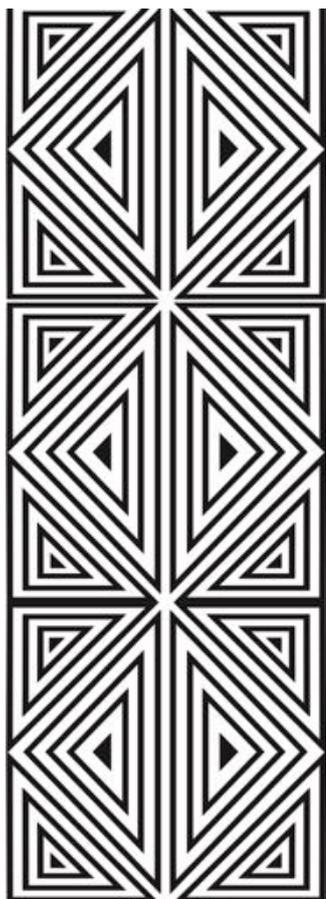


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Rwanda Marks The 28th Commemoration Of The 1994 Genocide Against The Tutsi



On 7 April 2022 Rwandans and the world observed the 28th commemoration (also known as Kiubuka28) of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda, and the start of the mourning week. At the Kigali Genocide Memorial, President Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame laid a wreath and lit the Flame of Remembrance in honour of the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

In his address of the day, President Kagame noted that every year that passes makes us stronger and better people. And for being who we want to be, we shall be the ones to decide, not anybody deciding for us what and how to be.

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Kwibuka28 In The Netherlands



Rwanda and the world marked on 7 April the 28th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The commemoration period, commonly referred to as Kwibuka (the Kinyarwanda word for remembrance), is an opportunity to pay homage to the victims as well as reflect on the transformational journey that Rwanda has been on for the last 28 years.

The Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in the Netherlands started the 28th commemoration program on April the 7th in The Hague. Ambassador Olivier Jean Patrick Nduhungirehe hosted the official Kwibuka28 commemoration at the MarriottHotel in The Hague. Themed “Remember – Unite – Renew”, the commemoration was an occasion for Rwandans from all walks of life to pay tribute to the more than million innocent lives lost.

Program:

- Introduction by Mr. Pascal Murasira, Master of Ceremony
- Lighting of Urumuri Rutazima, the never-ending light of hope (by the four speakers)
- Minute of silence
- [Welcome remarks](#) by Mrs. Saskia Bruines, Deputy Mayor of The Hague
- [Remarks](#) by Mrs. Christine Safari, Chairperson of IBUKA-Netherlands
- Video of the testimony by Mrs. Immaculée Mukamuhirwa, Genocide survivor
- [Remarks](#) by Mrs. Kitty van der Heijden, Director General for International Cooperation in the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- [Keynote address](#) by Mr. Olivier J.P. Nduhungirehe, Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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Kwibuka28 In The Netherlands



Ambassador Nduhungirehe



Mrs. Kitty van der Heijden



Mrs. Saskia Bruines



Mrs. Christine Safari



Mr. Pascal Murasira



Ambassadors signing the Kwibuka 28 commemoration book

Kwibuka28 Walk To Remember In The Hague



On the 8th of April, the Embassy of the republic of Rwanda in The Hague and Ibuka Netherlands organized a Walk to Remember in The Hague, the international city of peace & justice, as part of the Kwibuka28 program in the Netherlands.

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Kwibuka28 Night Vigil In The Hague

The night vigil is based on Rwanda's tradition of mourning during which the community gathers to remember their loved ones. During the Kwibuka28 night vigil time on the 8th of April organized by the Embassy of Rwanda and Ibuka Netherlands, Rwandans and friends of Rwanda came together at Church of Our Savior in The Hague to comfort each other and honor the memory of the lives lost during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.



Ambassador Nduhungirehe

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[Click here](#) to read the article (in Kinyarwanda) by IGIHE.

President Kagame Launches Centre For Fourth Industrial Revolution

“In Rwanda, and all over the world, emerging technologies have driven innovations to contain the Covid pandemic, and mitigate its impact on livelihoods. This has sped up changes that were already underway. The way we live, work, and interact with each other will keep evolving, as technology does.” President Kagame at the Launch of the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution on 31 March 2022.



