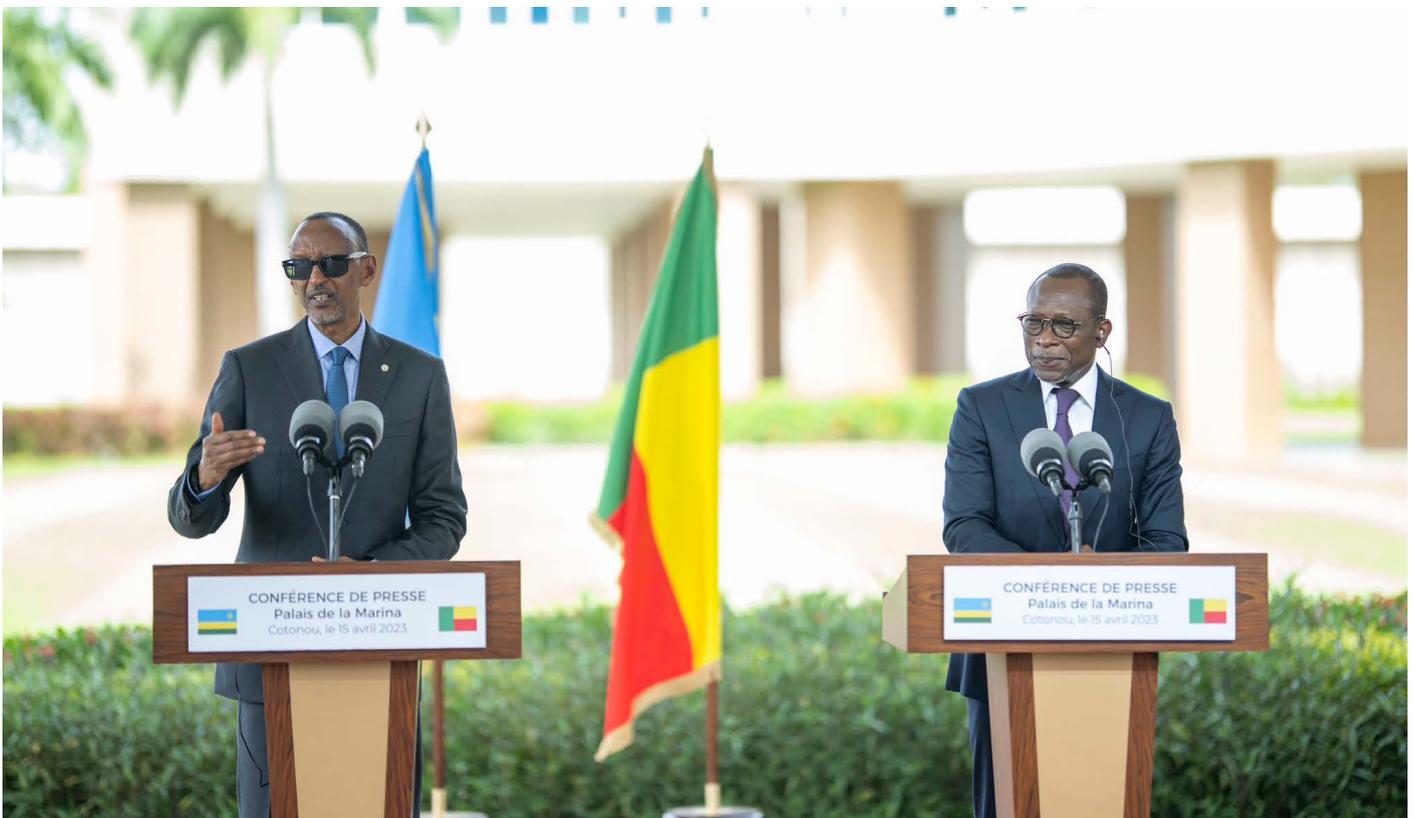


# #RwandaWorks Weekly Digest

10 - 16 April 2023

## RWANDA IN THE NEWS

### President Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame in Cotonou for a State Visit



From 15 to 16 April 2023, President Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame made a two-day state visit in Cotonou, Benin.

