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President Kagame makes a Working Visit to Tanzania



Thursday, 27 April - President Kagame started a two-day visit in Tanzania, where he was received by Hon. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation.

The bigger picture: During his visit, President Kagame was received at the State House by H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania for a tête-à-tête discussion before joining members of both delegations for a bilateral meeting. The two Heads of State also addressed members of the press. President Kagame will also attend a dinner hosted in his honour.

Why it matters: Following President Suluhu Hassan's visit to Rwanda in August 2021, Rwanda and Tanzania renewed their commitment to cooperation, through bilateral agreements signed in various sectors for the social and economic growth of both nations.

President Kagame in Zimbabwe for Transform Africa Summit 2023



Wednesday, 26 April - President Kagame delivered a keynote address at the Transform Africa Summit's opening session alongside host President Emmerson Mnangagwa of Zimbabwe, President Hakainde Hichilema of Zambia, President Lazarus Chakwera of Malawi, and King Mswati III of Eswatini.

Other activities: President Kagame also chaired the Smart Africa Board Meeting.

About Smart Africa: Launched in 2013, the Smart Africa Alliance now consists of 36 member countries, international organisations and global private sector players tasked with Africa's digital agenda.

Why it matters: The Alliance is empowered by a bold and innovative commitment to transform Africa into a knowledge based economy through affordable access to broadband and the use of ICT, towards accelerating and sustaining its socio-economic development.

Key action: Rwanda joined Angola, Djibouti, Guinea and Tunisia in ratifying the Smart Africa Alliance agreement, which will now come into force and aims to transform Africa into a digital single market and promote the use of technology and innovation across the continent by 2030.

About the summit: Convening over 2,000 delegates, Transform Africa Summit is Africa's leading annual forum bringing together global and regional leaders from government, business and international organisations to collaborate on new ways of shaping, accelerating and sustaining the continent's on-going digital revolution.

President Kagame discusses relations with Uganda's Presidential Security Advisor



Tuesday, 25 April - President Kagame received Uganda's Presidential security advisor General Muhoozi Kainerugaba.

Discussions: Ways to further strengthen friendly relations between Rwanda and Uganda.

READ OF THE WEEK

Rwanda's exemplary response to malaria

Author: Dr Sabin Nsanzimana, Minister of Health



Excerpt: Rwanda has a comprehensive and extraordinarily effective malaria-prevention and response programme, which has achieved one of the fastest-recorded decelerations in malaria transmission in history: severe cases dropped from 13,844 to 1,831 between 2016 and 2022. This is an almost 87% reduction of cases.

The tiny country where high-end tourism feeds into the success story

Author: Stephanie Rafanelli



Excerpt: Kigali has been called the cleanest and safest city in Africa and it looks spotless. Single-use plastics and plastic bags are banned and, though it seems the stuff of fables, the population of this tiny Bantu nation are legally required to go litter-picking once a month for Umuganda — a word meaning “unity through common purpose”. It’s this rewoven community spirit that has powered Rwanda’s remarkable recovery through a zealous sustainable development plan, transforming the war-torn nation into one of Africa’s fastest growing economies in just two decades.

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SOCIAL MEDIA TREND

President Kagame and family host Muhoozi birthday celebrations



Watch the highlight [here](#)

First Lady Jeannette Kagame quote on vaccination week

Investir dans les soins de santé est essentiel pour le développement durable. En effet, les vaccins améliorent la santé des enfants et contribuent à la croissance économique et sociale de nos communautés.

#SAV2023

#lesvaccinsçamarche

S.E. Mme Jeannette Kagame
Première Dame de la République du Rwanda



Read the tweet [here](#)

MPs commemorate the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi



Friday, 28 May – Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff, officials, and representatives of families of the former CND employees gathered for the 29th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi, especially to honour the staff members of “CND” killed in the Genocide Against the Tutsi.

Key message: The Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Mukabalisa Donatille pointed out that there is still the lingering ideology of the genocide here in the country, in the region, and abroad, and she called for leaders to take the responsibility to face and fight against anything that tries to destroy what the country has achieved.

Key quote: “Commemoration is very capital, so that we can take action and build strength and capacity. We must set the firm goal, that all of us, must do everything which is in our powers and in our ability to fight and prevent the ideology of the genocide and division that characterised the political of governance from colonial times to the first and second Republics.” Dr Kalinda François-Xavier, President of the Senate.

Why it matters: Minister of Unity and Civic Engagement Dr Bizimana Damascene urged the Members of the Parliament to use the parliamentary diplomacy to make the rest of the world understand that the genocide is an international crime that should be punished as well as its denial.

MoS Manasseh delivers President Kagame's special message to Burundi President



Wednesday, April 26, Hon. Minister of State Prof. Nshuti Manasseh delivered a special message from H.E Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda, to H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, the President of the Republic of Burundi.

Minister Biruta receives a delegation from LG Electronics



Wednesday, 26 April, Minister Vincent Biruta received a delegation from LG Electronics Inc led by Mr. Dae Sik Yoon, Senior Vice President of the Government Relations Division.

