

#RwandaWorks Weekly Digest

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RWANDA IN THE NEWS

Around 2000 Rushingwangerero meet the President



Tuesday, 28 March - At Intare Conference Arena, President Kagame officiated the closing ceremony of National Civic Training, Itorero, for over 2,000 Cell Executive Secretaries commonly known as Rushingwangerero, from across the country.

The bigger picture: This Itorero organised by the Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement (MINUBUMWE) in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Governance (MINALOC) took place from 19 February to 25 March 2023. A similar session was last held in June 2015 with a high-level closing session in Gabiro RDF-CTC.

Why it matters: The core objective for this closing session at the National level is to empower Cell Executive Secretaries with skills related to transformational leadership and managing for results with values and ethics.

Key quote: "If everyone chooses to work alone as an individual we will miss our shared destination, vision. When we work together towards the same goal that is when our achievements count." President Kagame.

President Kagame re-elected as RPF Chairman



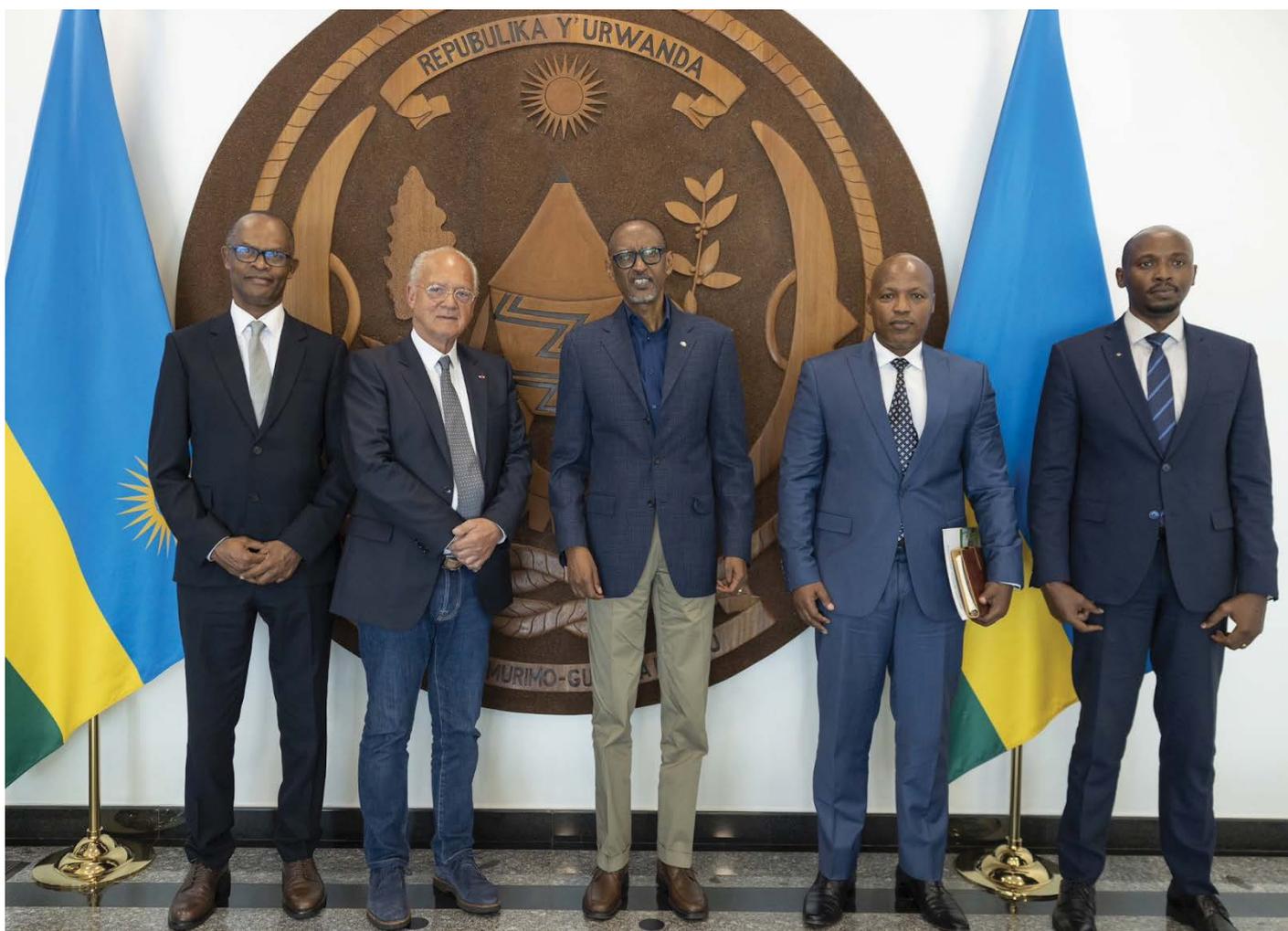
Sunday, 2 April - Members of the Rwandese Patriotic Front gathered at the party headquarters at Rusororo for the Congress and celebrations of RPF 35th anniversary re-elected the new executive committee and commissioners.

