

#RwandaWorks Weekly Digest

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RWANDA IN THE NEWS

President Kagame visits Guinea-Bissau and Guinea Conakry



From 17 - 18 April 2023, President Kagame made a one-day working visit to Guinea-Bissau and a two-day working visit to Guinea Conakry respectively. The bigger picture: President Kagame held a tête-à-tête with President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, followed by bilateral discussions with their respective delegations, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual Visas Requirements Exemption. The two Heads of State also addressed a joint press conference.

The medal: President Kagame was conferred the Amílcar Cabral Medal, the highest distinction in Guinea-Bissau, attributed to the heads of state of countries that are friends of Guinea-Bissau.

Guinea Conakry: President Kagame and H.E. Col. Mamadi Doumbouya witnessed the inauguration of a highway interchange connecting Kagbélen to Conakry that was named after President Kagame. The completed infrastructure will ease movement between major industrial cities and Conakry as well as with neighboring countries.

Key quote: "Every country on our continent has challenges. In Rwanda, we have our own challenges. In Guinea there are challenges. Working together there is no challenge we can't address." President Kagame.

President Kagame receives TPG delegation



Wednesday, 19 April - President Kagame received a delegation led by David Bonderman, co-founder of the TPG, a global alternative asset firm with a long history of investing in growth, change, and innovation.

Discussions: Conservation efforts across the continent.

President Kagame receives ICTP Director



Thursday, 20 April - President Kagame received Prof. Atish Dabholkar, Director of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics - ICTP

Discussions: The ongoing collaboration between ICTP's East African Regional Centre, the East Africa Institute for Fundamental Research (EAIFR) and the University of Rwanda.

Cabinet approves comprehensive tax reforms

What to know about tax reforms



Why the reforms?

- ✓ Attract more investments
- ✓ Widening tax base
- ✓ Reduce tax rates
- ✓ Improve tax compliance



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Thursday 20, April - The Cabinet meeting on Thursday approved comprehensive tax reforms following directives issued by the President of the Republic in January 2023, and in line with the revised Medium Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS) passed in May 2022.

The bigger picture: Focusing on Corporate Income Tax (CIT), Value Added Tax (VAT) and Excise Duty, the tax reforms will ensure that tax revenues increase by 1% of GDP by FY 2025/26. Additionally, a review has also been conducted of the existing taxes and fees collected by decentralized entities.

Read more: <https://www.gov.rw/laws-and-regulations>

PM Ngirente discusses bilateral relations with Serbia MoFA



Tuesday, 18 April - Prime Minister Dr. Edouard Ngirente received Tomislav Momirović, Minister of Internal and External Trade of Serbia.

Discussions: Strengthening existing bilateral relations between the two countries.

READ OF THE WEEK

Remembering the last Queen of Rwanda, 29 years on

Author: Glory Iribagiza



Excerpt: April 20, every year, marks the remembrance of the last Queen of Rwanda, Rosalie Gicanda – the wife of King Mutara III Rudahigwa – who was murdered during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. People who knew the late Queen described her as a humble, friendly and generous lady who always enthusiastically welcomed visitors to her home.

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SOCIAL MEDIA TREND

President Kagame chairs cabinet meeting



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President Kagame chairs a cabinet meeting to discuss policies and strategies to sustain the country's economic development momentum.



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President Kagame wishes Eid Mubarak to all muslims



Paul Kagame ✓

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#EidMubarak to all celebrating in Rwanda and around the world. Wishing you joy, peace and prosperity.

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Guinea-Bissau Army performs RDF songs while receiving President Kagame



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VIDEO

Ubwo Perezida Kagame yageraga muri Guinée-Bissau mu ruzinduko rw'umunsi umwe, abasikare bo muri iki gihugu bamwakirije indirimbo z'Ingabo z'u Rwanda.

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Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada receives a survivor of the Genocide against the Tutsi



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PARLIAMENT

The Chamber of Deputies starts the extraordinary session



Thursday, 20 April - The Chamber of Deputies convened an extraordinary session during which the Plenary Sitting of the Chamber of Deputies will consider a range of pertinent subjects including draft laws and various reports.

Expected work: The plenary Sitting of the Chamber of Deputies is due to adopt the relevance of three draft laws, and to consider four draft laws including the draft law amending the law regulating Labour in Rwanda.

Besides, the Office of Auditor General's report of the fiscal year 2021/2022, and the Plenary Sitting will have the presentation on the Budget Framework Paper 2023/2024-2025-2026.

Kwibuka 29: Senate Vice President joins Rwamagana residents for commemoration



Thursday, 20 March - The Vice President of the Senate, Hon. Mukabaramba Alvera together with other officials, joined the residents of Kigabiro Sector in Rwamagana District for the 29th Commemoration of 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi at Sovu Genocide Memorial which is a resting place for 696 victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

Why it matters: During the Genocide, women and girls were driven to Sovu site where they were killed after being raped.