**Key activities:** President Kagame held a tête-à-tête with his host President Patrice Talon, followed by bilateral discussions with their respective delegations, before addressing a joint press conference at Le Palais de la Marina - Benin's Presidency.

President Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame toured the Esplanade de l'Amazone square, home to a majestic statue of a warrior woman, "La Statue de l'Amazone" - The Amazon Monument, which symbolizes the courage, bravery, and patriotism of Beninese women past and present.

They visited “Les Jardins de Mathieu” - Mathieu’s gardens, named after former Benin President Mathieu Kérékou, to pay tribute to fallen Beninese heroes including the brave men and women who have paid the ultimate price in the ongoing fight against terrorism.

President Kagame interacted with 100 young entrepreneurs at Sèmè City, a flagship project by the Benin Government dedicated to meeting the skills needs of young Africans through training, research, and innovation.

**Bilateral relations:** Rwanda and Benin enjoy fruitful cooperation in the fields of ICT, trade, urban planning, and land management, and have signed a visa waiver agreement and a cooperation agreement in granite and marble exploitation. Both nations are expected to sign more agreements; on double taxation avoidance, digitization, agriculture, local governance, and sustainable development, and renew their agreements on trade and economic cooperation.

## **President Kagame in New York City for the Columbia Global Energy Summit**



Wednesday, 12 April - President Kagame attended in New York, the 10th Anniversary Columbia Global Energy Summit.

**The background:** The Summit, hosted by the Center on Global Energy Policy (CGEP) at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, brought together global leaders, policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders to work on addressing the growing climate crisis and find solutions to challenges arising from the clean energy transition.

**The bigger picture:** President Kagame joined Matthew Harris, Chair of the CGEP Advisory Board for a conversation on "Balancing growth, sustainability and access to power in Africa", discussing Rwanda and other African nations' goal of delivering full access to electricity for all, while pursuing global sustainability goals.

## **Rwanda concludes the commemoration week**



Thursday, 13 April - Senate President Dr. Kalinda François Xavier joined Government officials, dignitaries, families and friends, at Rebero Genocide Memorial, to mark the closing of the National Commemoration Week.

**The bigger picture:** Senate President and all the guests paid respect to the politicians who were killed during the Genocide against the Tutsi. The dignitaries laid wreaths at the resting place of more than 14,000 victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

**Key quote:** "The politicians who were killed because of their stand against the politics of discrimination and division and Genocide ideology shall always be remembered for setting a good example by dissociating themselves with the evil and speaking out against injustice" Senate President Kalinda.

## PM Ngirente officiates the prosecutors swearing-in ceremony



Prime Minister Dr. Ngirente presided over the swearing-in ceremony of four prosecutors at the national, intermediate, and primary levels.

## READ OF THE WEEK

**The tragic fate of children suffering during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi**



**Author:** Edwin Musoni

**Excerpt:** The 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi had a devastating impact on children, who made up 60 percent of the victims. Many were subjected to brutal suffering and long-term consequences, witnessing and experiencing horrific events no child should see. Children were both politically and forcefully recruited and used as a resourceful tool for killings, lacking a better understanding of their actions and consequences. They were susceptible to manipulation by propaganda that moved adults.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA TREND

### President Kagame in Benin for State Visit



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@PresidenceBenin

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### First Lady Jeannette Kagame arrives in Benin



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🇸🇩 🇷🇼 Dans le cadre de la visite d'État de S.E.M. [@PaulKagame](#), Président de la République du Rwanda au Bénin, la [@FirstLadyRwanda](#) est arrivée à Cotonou dans la matinée de ce vendredi 14 avril 2023. [#Prbenin](#) [#Wasexo](#) [#BeninDiplomatie](#)

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# MoFA

## MoS Nshuti Manasseh receives copies of credentials of Ethiopia's ambassador-designate to Rwanda



Thursday, 13 April - Minister of State, Prof. Nshuti Manasseh received copies of the credentials of Mr. Mesfin Gebremariam Shawo, Ambassador-designate of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Republic of Rwanda.