The bigger picture: The RPF anniversary celebrations started with the international conference which took place on Saturday 1 April and the elective congress on Sunday 2 April. President Kagame was re-elected as the Chairman, while Hon. Consolee Uwimana was elected as the party vice chairperson replacing Amb. Christophe Bazivamo, and Amb. Wellars Gasamagera was elected the Secretary General replacing Hon François Ngarambe.

The theme: "Reflecting on 35 Years and Beyond"

Key quote: "We have to stay the course, we have to keep trying, we have to keep making mistakes just out of trying not for the sake of it but we also have to keep trying to find the solution to every problem that has confronted us." Chairman Kagame.

President Kagame discusses latest technology with IRCAD President



President Kagame met with Prof. Jacques Marescaux, Founder and President of the Research Institute against Digestive Cancer (IRCAD), and the delegation.

Discussions: Training doctors in the latest technology-enabled minimally-invasive surgical techniques.

PM Ngirente officiates the groundbreaking for Masaka hospital renovation



Thursday, 30 March - Prime Minister Dr. Edouard Ngirente officiated the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation and expansion project of Masaka Hospital, in Kicukiro District.

The bigger picture: To be completed by July 2025, the project includes the scale-up of the hospital capacity to receive 2,000 patients per day whereas the number of beds will be increased to 837.

READ OF THE WEEK

Why Rwanda's Mining Sector Is Poised For Even More Growth As Commodity Prices Continue To Rise



Author: Forbes Africa

Excerpt: "The steps that Rwanda is taking are creating a modern, viable mining industry. In addition to its mineral potential, the progress that Rwanda has registered in terms of ease of doing business, transparent regulatory frameworks, security of persons and property, political stability, stable electricity, and zero tolerance for corruption makes Rwanda an attractive regional destination for mining and mineral processing."

Read the full article [here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA TREND

RDB CEO Clare Akamanzi speaks about sports and investment industry in Rwanda



Tracey Holmes 
@TraceyLeeHolmes

Rwanda was the recent host of the #FIFA Congress, and the country is using sport to remake its image after the genocide of the '90s. Predictably, some have accused the country of #sportswashing. I put that to @cakamanzi, CEO of the #Rwanda Development Board on week's ep of The Ticket podcast...



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First Lady tweets about RPF 35 anniversary



First Lady of Rwanda  @FirstLadyRwanda · Apr 2

How fulfilling it is to see the #RPF35 journey recounted so proudly! We are here to stay indeed; we are here to keep building.

Indeed Inkotanyi ni Ubuzima - a huge tribute to all who made sacrifices for us to have a place to call home.

Happy 35th anniversary @rpfinkotanyi!



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Watch the video [here](#).

RWANDA ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM



The Ethnographic Museum formerly known as the National Museum of Rwanda is located in Huye District, Southern Province. This Museum houses the finest ethnographic and archeological collections from East Africa with more than 10,000 artifacts. Captivating exhibitions of traditional artifacts are illuminated by a fascinating selection of monochrome photographs taken at the turn-of-the-century, providing insight not only into pre-colonial lifestyles but also into Rwanda's later development as a modern African state. It orients you deeply into the social and cultural aspects of Rwanda. The museum aims to promote and preserve the cultural heritage of Rwanda, and it does this by collecting, conserving, and exhibiting various artifacts and cultural objects.



