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Wednesday, 25 October - President Kagame took part in a fireside chat moderated by Richard Attias, CEO of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) during the World Leaders Special Address Session at the seventh edition of the FII.

Leadership is about doing what makes sense to the leader but more importantly to the people we lead. We should be more practical, more pragmatic, and focused on performance and results and how we benefit people than anything else.

President Kagame

First Lady Jeannette Kagame attends 16th Unity Club Forum

Saturday, 28 October - First Lady Jeannette Kagame joined Unity Club Intwararumuri members, Abarinzi b’lgihango, youth, and leaders from across the country at the 16th annual Unity Club Forum held at Intare Arena.

Ndi Umunyarwanda - igitekerezo ngenga cy’ukubaho kwacu.
We have an extremely important but doable mandate of extending to our children a legacy of meaningful benefits of unity. We should not be defeated by immoral actions of favouritism, corruption, and malice, which would deter us from the Ndi Umunyarwanda spirit.

First Lady Jeannette Kagame

PM Ngirente delivers keynote speech at the Global Gateway Forum 2023

Wednesday, 25 October - Prime Minister Dr. Edouard Ngirente attended the inaugural opening ceremony of the Global Gateway Forum 2023 in Brussels, where he delivered a keynote speech as part of a panel discussion on Education and Research.

PM Ngirente shared Rwanda’s initiative of setting up an African Biomanufacturing Institute, which aims to address the shortage of skills in bio-manufacturing on the continent.

During the Forum, Prime Minister Dr. Edouard Ngirente awarded seven protectors of the friendship pact commonly known as “Abarinzi b'Igihango” for their outstanding acts of humanity. See the full list here.
Rwanda - EU financial agreement for pre-primary education signed

Thursday, 26 October - Prime Minister Dr. Ngirente met with Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships.

**Discussions**

How to strengthen partnership between Rwanda and the European Union.

**Why it matters**

During their meeting, a financing agreement was signed to support pre-primary education.

PM Ngirente discusses partnership with UN Deputy SG

On the sidelines of the Global Gateway Forum, Prime Minister Dr. Edouard Ngirente met with Amina Jane Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations.

**Discussions**

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South African media’s litmus test: The case of Rwanda

Author: Kelvin Jakachira

There is no doubt that Rwanda, has, against all expectations, defied all odds to become a model country loved by all progressive global citizens. Such breathtaking development can only be achieved through a progressive, transparent and people driven leadership.

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Akagera National Park reports 127% increase in animal population

Author: Hertier Bahizi, The New Times

While the final report is still in the process of being compiled, the preliminary findings unveiled a population of 11,338 animals inhabiting the terrestrial and wetland fringe zones of Akagera. Among the notable figures were 142 elephants, 1,153 zebras, 782 waterbucks, and 1,820 hippos, among others.

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President Kagame thanks well wishers on his birthday

Stray bullet from DRC injures Rubavu resident

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Call to action

During this rainy season, maintaining a clean environment is essential in our collective effort to combat waterborne diseases and malaria. Let’s all take responsibility by ensuring our homes and surroundings remain clean.

Hehe n’Igwingira| #TurandureIgwingira

Call to action

Breastfeeding offers essential nutrients, boosts immunity, and nurtures emotional bonds between mother and child. It adapts to changing needs, reducing health risks such as stunting and supporting optimal brain development, ensuring brighter futures for our little ones.
Minimising alcohol consumption is a smart choice due to the dangerous effects of drunkenness. Alcohol impairs judgement, risking our safety and causing tragic drunk driving accidents. It can also lead to risky behaviour, strained relationships, and health problems. #TunyweLess
Hon. Nyirasafari briefed the 147th IPU Assembly on Rwanda’s progress in implementing SDGs

Thursday, 26 October - The Vice President of the Senate Nyirasafari Espérance led a Rwandan delegation that attended the 147th Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Luanda, Angola. The General Debate focused on the theme of Parliamentary action for peace, justice, and strong institutions (SDG 16).

The bigger picture

Addressing the Assembly, Hon Nyirasafari said that the Government of Rwanda has integrated and domesticated the SDGs into the long-term development aspirations of Rwanda, and many achievements have been realised.

Other key activity

The Parliament of Rwanda congratulated Dr Tulia Ackson, the Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania who was elected IPU President for a 3-year term at the conclusion of the 147th IPU Assembly.