Discussions: Opportunities for collaboration between Rwanda and LG.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Rwanda visit refugees in Mahama camp



Thursday, 27 April, Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Rwanda visited the Mahama refugee camp in Kirehe District.

Objective: To witness ongoing humanitarian, protection initiatives and efforts made by the Government of Rwanda and to review the situation of Congolese refugees in Rwanda.

MOD

Rwandan Peacekeepers donates medical equipment to CAR



Wednesday, 26 April - Rwandan peacekeepers (Rwanda Level II Hospital and Rwanda Battle Group V) under MINUSCA donated medication and equipment to Kolaga Health Post in Bria town, Central African Republic.

RNP

IGP Namuhoranye meets police officers operating in Eastern Province



Wednesday, 26 April - The Inspector General of Police Felix Namuhoranye met with police officers operating in different police units in the Eastern Province as part of the annual visits by the Rwanda National Police leadership to assess the performance and ensure steadfast professional services in all policing and security duties.

Key quote: "Safety management is a demanding job that requires teamwork, professionalism, humanity, and care."

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DIGP Ujeneza in Poland for international Police conference



Tuesday, 25 April - The Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) in charge of Administration and Personnel, Jeanne Chantal Ujeneza, and Rwanda's Ambassador to Poland Prof. Anastase Shyaka attended the International Police Conference in Poland.

The bigger picture: The two-day conference that took place at the Polish Exhibition Centre, Kielce city, was officially opened by the Polish Deputy Minister of Interior and Administration, Bartosz Grodecki. The conference provides a platform for law enforcement institutions to address pressing global security issues.

Why it matters: This year's edition focuses on cybersecurity, cybercrime, forensics and logistics in public administration in the context of the new challenges and innovations. Experts in security will explore technological, organisational and legal aspects of addressing these global security issues.

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RHA

Rwanda Housing and Stakeholders review SOPs inputs



Tuesday, 25 April - The Rwanda Housing Authority convened various stakeholders in affordable housing projects in a consultative meeting to review and gather inputs for developing Standards Operating Procedures (SOPs) which will lead to proper implementation of the affordable housing scheme from the project design phase up to the closure.

RWANDA DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

RWANDA IN GHANA

First-ever Kwibuka event held in Liberia



Monday, 24 April - Rwandans living in Liberia and the leadership of the High Commission of Rwanda in Ghana, which is also accredited to Liberia joined by well-wishes from the Liberian Government, members of the Diplomatic Corps and Civil Society Organisations paid tribute to the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, in an event that marked the first time such an event had been held in the country.

The bigger picture: The Liberian government was represented at the event by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General Cllr. Frank Musah Dean, Jr. who hailed Rwanda for keeping alive the memory of victims of the genocide and for the effort towards building an equitable and prosperous country that only 29 years later, inspires many.

In the remarks of the acting Charge d'Affaires of the Rwandan High Commission in Ghana, Theophile Rurangwa, called upon leaders and participants at the event to fight against impunity and genocide denial.

RWANDA IN UK

Amb. Johnston Busingye visits Malta and presents his Letters of Commission to the President of Malta



Thursday, 29 April - High Commissioner Johnston Busingye visited Malta and presented his Letters of Commission to the President of Malta, His Excellency George Vella, and assumed official duties as Rwanda's High Commissioner to the Republic of Malta.

Key activities: During the visit High Commissioner Busingye met with CEO of Trade Malta Anton Buttigieg and Executives of Salvo Grima, a Maltese company operating wide ranging logistics solutions in Rwanda.

Discussions: Expansion of investment into Rwanda and Malta. They both applauded the ease of doing business in Rwanda.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COK

City of Kigali and partners concluded anti-corruption week



Wednesday, 26 April - The City of Kigali in collaboration with partners namely the Rwanda Governance Board, Transparency International Rwanda and Ombudsman concluded an anti-corruption week in service delivery.

Why it matters: The campaign was meant to raise awareness against the habit of giving or asking corruption because it is a threat to service delivery, good governance and city's development.

The bigger picture: The campaign brought together other entities charged with fighting corruption including the Office of Ombudsman, Rwanda Investigations Bureau, Rwanda Governance Board and Transparency International - Rwanda, local leaders from Cell level to the City level among others.

NYAMAGABE

Youth urged on participation in government programmes



Monday, 24 April - Nyamagabe District youth volunteers coordinators at District and Sector level, and coordinators of National Youth Council gathered in a meeting that was meant to raise youth's participation in government programmes.

The meeting was chaired by Nyamagabe District Mayor, Hildebrand Niyomwungeri and was attended by Director General for Community Mobilisation and Youth Volunteers Coordination in Community Policing at the Ministry of Local Government, Richard Kubana and Rwanda Police Deputy Spokesperson ACP Rutikanga.

During the meeting, the youth were mobilised to play a role in the implementation of Government programmes.

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