The main role of the Rwanda Ethnographic Museum:

- The Ethnographic Museum in Rwanda showcases the cultural heritage and diversity of the Rwandan people.
- The museum features exhibitions that explore different aspects of Rwandan life including traditional dress, music, dance, art, and crafts.
- The museum has a collection of traditional Rwandan objects such as pottery, baskets, and tools, as well as historical artifacts such as weapons and colonial-era documents.
- The museum offers guided tours and educational programs that provide visitors with an opportunity to learn about Rwandan culture and history.
- The museum plays an important role in preserving and promoting Rwandan cultural heritage and identity.
- The museum serves as a research and resource center for scholars, students, and the public who are interested in learning about Rwandan culture and history.
- It promotes understanding and appreciation of Rwanda's cultural heritage.
- It preserves and promotes Rwanda's rich cultural identity and history.

FIVE QUESTIONS

Why Rwanda's Mining Sector Is Poised For Even More Growth As Commodity Prices Continue To Rise

One thing I cannot live without: Family

Film recommendation: The 300

Hidden talent about me: Dancing

Childhood dream: I always believed I could fly one day!

What it means for me to be in public service: Being in public service means finding fulfillment and joy in being part of something bigger than oneself, impacting the lives of Rwandans, witnessing tangible changes resulting from our efforts, and contributing to a better future for all.



PARLIAMENT

The Chairperson of the National Council of Namibia visits Rwanda



From 26 to 30 March 2023, the Chairperson of the National Council of the Parliament of Namibia, Rt. Hon. Lukas Sinimbo Muha was in Rwanda for a benchmarking visit of five days.

The bigger picture: The Chairperson of the National Council of the Parliament of Namibia was received by the President of the Senate Dr. Kalinda Francois Xavier together with Senate Vice Presidents and Speaker Mukabalisa Donatille and Deputy Speakers respectively.

Discussions: The functioning of both Parliaments and ways of boosting parliamentary diplomacy among others.

The Chamber of Deputies adopts the relevance of draft revision of the Constitution



Friday, 31 March - The Plenary Sitting of the Chamber of Deputies adopted the relevance of the draft revision of the Constitution initiated by the President of the Republic of Rwanda.

Why it matters: Minister of Justice Dr. Ugirashebuja Emmanuel said that according to the provisions of the Constitution relating to the terms of office of members of Parliament and the President of the Republic, the next election for deputies is scheduled for August 2023, while the election for the President of the Republic is scheduled for 2024.

Grounds for revision of the constitution

- Reducing the time dedicated to the organisation of elections: The synchronisation of dates of the election of Deputies and the presidential election
- will allow the simultaneous organisation of both elections, thus reducing the time that they would take if they were to be organised in different periods.

Reducing election budget: The synchronisation of the dates of the election of Deputies and the presidential election will result in combining budgets spent on both elections, which will help in reducing the funds spent on electoral activities.

What's next: The draft revision of the Constitution will then be considered by the Conference of Chairpersons comprising the Bureau of Standing Committees and the Bureau of Chamber of Deputies.

MoFA

Minister Biruta represents President Kagame at the UNSC High-Level meeting on countering terrorism



Wednesday, 29 March - In New York, Minister Vincent Biruta represented President Kagame at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) High-Level meeting on countering terrorism organised by Mozambique during their rotating Presidency of the Security Council.

Watch the full remarks [here](#).

MoS Manasseh delivers a lecture to Rwanda Defence Force Command and Staff College students



Thursday 30 March, Minister of State, Prof. Nshuti Manasseh paid a one-day visit to the RDF Command and Staff College in Nyakinama, Musanze District.

The topic: Rwanda's Foreign Policy and Practice: The Strategic Direction.

MoS Manasseh receives copies of letters of credence of the non-resident High Commissioner of Malta to Rwanda



Friday 31 March, Minister of State Prof. Nshuti Manasseh received copies of letters of credence of Mr. Ronald Micallef, non-resident High Commissioner of Malta to Rwanda.

MOD

RDF Head of Military Intelligence visits Rwandan Peacekeepers in South Sudan



Wednesday, 29 March - The RDF Head of Defence Intelligence, Maj. Gen. Vincent Nyakarundi visited Rwandan peacekeepers (Rwanbatt-1 and Rwanda Aviation Unit) serving under the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) at Topping base camp in the capital city Juba.

