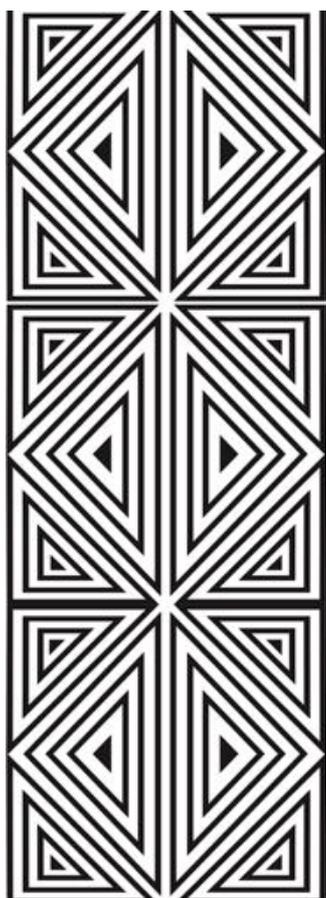


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State Of The Nation 2021 Address By President Kagame



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President Paul Kagame delivered the State of the Nation Address on the 27th of December 2021. It is usually delivered during the annual National Dialogue Council ‘Umushyikirano’ which was recently canceled for the second time.

President Kagame said that the State of the Nation remains strong despite the fact that the country is ending the second year in challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic.

The President also said that the country managed challenges related to security, health and economy in 2021. To protect Rwandans against emerging health threats, the country has so far vaccinated 80% of its population who received at least one dose of COVID-19. He thanked all those who have been involved in the critical exercise, including partners who have provided vaccines and other support.

President Kagame Addresses 17th Conference Of Speakers & Presiding Officers Of The Commonwealth



“As we continue on the path to recovery, parliaments still need to be at the forefront of building Africa’s resilience against mainly health but also other threats,” President Kagame said at the 17th CSPOC – Africa Region. To watch the full speech [click here](#).

President Kagame Awards Winner Hanga Pitchfest 2021

“The Hanga PitchFest has equipped all those who participate with new tools to help you grow your companies. I want to encourage you to take full advantage of the programs and services in our country to help start-up entrepreneurs succeed. More public-private partnerships will be needed to accelerate the growth of this ecosystem, in particular in higher education and research. The most successful start-ups are rooted in science or research and technology. In all advanced economies, eventually which we want ours to be, the linkages between universities and entrepreneurship are deep and productive. In Africa, it’s not going to be any different. I would wish for the finalists great success going forward. You have all our full support, including those who did not succeed, we want them to succeed next time.” President Kagame



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President Kagame Attends AU Meeting On Partnerships for Vaccine Manufacturing In Africa

“Africa’s challenges during the Covid pandemic in securing timely access to tests, therapeutics, and vaccines, have served as a constant reminder that we need to be doing things for ourselves. When I say we need to do things for ourselves, that does not mean acting alone. Vaccine research and production is fundamentally a global enterprise. We, therefore, have to work in partnership with each other, as Africa and also with key partners around the world. That requires not only funding but also and even more importantly, trust,” said President Kagame at the meeting.



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President Kagame Joins Other Heads Of State And Government For 3rd Africa-Turkey Partnership Summit

President Paul Kagame joined heads of State and Government from across Africa for the 3rd Africa-Turkey Partnership Summit, which was scheduled to take place in Istanbul on 17-18 December hosted by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The summit was scheduled to launch a new stage in Turkey’s relations with the African Union and African countries.



President Kagame met with President Erdoğan of Turkey. Turkey's footprint has grown rapidly on the continent with the volume of bilateral trade between Turkey and Africa rose from \$5.4bn in 2003 to \$25.3bn in 2020, statistics from Turkey’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs show.



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African Union – European Union Roundtable Brussels

President Paul Kagame was in Belgium on the 19th of December for a meeting that prepares for the African Union (AU) - European Union (EU) Summit in February 2022.

President Kagame joined the president of European Council, Charles Michel, AU Chairperson, President Felix-Antoine Tshisekedi, Chairperson of AU commission Moussa Faki Mahamat and other officials.