# RNP

## MINUSCA: Rwandan Police peacekeepers in Bangassou commemorate the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi



Monday, 10 April - Rwandan Police peacekeepers deployed in Bangassou under the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Central Africa Republic (MINUSCA) were joined by other peacekeepers, MINUSCA, and government officials to mark the 29th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

**The bigger picture:** The commemoration was marked with the lighting of candles as a symbol of hope and observing a minute of silence to pay respect to more than one million innocent lives massacred during the 100 days.

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# RWANDA DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

## RWANDA IN USA

**Kwibuka29: Rwandans living in the USA commemorate the Genocide against the Tutsi**



Friday, 7 April - Guests including US Government Officials, Diplomatic Corps, and Friends of Rwanda joined Rwandans and the rest of the world to mark the 29th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi.

**The bigger picture:** During the commemoration that was held at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. Ms. Consolee Nishimwe, a survivor of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and author of "Tested To The Limit" bravely recounted her testimony and her determination to preserve memory.

**Key quote:** "Our solemn task is to speak plainly about what happened in 1994 and to counter efforts to obscure or distort this history. We owe this to victims and survivors, of course - but it is no less an obligation to generations yet to be born." Amb. Mathilde Mukantabana.

Watch the highlight video [here](#)

# RWANDA IN NIGERIA

## High Commission and UN Nigeria commemorate the Genocide against the Tutsi

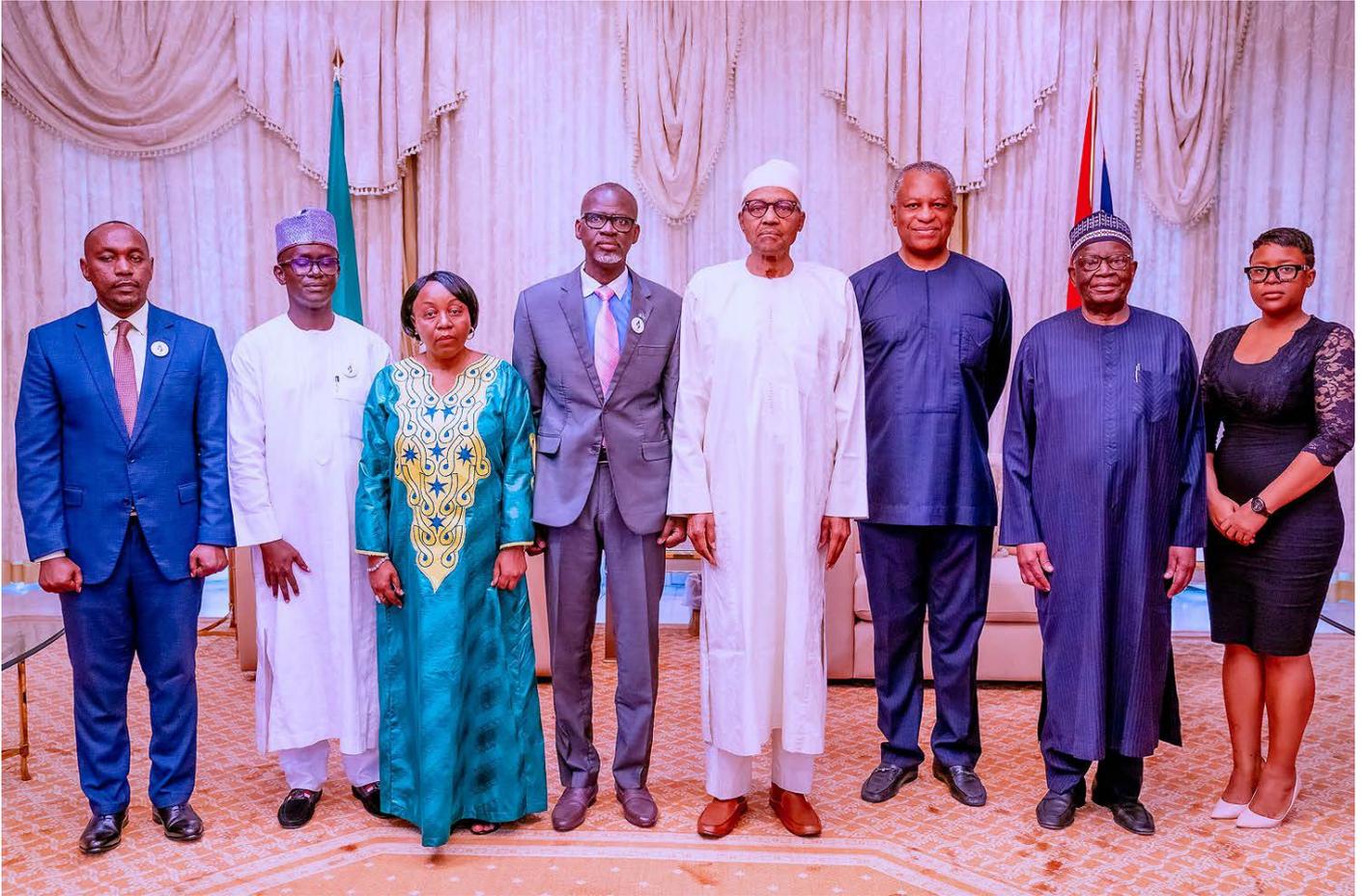


Friday, 7 April - The Rwanda High Commission in Abuja, in collaboration with the United Nations in Nigeria, held an event to mark the 29th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

**Attendance:** Members of the Rwandan Community in Abuja, representatives of the Federal Government of Nigeria, representatives of the UN agencies, members of the diplomatic corps, and international organizations.

**Key message:** Amb. Kamanzi highlighted that Rwanda would never be insensitive to incidences of hate speech, Genocide denial, and revisionism, and will thus spare no effort to ensure that the "Never Again we are all committed to is a reality".