Key quote: "We cannot accept anyone who wants to distract us by distorting the facts about our country's history. Let's continue to 'Remember-Unite-Renew'", Hon. Mukabaramba Alvera, Vice President of the Senate.

Minister Biruta attends the Africa Day International Conference in Slovenia



Thursday, 20 April - Minister Vincent Biruta participated in the 12th Africa Day International Conference in Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia, at the invitation of Slovenia's Foreign Minister Tanja Fajon.

Discussions: Climate change and security.

Why it matters: On the sidelines of the conference, Minister Biruta had a bilateral meeting with his counterpart from Slovenia, Tanja Fajon. The two Ministers signed an MoU on Political Consultations that will further strengthen the relations between Rwanda and Slovenia.

PS Mukeka receives Chinese Ambassador to Rwanda



Tuesday, 18 April - Permanent Secretary Clementine Mukeka received Wang Xuekun, the Ambassador of China to Rwanda.

Discussions: Bilateral projects of mutual interest between Rwanda and China.

MOD

CDS officiates the closing ceremony of the RDF - ICRC workshop



Friday, 21 April - The Rwanda Defence Force Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Jean Bosco Kazura officiated the closing ceremony of the workshop on Support Relationships in Armed Conflict and Partnered Military Operations (PMO) organised by RDF in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Key message: Gen. Kazura commended the participants commitment to continuously cooperate, collaborate, and partner with a view to increase their much needed operational capabilities, especially in promoting the respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.

Read more [here](#)

Rwandan peacekeepers in South Sudan conduct a campaign against malnutrition



From 17 - 18 April 2023, Rwandan peacekeepers under the United Nations mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) conducted a two-day campaign against malnutrition in Juba County, Rajaf Payam, Koroch West Village.

The bigger picture: Among the initiatives made by the peacekeepers was to train the local population in making their own household vegetable gardens in order to have a balanced diet in their families. They also taught residents how to use energy saving cooking stoves. About 114 residents were trained for two days.

Read more [here](#)

RNP

PEACEKEEPING: 180 Police officers complete tour-of-duty



Wednesday, 19 April - Rwanda Formed Police Unit-Two (FPU-2) contingent of 180 Police officers returned home after successfully completing their one year tour-of-duty duty under the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

The bigger picture: Rwanda FPU2-7, which returned home safely under the command of Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) John Niyibizi, was earlier in the morning replaced by Rwanda FPU2-8 commanded by CSP Jean Bosco Rudasingwa. It operates in Kaga-Bandoro, about 300km from the capital Bangui. CP Basabose thanked the contingent for withstanding the mission challenges to represent their country ably.

Rwandan Police officer named 'best contingent commander' in Central African Republic



Sunday, 16 April - The Police component of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Central African Republic (MINUSCA) has named Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) Vincent B. Habintwari as the 'Best Contingent Commander.'

Background: In an article published in the MINUSCA UNPOL magazine "Echos de la Police" it attributed this to the "good performance based on discipline, availability, commitment and professionalism" that characterises his contingent since its deployment in the mission area on May 20, last year.

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RWANDA DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

RWANDA IN NETHERLANDS

The 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda memorial unveiled in the Netherlands



Wednesday, 19 April - The Kingdom of Netherlands unveiled the first '1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda' memorial site, located in the northern part of the Beatrix Park in Amsterdam.

Why it matters: The memorial site is a place for survivors and the larger Rwandan community in the Netherlands to remember their loved ones and to pay tribute to more than one million victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. It will also be a place that will give an opportunity to the Dutch population, especially young generations, to reflect on the Genocide and learn lessons from this tragedy, which will help ensure genocide never happens again.

About the park: The Beatrixpark is a small, quiet park in the southern part of Amsterdam, close to the RAI congress centre. It is named after former Queen Beatrix and was built in 1938 as a romantic, English style park with a small lake and open landscape.

RWANDA IN TÜRKIYE

Rwandans in Türkiye commemorate the Genocide against the Tutsi



Saturday, 15 April - Rwandan Community in Türkiye, diplomats, and friends of Rwanda gathered on April 15, to mark the 29th Commemoration of Genocide against the Tutsi.