Why it matters: Maj. Gen. Vincent Nyakarundi conveyed a message from HE Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda and Commander-in-Chief of the Rwanda Defence Force and the entire RDF leadership thanking them for fulfilling their tasks, discipline, and professionalism portrayed while in the mission area.

The bigger picture: Maj. Gen. Vincent Nyakarundi was received by the Rwanbatt-1 Contingent Commander, Lt Col Gilbert Ndayisabye, Contingent Commander Rwanda Aviation Unit, Lt Col Dan Musafiri, and Staff Officers. He was briefed on the current security situation in South Sudan and the nature of the operating environment before he got to interact with troops.

EU Ambassador to Mozambique visits Rwanda Security Forces in Mocimboa Da Praia



Wednesday, 29 March - The European Union Ambassador to Mozambique, H.E. Antonino Maggiore along with the Force Commander of the European Union Training Mission in Mozambique, Brig. Gen. Commodore Martins de Brito visited Rwanda Security Forces Headquarters in Mocimboa da Praia, Cabo Delgado Province.

The bigger picture: They were welcomed by the Rwandan Security Forces Joint Task Force commander Maj Gen E Nkubito who briefed them on the security situation in the area of responsibility of the Joint Mozambique and Rwanda Security Forces.

Why it matters: H.E. Antonino Maggiore appreciated the exemplary cooperation between the joint forces involved in operations to pacify Cabo Delgado province. He further commended the provision of social services including providing medical support to local residents. He pledged to offer his advocacy to encourage NGOs to support providing further humanitarian assistance to the people who continue to return to their homes.

RNP

Rwanda National Police crowned overall winner of EAPCCO Games



Monday, 27 March - Rwanda won nine out of 13 sports disciplines and emerged as the overall winner of the fourth edition of the Eastern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (EAPCCO) Games.

The bigger picture: During the week-long interforce competitions, Rwanda won gold in football, volleyball, handball, and basketball. Other categories won by Rwanda include beach volleyball, taekwondo, boxing, karate, and shooting. Kenya, which was the best in athletics, came second in the overall standings to win silver while Uganda, which emerged as the best in netball, won bronze.

CMA

CMA launches 10th edition of University Challenge



Friday, 24 March - The Capital Market Authority (CMA) launched the 10th edition of the Capital Market University Challenge (CMUC) with a call on youth to exploit savings and investment opportunities.

The bigger picture: The Challenge is an annual competition aimed at exposing students in higher learning institutions (HLIs) to the capital market industry while instilling in them the culture of saving and investment. The competition helps prepare students as future investors and professionals in the capital market industry by learning more about the stock market in general.

Why it matters: The most effective way for the youth to secure their future is to venture into smart saving and investment opportunities in order to guarantee their lives' sustainability. The concept of such competition was initiated to facilitate attaining such an objective.

MIGEPROF

National dialogue on teenage pregnancy kicks off as part of the National Gender and Family Cluster



Friday, 31 March - Permanent Secretary at MIGEPROF Mireille Batamuliza officiated the National dialogue on teenage pregnancy, prevention, and response, as part of the National Gender and Family Cluster (NGFC) organized in collaboration with Plan International Rwanda.

Key Objectives: The NGFC has four sub-clusters aimed to strengthen coordination mechanisms to support the Gender Machinery institutions to promote Gender Equality, Family Promotion, and Child Rights Promotion and Protection.

General Discussion: The sub-cluster stakeholders shared knowledge and information on how to prevent and end teenage pregnancy with tangible strategies and cooperation drives to relevant actions and policy related to family promotion, GBV prevention and response, and child development and protection.

10 Private and Public institutions certified for significant progress to bridge gender gaps



Thursday, 30 March - Minister Bayisenge Jeannette participated in the second certification of 10 institutions that have made significant progress to bridge gender gaps as well as recognize the fourth cohort of 2 private companies which completed their gender equality diagnosis exercise and developed their gender equality action plans as a commitment to close gender gaps.