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President Kagame Chairs RPF Congress



“Rwandans are a people who strive for self-reliance, even within their modest means, and the struggle focuses on how to get better and additional means to achieve even more.” Chairman Kagame in Kigali on 30 April 2022.

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Minister Biruta Praises Excellent Relationships With Rwanda At National Day Of The Netherlands

On the 27th of April the Dutch celebrate Kings Day. Minister Vincent Biruta was the Guest of Honour for this National Day of the Netherlands which coincides with the Birth of His Majesty King Willem Alexander. Minister Biruta praised the excellent relationship that happily exists between the two countries.



Rwanda's Export Revenues Grow By 8.8 Per Cent

Central Bank Governor, John Rwangowbwa presented the monetary policy and financial stability report on 29 March. Rwanda recorded strong growth in export earnings in 2021 thanks to the rebound of business activity from the Covid-19 pandemic as well as the rise in global commodity prices and improvement of trade in the region.

The central bank said on Tuesday that last year the country generated \$1,531 million from exports, a rise of 8.8 per cent from \$1,407.5 million in 2020 when export revenues contracted.



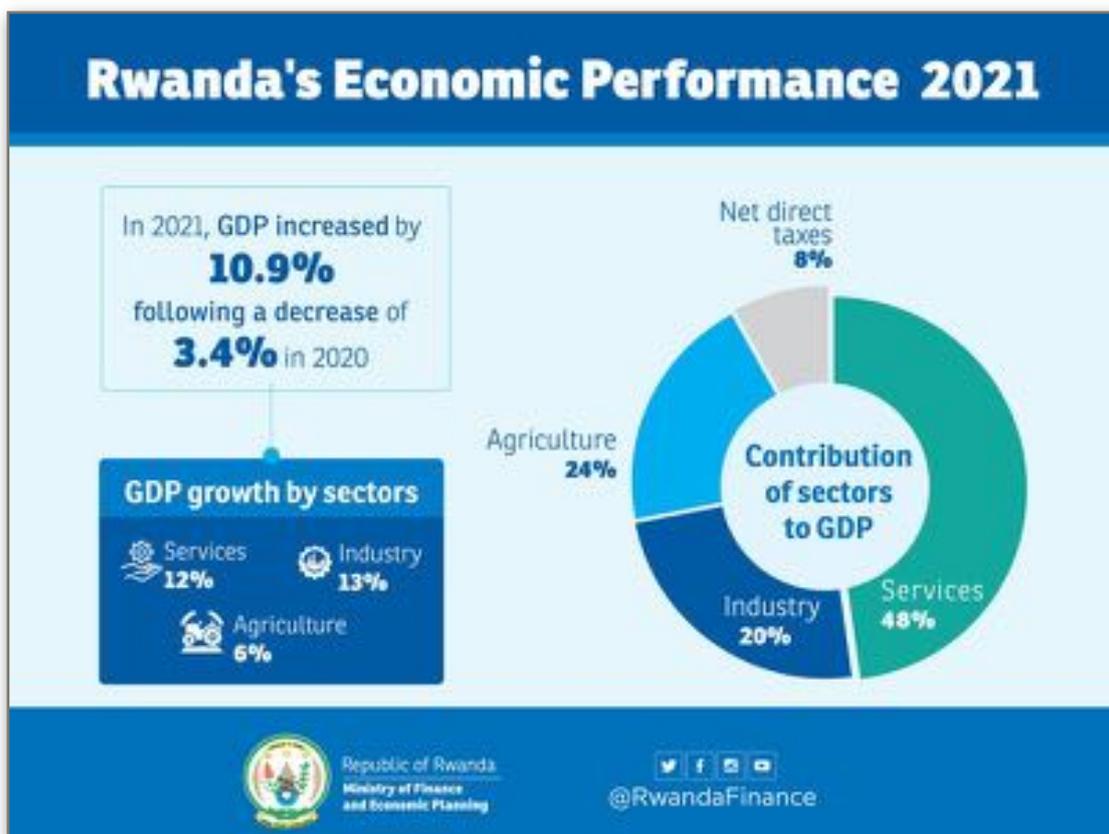
“The upward trend for non-traditional exports registered over the last few years is a reflection of (the) impact from the Made in Rwanda programme, which records an improvement from the supply chain disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic,” the reports says.