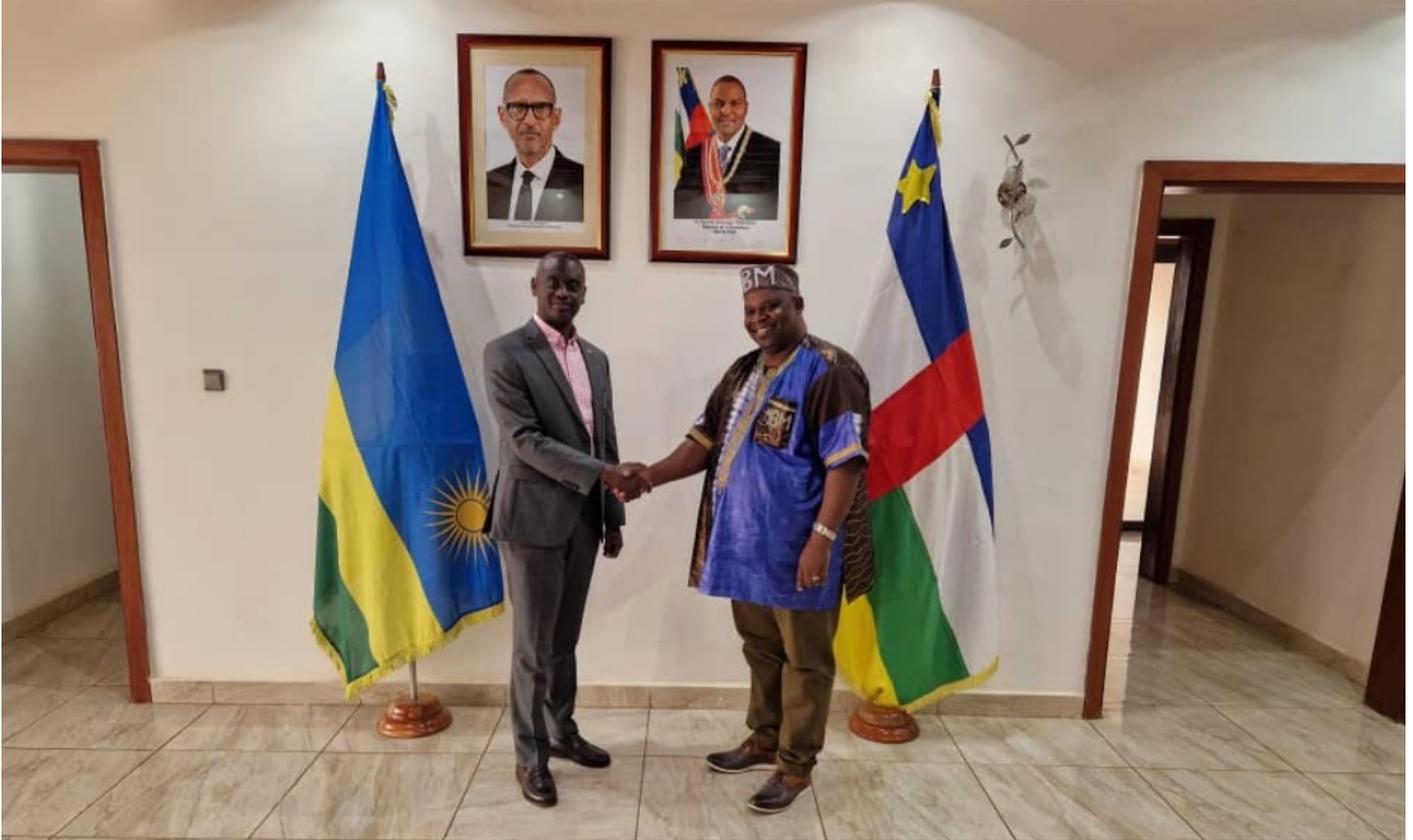
Key message: Ambassador Fidelis Mironko, informed the mourners that the Genocide against the Tutsi was carefully and systematically planned and executed.

Key quote: "While we remember atrocities that were committed, it is also right to honour the survivors whose strength and bravery help us in our duty of remembrance. We also honour and thank those that have lent their voices to speak for the victims." Amb. Fidelis Mironko.

Read more [here](#)

RWANDA IN CAR

CAR National Elections Authority pays courtesy visit to Rwanda Diplomatic Mission



Thursday, 20 April - Dr. Mathias Barthélémy Mouruba, President of CAR National Elections Authority (ANE) paid a courtesy visit to the Head of Rwanda Diplomatic Mission.

Discussions: Forthcoming local elections in CAR scheduled in July 2023.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

NYAMAGABE

Nyamagabe officials and NAEB CEO discuss partnership in coffee and tea value chain



Wednesday, 19 April - The National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB) Chief Executive Officer, Claude Bizimana visited Nyamagabe District and held a meeting with Mayor Hildebrand Niyomwungeri and Vice Mayor in Charge of Economic Development, Thaddée Habimana.

Discussions: Areas through which both entities could partner to increase production, investment and ensure market linkages for both tea and coffee.

Kwibuka29: Murambi and Kaduha Genocide victims commemorated



Friday, 21 April - Officials, survivors and locals in Nyamagabe District gathered to commemorate over 50,000 victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi who are laid to rest in Murambi Genocide Memorial.

The guests: This event was presided over by the Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Prof. Jeannette Bayisenge alongside Senators, the Chairperson of Nyamagabe District Council and District Mayor among other officials.

Kaduha: At Kaduha Genocide Memorial, over 47,000 victims who are laid to rest there were commemorated in an event that was presided over by the Governor of Southern Province, Alice Kayitesi. During the commemoration, five bodies of the victims of the genocide were given a decent burial.

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