About the Gender equality seal: The Gender Equality Seal (GES) is a programme organised by the Gender Monitoring office in collaboration with UNDP Rwanda and UN Women Rwanda in the framework of promoting gender accountability in public & private sectors.

Key quote: "Gender mainstreaming in the private sector is an essential step towards building an equitable and efficient workplace. When companies consider the needs of all genders in their policies, practices & decision-making, they unlock the full potential of their workforce." Minister Prof. Jeannette Bayisenge.

RWANDA DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

RWANDA IN USA

One-on-one with Ambassador Mathilde



Friday 24 March - Dennis Wholey, the host of "This Is America & The World," had a one-on-one conversation with Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana. The bigger picture: The conversation delved into various topics related to Rwanda, including the country's geography and topography, investment potential, tourism, homegrown solutions, and Rwanda's ambition to become a tech hub in Africa.

Key remarks: The Ambassador highlighted Rwanda's substantial investments in technology, resulting in notable strides toward digitalizing its services. "We are open to the world," the Ambassador emphasised, underlining the country's commitment to forging global partnerships.

About the show: 'This is America & The World' is a weekly international affairs television series produced in Washington, New York City, and countries around the world. The series is broadcast on public television and PBS stations.

Watch the interview [here](#).

RWANDA IN NETHERLANDS

Rwanda Coffee showcased at the Amsterdam Coffee Festival



From 30 March to 1 April 2023, Rwanda Coffee export companies participated in the Amsterdam Coffee Festival for the fourth time, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The theme: "Pioneering coffee excellence and connecting communities,"

Why it matters: This coffee trade show highlighted the diversity of the global coffee industry, providing over 8,000 attendees with various opportunities to engage coffee business dealers from around the world.

The organisation: Rwanda's participation in this festival has been organized by the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB) and the Istituto per la Cooperazione Universitaria Onlus (ICU), with support from the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Rwandans living in the Netherlands celebrate International Women's Day



Saturday, 25 March - The Rwandan Diaspora (RCA-NL) living in the Netherlands together with the Rwandan Women Association and in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, organised the International Women's Day.

The theme: DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality

The bigger picture: Following the panel discussion around the theme, Ambassador Olivier Nduhungirehe emphasised that Rwanda's remarkable achievements in women's empowerment were not attained by chance, but rather through the implementation of effective government policies.

RWANDA IN CAR

US Delegation discusses CAR security with Rwanda's Head of Diplomatic Mission



Monday, 27 March - The US delegation on a visit to the Central African Republic paid a courtesy call to the Head of the Diplomatic Mission.

The bigger picture: The delegation was led by Patrice Mahoney, US Ambassador to CAR, Amy Holman, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of African Affairs at US Department of State, and Rose P. Keravuori, Brigadier General, member of the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM).

Discussions: Security Situation in CAR.

RWANDA IN SUDAN

Head of Mission visits the KSC Factory



From 25 to 27 March 2023, the Head of Mission accompanied by the First Secretary visited Kenana Sugar Factory (KSC) located in the White Nile State.

About the Company: KSC is an investment Partnership between Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Sudan and produces between 300,000 and 400,000 metric tonnes of sugar per year. Established in 1975, KSC is a very modern, well-resourced, and managed business entity whose business model avoids wastage of any sort of by-products of the whole sugarcane production chain.

Discussions: Business and investment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COK

City of Kigali and MINEMA share flooding updates



Thursday, 30 March - The Mayor of the City of Kigali Pudence Rubingisa and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry in Charge of Emergency Management Philippe Habinshuti shared with all 35 Executive Secretaries of the sectors in Kigali and other stakeholders the status of flooding and the impacts they have caused for a more coordinated action in the period of heavy rains.

The way forward: Participants took a commitment to increase awareness as well as the inspection of informal settlements, fighting the illegal disposal of waste in drains, and working with cleaning companies to keep clearing drainage systems

NYAMAGABE

Nyamagabe District launches 2023B agri-season



Wednesday, 29 March - Nyamagabe District Vice Mayor in Charge of Economic Development, Thaddée Habimana, joined Gatare residents in launching the 2023B agricultural season where they planted wheat on consolidated land.

The bigger picture: The event took place in Gatare Cell of Gatare Sector at the Kibuga site.

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