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Rwanda's GDP grew by 10.9% in 2021



Early March, Minister Uzzeil Ndagijimana together with Yusuf Murangwa, the DG of National Statistics of Rwanda briefed the media on the economic growth of the year 2021 and how various sectors contributed to the overall economic prospects. As the key contributors, services contributed 48% Agriculture contributed 24% Industry contributed 20%. Net direct taxes accounted for 8%. [Click here](#) to read the interview with Minister Ndagijimana in African Business.



RDB Records Highest Investment Registration Amid Covid-19 Pandemic

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RDB registered investments worth US\$3.7 billion in 2021, up from US\$1.3 billion in 2020. This is the highest investment registration to date, and was driven by strategic investment projects. The new investments are expected to create 48,669 jobs – representing a 97% increase from the previous year. The government aims to create 214,000 new jobs from investments and other employment sources every year.

Economic sectors that attracted the most significant registered investments in 2021 include Construction, Real Estate, and Manufacturing (including agro-processing), which accounted for 72% of all investments registered. Construction accounted for 31%, Real Estate 26%, and

Manufacturing (including agro-processing) 15%. Other sectors that attracted significant investment are Financial and Insurance Services, Agriculture, Accommodation and Food Services, Energy, Health and ICT.

Growth of investments in Construction, Real Estate, Manufacturing and Agro-Processing is attributed to the Manufacture and Build to Recover program that provides tax incentives to investors in these sectors. This is in addition to the New Investment Code that has made it easy for investors to thrive in Rwanda. Some of the investments registered in 2021 include; US\$ 237.9 Million by Ultimate Developers Ltd for the development of Vision City, Phase Two, a US\$145.9 Million investment by Rwanda Ultimate Golf Course Ltd into the Kigali Golf Resort and Villa Project, a US\$20.7 Million powdered milk project and a US\$22.5 Million by Global Electric Vehicle Ltd to manufacture Electric Vehicles.

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Rwanda Promotes Investment In The Global Business Services Sector

The Rwanda Development Board in partnership with GIZ Rwanda (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) and Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator hosted a Global Business Services (GBS) conference last March which saw investors and analysts from across the world meet in Kigali to discuss investment opportunities and the incentives in place to do business in Rwanda.

The conference was attended by a diverse range of organisations and partners, who are testament to the global business services industry's potential in Rwanda. Tek Experts, Deriv, SolveIT, AmaliTech and others shared their experience of setting up and operating in Rwanda and the support they have received from the government, ecosystem partners, and other stakeholders to ensure their success.

“Rwanda is a safe place to work from. We have witnessed great incentives and support. To potential investors, Rwanda is open and ready to serve you to run your business successfully,” said Joseph Semafara, CEO at SolveIT.

Godfrey Svenyika, Director at Deriv, also shared how seamless it has been to do business in Rwanda. “Rwanda makes it easy. Most services are available online, including payments. It has been a remarkable experience to start operations here from infrastructure to service delivery. We have really been supported by the government and institutions like Harambee that connected us to the right labour pool,” he said.

During the two day conference, potential investors and analysts from across the world conducted a site tour at Tek Experts to learn the role of tech businesses in Rwanda's global business services sector and how they work with partners to get the right talent to enhance quality service delivery.

At the conference, stakeholders discussed Rwanda's ecosystem of digital services exporters, how to build the skills to succeed in the global business services environment, the potential of the sector in Rwanda and Africa, and the excellent value proposition that Rwanda offers as a global business services destination.

According to the 2020 World Bank Doing Business report, Rwanda ranks 2nd for doing business in Africa and 38th in the world. With its fast growing economy and low risk business environment, IT readiness, security and growing ecosystem of skilling providers to address digital and language skills making it an attractive global business services destination.