In October this year, AU-EU ministerial meeting concluded in Kigali for its second edition, where 68 foreign ministers convened to among others mull ways of cementing Africa's and European partnerships.

During the meeting, they discussed ways to bring to an end the pandemic Covid-19 which has strained global development, construction of vaccine manufacturing plant in mid-2022, global actions on climate change, call for peace, among others.



The sixth summit between AU and EU is scheduled next year, February 17th and 18th where world leaders will convene in Brussels, Belgium.

The day after, on 20 December, President Kagame met with President Macron in Paris.

Minister Biruta Attends Paris Peace Forum 2021



The Paris Peace Forum is a platform to advance solutions that have a direct impact on global governance.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Paris Peace Forum resembled the most important players in collective intelligence. Heads of state and government and CEOs of major multinationals, as well as several civil society actors, gathered for a unique hybrid edition from November 11 to 13 to advance concrete solutions to the enormous challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and to improve global governance in times of Covid-19.

On 12 November 2021, Minister Biruta attended the 4th edition of the Peace Paris Forum, on behalf of H.E. President Paul Kagame.

Minister Biruta Meets With UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner

On 2 December 2021, Minister Biruta received Mrs. Kelly Tallman Clements, UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner. They exchanged on the good cooperation between Rwanda and the UN Refugee Agency.



Rwanda Showcases Green Investment Opportunities At COP26 In Glasgow

On 6 November at COP26 in Glasgow, the Rwandan delegation in partnership with UNDP Rwanda and the NDC Partnership hosted an event at the NDC Partnership pavilion to share the opportunities for investment in Rwanda's ambitious plans to address climate change.

The speakers discussed Rwanda's plans for the future, specifically the goal of becoming a carbon neutral and climate resilient nation by 2050. Rwanda's action plan, which was set out in its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) last year, reflects an ongoing commitment to placing the environment at the centre of the country's development.

Speaking at the event, Rwanda's Minister of Environment, Dr Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya, made a call for green investment in the country: "Rwanda has a bold vision to be a carbon neutral economy by 2050, and is one of the best places in the world for green investment. Achieving our NDC requires an estimated investment of around 11 billion dollars, for which 5.3 billion is for adaptation initiatives and 5.7 billion is for mitigation actions. Let's dare to dream big for a net zero Rwanda and achieve our ClimateAction goals," she said.

The speakers also identified the frameworks in place to attract and facilitate investment. CEO of the Development Bank of Rwanda, Kampeta



Sayinzoga, shared the work of the Development Bank of Rwanda and the Rwanda Green Fund to foster an institutional and regulatory environment which makes Rwanda attractive for external investors. "Rwanda has done its homework, we have the institutions, systems and an exciting pipeline in place. Rwanda is ready. It's time for investment," she said.

CEO of the Rwanda Green Fund, Teddy Mugabo, pointed to the development of the Green Investment Facility as a key vehicle for Rwanda's move towards a blended finance model which leverages the potential of private and public sector funding. "Rwanda is ready for a significant increase in investment, and we are working with our partners to make it easier for the private sector to access climate finance" she said, highlighting the country's strong track record of climate action. [Read more.](#)

[Click here](#) to read more about the Rwanda Green Fund.

Paris Saint-Germain Academy Inaugurated In Rwanda

On 28 November, Paris Saint-Germain in conjunction with Visit Rwanda have inaugurated a brand-new PSG Academy in Rwanda with Paris Saint-Germain legend, Rai. Located in the Huye district, in the Southern Province, the academy will give 172 young hopefuls the opportunity to fulfil their potential in top-class sporting facilities with coaches specially trained by the club. [Read more.](#)

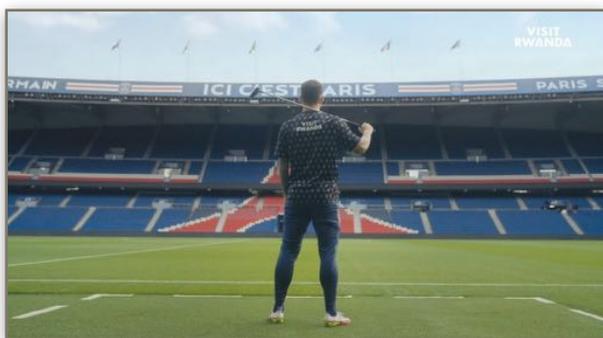


Paris Saint-Germain Legend Visits Rwanda



On 26 November, Rwanda welcomed former Paris Saint-Germain star Raimundo Souza Veira de Oliveira, also known as Raí, for a three-day visit. The PSG Legend is accompanied by his wife and will experience Rwanda's first-class hospitality. [Read more.](#)

