On Friday, March 4th 2022, His Excellency Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired a Cabinet meeting at Urugwiro Village.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on January 26th 2022.

2. The Cabinet reviewed existing health measures to contain spread of Covid-19.

The following measures will take effect nationwide, starting on March 5th 2022 and be reviewed after one month upon a health assessment.

Citizens and Rwanda residents must be fully vaccinated in order to access public places. Fully vaccinated means having two doses and a booster shot when eligible (administered 3 months after the second dose).
People attending any event must present a negative Covid-19 test result taken within 48 hours prior to meeting.

a. Land borders shall re-open, starting Monday March 7th, 2022. People may be subject to random Covid-19 testing by the Ministry of Health upon entry.

b. Curfew is lifted. However, night clubs, live bands, bars, receptions, and betting activities shall close by 2:00 AM.

c. Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative Covid-19 PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure. All departing Rwandans must be vaccinated.

d. Private businesses and public offices will operate at full capacity.

e. Business owners must ensure employees are fully vaccinated. The Ministry of Health may temporarily close public or private premises with identified clusters of people infected with Covid-19.

f. Public transport will continue with buses operating at full capacity with seated passengers and 75% of non-seated passengers. Windows must be open for proper ventilation. Bus operators must ensure all passengers are vaccinated. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.

g. Motorbike and bicycle taxis are permitted to carry passengers and must comply with Covid-19 preventative measures. Operators and passengers must be vaccinated. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.
h. Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence with Covid-19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators and transport services facilitating guests.

i. Physical conferences and meetings will continue at full venue capacity. All participants must be fully vaccinated and possess a negative Covid-19 test result taken within 48 hours prior to the meeting.

j. Social gatherings shall continue at full venue capacity. All guests must be fully vaccinated and test negative for Covid-19 prior to events. As much as possible, gatherings should take place outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces. Event organizers will be penalized for non-compliance with health measures.

k. Services held at places of worship shall continue to operate at full venue capacity. All attendees must be fully vaccinated.

l. Restaurants shall continue to operate at full venue capacity. Clients must be fully vaccinated.

m. Bars shall continue to operate at full venue capacity, in adherence with Covid-19 preventive measures. Clients must be fully vaccinated.

n. All sports activities are permitted. Sport fans in stadiums are permitted and must be fully vaccinated.

o. Gyms and fitness centers will continue to operate at full venue capacity. Customers must be fully vaccinated (except persons under 12 years of age).

p. Swimming pools, massage parlors, saunas, shall continue to open gradually. Customers must be fully vaccinated (except persons under 12 years of age).

q. People attending a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) and funeral gatherings must be fully vaccinated.

All citizens and Rwanda residents should get fully vaccinated and, when eligible, get booster shots. Vaccination increases protection against infection, serious illness and hospitalization caused by Covid-19. In addition, the public is urged to get frequently tested while continuing to observe preventive measures including properly wearing face masks and hand hygiene.

3. The Cabinet was briefed on Rwanda joining the International Vaccine Institute (IVI).

4. The Cabinet approved applications for mineral and quarry licences.

5. The Cabinet approved the agriculture input subsidy reform program.

6. The Cabinet approved the following agreements:
   - The agreement to continue the operation of Carnegie Mellon University-Africa in Rwanda.
• Lease agreement between Energy Development Corporation Ltd (EDCL) and Société Pétrolière Aviation Ltd (Rwabuye Fuel Storage).

7. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:
• Draft law approving a ratification of the tax convention between the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Congo for elimination of double taxation concerning income taxes and the prevention of tax evasion and fraud.

• Draft law approving a ratification of the grant financing agreement between the Republic of Rwanda and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) on the national plan for learning and teaching French.

• Draft law approving a ratification of the loan agreement between the Republic of Rwanda and Export-Import Bank of China for the Rwanda smart education project.

8. The Cabinet approved the Ministerial order relating to Rwandan nationality.

9. The Cabinet approved the agrément for the appointment of the following Ambassador/High Commissioner and representatives of International Organisations to be accredited to Rwanda:


• Mr. Firas F. Khouri, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Nairobi.

• Ms. Isatu Aminata Bundu, High Commissioner of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Nairobi.

• Mr. Esmond St. Clair Reid, High Commissioner of Jamaica to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Abuja.

• Ms. Pauline Okumu, Representative of the World Vision International (WVI), with residence in Kigali.

• Ms. Jennet Kem, Representative of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), with residence in Kigali.

10. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

National Bank of Rwanda - Board of Directors:

- **Mr. Léonard Minega Rugwabiza**, Member
- **Mr. Diko Mukete**, Member
- **Dr. Ildephonse Musafiri**, Member
- **Ms. Faith Keza**, Member
- **Mr. Cyridion Nsengumuremyi**, Member
- **Mr. Ivan Murenzi**, Member
- **Ms. Alice Dushime**, Member

Rwanda Water Resources Board:

- **Dr. Emmanuel Rukundo**, Director General
- **Mr. Evariste Nsabimana**, Deputy Director General

Rwanda Cooperation Initiative:

- **Amb. Christine Nkulikiyinka**, Chief Executive Officer

Ministry of Justice:

- **Ms. Doris Picard Uwicyeza**, Technical Advisor

Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion:

- **Ms. Aline Umutoni**, Director General of Family Promotion and Child Protection

Rwanda Investigation Bureau:

- **Mr. Antoine Ngarambe**, Head of Interpol and Cooperation

Rwanda Mines, Petroleum and Gas Board:

- **Mr. Charles Twayigize**, Director of Mining Cadaster and Licensing Unit
- **Ms. Ariane Kanyana**, Director of Mining Extraction and Processing Unit
- **Mr. Eric Uzabakiriho**, Director of Mining Inspection Unit

Rwanda Standards Board:

- **Mr. Lionel Mafrebo**, Director of Legal Metrology Unit
Rwanda Cooperatives Agency:

- **Mr. Innocent Baziga Ngoga**, Director of Cooperatives Promotion and Capacity Building Unit
- **Ms. Christine Mukakiramba**, Director of Cooperatives Audit Unit

11. **AoBs:**

- The Minister of Finance and Economic Planning informed Cabinet on the 8\textsuperscript{th} edition of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, starting March 3\textsuperscript{rd} - 5\textsuperscript{th} 2022.
- The Minister of Gender and Family Promotion informed Cabinet of the International Women’s Day scheduled on March 8\textsuperscript{th} 2022.
- The Minister of National Unity and Civic Engagement informed Cabinet on the National Service for Inkomezabigwi (senior-six graduates 2020-2021) scheduled on March 14\textsuperscript{th} – May 25\textsuperscript{th} 2022.
- The Minister of Trade and Industry informed Cabinet of the World Consumer Rights Day scheduled on March 15\textsuperscript{th} 2022.
- The Minister of Sports informed Cabinet of Rwanda’s participation in international competitions: a) FIBA World cup qualifier from July 1\textsuperscript{st} to 3\textsuperscript{rd} 2022 and b) Basket Africa League from May 21\textsuperscript{st} to 28\textsuperscript{th} 2022.

Kigali, March 4\textsuperscript{th} 2022.

Dr. Edouard Ngirente
Prime Minister