## Ambassador Kamanzi Pays a Farewell Call on President Muhammadu Buhari

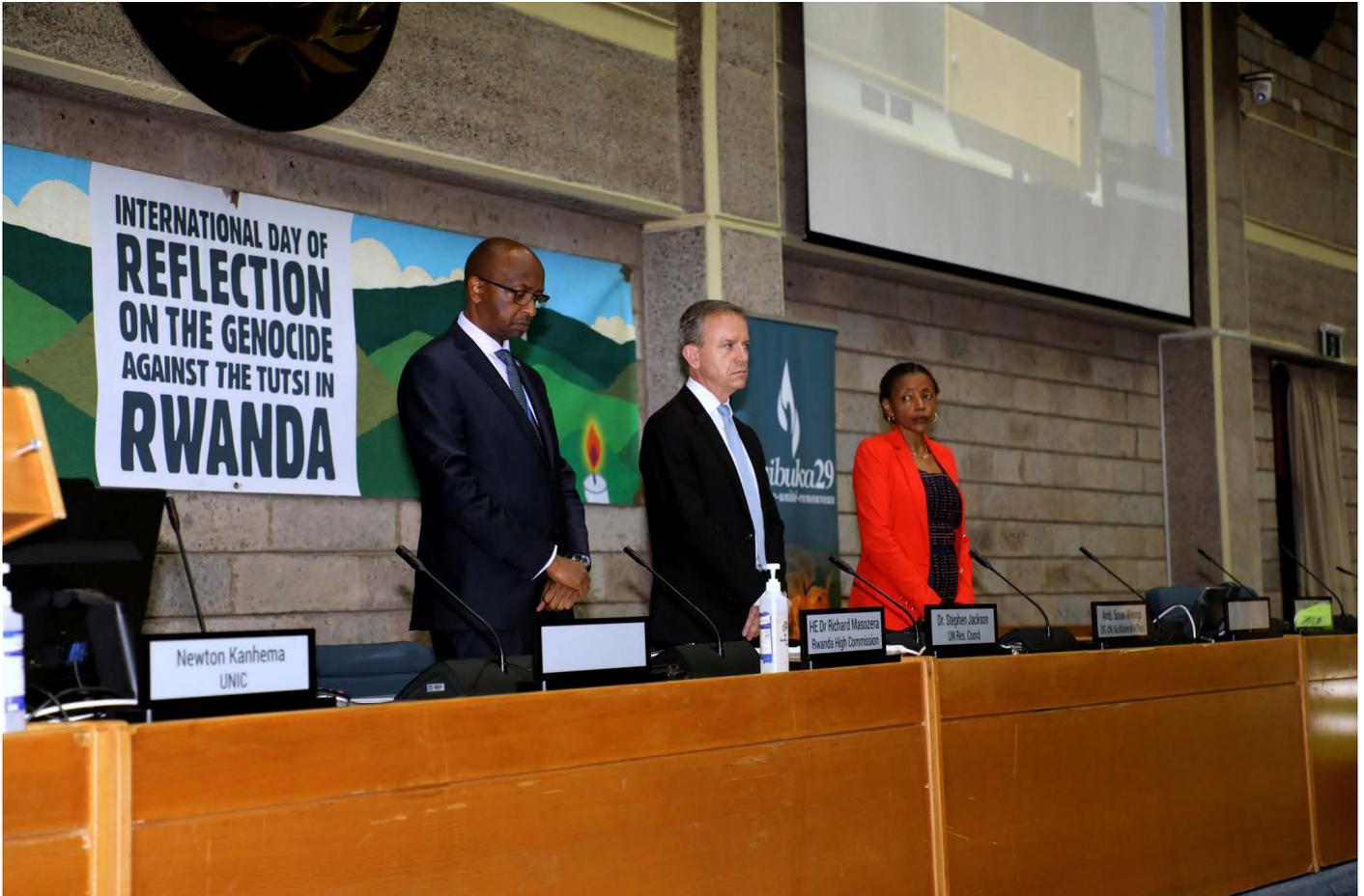


Saturday, 8 April - Rwanda's High Commissioner to Nigeria, Amb. Stanislas Kamanzi paid a farewell call on H.E Muhammadu Buhari, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, having concluded his tenure.

**The bigger picture:** Amb. Kamanzi highlighted the significant progress made in enhancing the excellent bilateral relations between Rwanda and Nigeria, particularly in the areas of trade and investment, air transport, and peer-to-peer exchange. President Buhari, on his part, reiterated Nigeria's commitment to strengthening ties with Rwanda, as with other African countries, in pursuit of common interests and goals.

# RWANDA IN KENYA

## Kwibuka 29: Rwandans in Kenya pay tribute to Genocide victims



Wednesday, 12 April - The Rwandan Community living in Kenya marked the 29th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. The event brought together more than 500 people including Rwandans living in Kenya, members of the diplomatic corps, and friends of Rwanda among others.

**Why it matters:** The ceremony was an occasion to reflect on the causes and consequences of the genocide and recommit to preventing future atrocities by fighting hate and divisionism.

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## NYAMAGABE

**Kwibuka29: Nyamagabe residents urged on shunning genocide ideology**



Thursday, 13 April - Nyamagabe District closed the commemoration week as part of the activities of the 29th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, with a renewed call to fight genocide ideology.

**The bigger picture:** The event took place at Kamegeri Genocide Memorial where 158 victims are laid to rest. It was graced by the District Council Chairperson, Clothilde Uwamahoro along with the District Executive Committee, different officials, survivors, and locals.

**The bigger picture:** At the event, the message revolved around shunning genocide ideology, telling the young generation the truth about Rwandan history that led to the genocide, and embracing “Ndi Umunyarwanda” towards building a united and reconciled society.

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