Visit Rwanda & Paris Saint Germain Launch Campaign



On 14 December, Visit Rwanda and Paris Saint-Germain launched a new campaign to showcase Rwanda's breathtaking tourism attractions and iconic sporting and events facilities, and to invite the world to visit Rwanda. The campaign features Paris Saint-Germain legend Jérôme Alonzo alongside first-team players Keylor Navas, Lionel Messi, Sergio Ramos, Ander Herrera and Leandro Paredes. The campaign aims to position Rwanda's as a premiere global destination for leisure and sports tourism. [Read more.](#)

Rwanda Welcomes 30 White Rhinos In Largest-Ever Single Translocation

In the largest single rhino translocation ever undertaken, 30 white rhinos have been introduced to Akagera National Park in Rwanda, sourced from andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve in South Africa. Announced on Monday November 29th, the translocation was carried out through a collaboration between the Rwanda Development Board, African Parks and andBeyond, with funding provided by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation.

This historic initiative aims to extend the white rhino range and create a secure new breeding stronghold in Rwanda, supporting population growth to ensure the long-term survival of the species in the wild as high-levels of poaching continue to exert unsustainable pressure on current populations. The translocation will also help to enhance Akagera's contribution to Rwanda's wildlife economy, ensuring that the conservation of their outstanding natural landscapes generates long-term benefits for local communities and all Rwandans.

“This is an opportunity for Rwanda to substantially advance its contribution to rhino conservation, with Akagera poised to become a globally important sanctuary for black and now white rhinoceros. This is timely for the conservation of these incredibly threatened species. We're extremely proud of our conservation partnerships and our national parks, which are playing a pivotal role in meeting biodiversity targets and in driving sustainable, transformative, equitable socio-economic growth,” said Ariella Kageruka, RDB Acting Chief Tourism Officer.

Sourced from andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, set within the Mun-Ya-Wana



Conservancy in South Africa, 30 rhinos were flown to Rwanda and transported to Akagera National Park on November 27th. Their journey covered a total distance of over 3,400 kilometers and forms the largest single rhino translocation in history. The rhinos will be monitored daily in Akagera by a dedicated team and a specialist veterinarian who will be overseeing their acclimation.

“Introductions to safe, intact wild landscapes are vital for the future of vulnerable species like white rhino, which are under considerable human-induced pressures,” said African Parks' CEO Peter Fearnhead. “We're grateful to our partners for making this historic translocation possible – the Rwandan Government for their forward-thinking conservation leadership, and the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and andBeyond for their integral support. Successes in parks like Akagera in Rwanda and Phinda in South Africa demonstrate how preventing the decline of nature propels prosperity and development.”

White rhinos are classified as near threatened with numbers declining across existing strongholds, largely due to poaching driven by demand for their horns. The introduction of southern white rhinos to Akagera expands their range to offer more safe area for the species. The successful conservation management of Phinda in South Africa makes the reserve a valuable source for important new rhino subpopulations. [Read more.](#)

Rwanda Achieves WHO's End-year COVID-19 Vaccination Target

Rwanda has now fully vaccinated 40 percent of its population against COVID-19, becoming the seventh African country to achieve the target set by the World Health Organization (WHO) for the end 2021.

With a population of around 12 million, Rwanda has fully inoculated 5,313,421 people from a pool of 7,556,466 doses given so far.