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Rwanda And The Wood Foundation Celebrate Rwanda's First Smallholder-Owned Tea Factory



On the 28th of March, Rwanda's Prime Minister Édouard Ngirente attended a ceremony at the Mulindi Tea Factory in Gicumbi, where shares in the Mulindi Tea Factory were signed over by The Wood Foundation Africa and Gatsby Africa, the philanthropic investors who had acquired the company when it was privatized by the Government of Rwanda in 2012. This is the first factory to be owned 100% by smallholder farmers in Rwanda.

Sir Ian Wood, Executive Chairman of The Wood Foundation, attended the ceremony on behalf of the philanthropic investors. He said: It's been a matter of great pride and satisfaction for Lord Sainsbury and me to work with the tea farmers at Mulindi. It was difficult, to begin with, but with the investments and significant training programmes, the farmers' performance and their income have greatly improved. We are very pleased to be handing over a well-established successful company

and will continue to provide some support for an interim period.

The Government of Rwanda has always supported initiatives aiming at enhancing the tea sector, one of the top sources of the country's revenues. Currently, the sector has a direct workforce of 60000 people who produce one of premium quality black CTC teas in the world.

"I look forward to seeing continued growth at Mulindi, that the business maintains a high standard of professionalism and governance, and that it continues to act in the interest of its members." Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana, Minister for Agriculture and Animal Resources urged farmers.

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Registration For The Commonwealth Business Forum 2022 Is Now Open!

We are delighted to announce that registration to attend the Commonwealth Business Forum 2022 is now open. The Commonwealth Business Forum 2022 (CBF 2022) will take place from the 21st-23rd June in Rwanda and will be the first and largest in-person gathering for Governments and Business across the Commonwealth since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The CBF 2022 is also open to business people and investors from the Netherlands and the Baltic States.

The CBF 2022 experience has been designed to provide different ways to create meaningful connections, exchange knowledge, contribute to impactful dialogue and consume information. The forum will bring together several Heads of Government and up to 1,000 delegates from across the Commonwealth including business leaders, global thought leaders, investors, and the youth.

Hosted as a partnership between the Government of Rwanda and Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) this year's forum will address the CHOGM theme 'Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming', with a focus on "A Global Reset", dealing with the impact of the pandemic and the Commonwealth's role in rebuilding and reinvigorating the global economy.

The forum will unpack, debate & shape agendas designed to inform concrete policies and partnerships that will:

- Connect the Commonwealth member states through trade, investment, and movement of people.



- Promote innovation that will harness the benefits of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and accelerate the inclusive and responsible adoption of emerging technologies for the benefit of all of society.
- Transform the Commonwealth towards a society that is healthy, equipped for the future of work and that leaves a sustainable legacy for future generations.

Why you need to be at the Commonwealth Business Forum:

- Meet and connect with like-minded experts and practitioners
- Contribute to and shape policy, programme and partnership agendas
- Join new business communities across the commonwealth and thrive
- Discover new markets and opportunities across the Commonwealth

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Ambassador Nduhungirehe Visits High Tech Campus Eindhoven



On the 23rd of March, Ambassador Nduhungirehe was invited by Mr. Andy Lurling (founding partner of LUMO Labs) to pay a visit to the High Tech Campus Eindhoven, based on the great collaboration with Mr. Gunther Vanpreat (Consul Honoraire of the Republic of Rwanda).

CEO of the High Tech Campus Eindhoven, Mr Jan Willem Neggens, welcomed the Rwandan delegation to the smartest square km in Europe, which is an ecosystem of 235 high tech companies and home to more than 12,000 innovators, researchers and engineers that create the technologies and businesses of tomorrow.

LUMO Labs creates opportunities for impact-driven ventures in emerging technologies. The organization works with FruitPunch.Ai, Goal 3 and Serendipity; all have identified Rwanda as their favourite country and each company pitched their initiative to the Ambassador.

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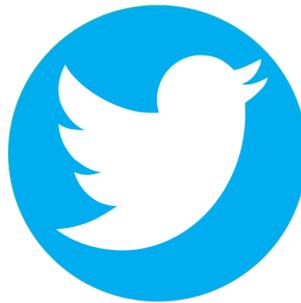


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