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Republic Of Rwanda, Africa50 Unveil Kigali Innovation City Urban Masterplan



Africa50, the pan-African investment platform, Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and the Ministry of ICT and Innovation of Rwanda unveiled the urban masterplan for the development of the Kigali Innovation City (KIC) project, during an official ceremony in Kigali. The masterplan serves as the blueprint for the 61 hectares KIC site which entails the development and construction of a mixed-use world-class and smart innovation hub, which is aimed at developing cutting-edge solutions to help stimulate economic growth in Rwanda, the region and on a continental basis. [Read more.](#)

Rwandan Flowers To Get More Markets Through The Netherlands' Flora Hub

On its 5th time, Rwanda participated again in the Netherlands' International Floriculture Trade Fair (IFTF) from 3rd – 5th November 2021. The 11th edition of the world's flowers expo was an additional value to other efforts that strengthened Rwandan floriculture sector at the platform of International Flower Trade. The exhibition was an excellent opportunity for the Rwanda delegation to promote trade of its flowers, while aiming to increase production.

A few flower consignments from Rwanda go to the East Africa and some European countries including UK and Germany, but a big portion (about 92%) goes to the Kingdom of the Netherlands through Brussels. Australia is emerging as another potential market. This is one of end results from a well-known emerged relationship between two countries – the Republic of Rwanda and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Bella Flowers, the leading producer and exporter of Rwandan cut fresh roses participated in this exhibition showcasing some of the best rose qualities in the world while flying the Rwandafresh brand flag. Ms. Jeanine Kayihura, the representative of Bella flowers at the expo said that IFTF is an opportunity for the Rwandan delegation to create international market linkages between Rwandan roses' producers and international buyers. "We are here to create awareness of our brand as Bella Flowers and the national brand "Rwandafresh" which stands for all fresh produce from Rwanda. We are here to ensure more foreign investors are mobilized to come and explore different investment opportunities our country has to offer, hence to



make the Rwandan floriculture even more fruitful" She confirmed.

The attendance of the Rwandan delegates in this world's biggest trade fair in the floriculture industry was also be an opportunity to gain knowledge about the latest developments and trends in the industry and learn from the most advanced flower business dealers on how the sector's pertinent issues are dealt with.

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Ambassador Olivier J.P. Nduhungirehe, the Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, said that the IFTF is one of the largest and important trade shows in the world and it's a great business communication channel when it comes to new countries in the sector. "We are confident that our country's participation in this trade fair will lead to the growth of flower volumes being imported by the Netherlands from Rwanda, thus an increase in revenues and Rwandan floriculture industry development at large," said Ambassador Nduhungirehe.

The outcome of Rwandan delegates' attendance to the IFTF in the previous four events of the kind has greatly influenced sales increase of Rwandan flowers through the Netherlands flora hub. The experience has also oriented the companies to improve their production area while becoming one of business deals attracting new buyers from across the globe due to best practices being applied in the whole value chain. Rwanda's floriculture sector growth becomes significant day after day. According to the statistical report of 2020-2021, the sector generated USD 7,908,050 up from USD 3,145,577 generated in 2018-2019. One of the reasons of this growth is the raise of flowers produce volumes being sent to markets under expansion.



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15th Anniversary Of The Embassy Of The Republic Of Rwanda In The Netherlands

The 26th of October 2021 marked the 15th anniversary of the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. 2006 is indeed the year that the embassy opened in The Hague and on the 26th of October 2006 the first Ambassador presented his credential letters to Queen Beatrix. This anniversary was a testimony of the existing good relations between the Republic of Rwanda and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which provided an opportunity to reflect on the work that has been done over the past 15 years and outlined the future objective as both countries embark on a plan to strengthen the existing ties.

In celebration of this milestone the embassy invited a selection of officials

from the government of Rwanda and the Netherlands, investment and trade partners, as well as representatives of the Rwandan community in the Netherlands to record messages, statements and videos that were used as publications on the embassy's communication channels. All anniversary messages aimed at showcasing the importance of the bilateral relations between Rwanda and the Netherlands, as well as the work of the embassy in promoting economic cooperation, trade and investment, as well as supporting the Rwandan community in the Netherlands.

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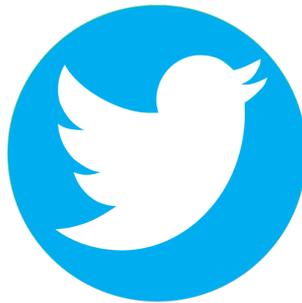
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