Speaker Mukabalisa addresses the African and Asian

Tuesday, 24 October - Speaker Mukabalisa Donatille officially opened the African and Asian Parliamentarians’ Dialogue towards ICPD30 and AADPD10 which gathered over 60 participants to share their experiences and perspectives on legislative issues around the 2013 Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (AADPD) and the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).
It is important that we recognise the critical role played by our parliamentarians in shaping laws that align with our respective Executive Branches, but also in holding Government accountable especially in the implementation of Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development and the International Conference on Population and Development commitments while evaluating the actual impacts on the citizens’ lives.

Speaker Mukabalisa

In 2024, the world will commemorate 30 years of the historic International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and its commitment towards people-centred development, peace, equal rights and choices for all populations.

In Africa, these obligations have been advanced through the 2013 Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development, which provides region specific recommendations on population and development, and guidelines for the full implementation of the Programme of Action for ICPD.

Minister Biruta attends the strategic review meeting of the process of mutualization of the Luanda road map in CAR

Monday, 23 October - In Bangui, Minister Vincent Biruta led a Rwandan delegation to take part, alongside Angola, in the strategic review meeting of the process of mutualization of the Luanda road map and the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Central African Republic (APPR-RCA).

Rwanda and Angola were commissioned by the Mini-Summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) to support the Central African Republic in the peace process.
MoS Kabarebe officiates the UN Day celebrations

Tuesday, 24 October - Minister of State Kabarebe James presided over the celebration of the United Nations Day.

The Theme
Equality, Freedom, and Justice for All.

The bigger Picture: MoS Kabarebe hailed the contribution of the UN to creating a lasting impact on justice, equitable, and inclusive society.

PS Mukeka receives Kent State University Senior Vice President and Provost

Monday, 23 October - Permanent Secretary Clementine Mukeka received Dr. Melody Tankersley, Senior Vice President and Provost of Kent State University for a courtesy call.

Discussions
They discussed ways to expand existing academic partnerships between the government of Rwanda and Kent State University.
UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Preparatory Meeting opens in Rwanda

Monday, 23 October - The Minister of Defence Juvenal Marizamunda presided over the opening ceremony of the preparatory conference for the 2023 Peacekeeping Ministerial on Protection of Civilians and Strategic Communications that took place in Kigali from 23 to 24 October 2023, co-hosted by Indonesia, The Netherlands, Rwanda and The United Kingdom.

Why it matters

The United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial is an important opportunity for Member States to come together in a collective effort to strengthen the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations and their impact on the communities they serve. It is the seminal high-level event for UN peacekeeping, held biennially with the participation of Foreign and Defence ministers.

Read more here

Rwanda Security Forces donate scholastic materials to schools in Mozambique

Wednesday, 25 October - The Rwanda Security Forces in Mocimboa Da Praia organised a small gesture of support in the form of providing scholastic materials; exercise books and Pens to needy students.

The schools which were randomly selected to benefit from this support are Unidade, Tete, Maniritha, Naitope and Chibanga Primary and Secondary Schools of Mocimboa da Praia District. A total of 3,100 exercise books and 2,530 Pens were delivered to the above-mentioned schools. Each Primary school child was given 02 exercise books and two Pens each while Secondary School students received 04 exercise books and 03 Pens each whereas the teachers were given Notebooks and Pens that will help them in their daily work.
Zimbabwe Police Chief pays courtesy call on IGP Namuhoranye


Discussions:
Matters related to bilateral cooperation in various areas of mutual interest.
Read more here

IGP Namuhoranye receives Kent State University Senior Vice-president

Monday, 23 October - The Inspector General of Police Felix Namuhoranye received the Senior Vice President and Provost of Kent State University in USA, Dr. Melody Tankersley, at the Rwanda National Police General Headquarters, Kacyiru.

Discussions:
Matters related to the existing partnership agreement.
Read more here
IGP Namuhoranye attends EAPCCO General Meeting in Burundi


The meeting resolved to enhance regional cooperation in addressing contemporary security challenges and embracing modern technology in the fight against terrorism and transnational organised crime; utilising INTERPOL policing capabilities; and ratifying relevant international instruments and harmonising legislations controlling access to precursor chemicals and explosives.

The theme
Leveraging on the Regional Policing Capabilities in Promoting Law Enforcement Cooperation in the Fight Against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime.

MINAGRI
Minister Musafiri discusses irrigation projects with CGC President

Wednesday, 25 October - Minister Musafiri met with Dr. HU Jianxin, President of China Geo-Engineering Corporation (CGC) to discuss the upcoming Giseke Irrigation project.

Why it matters
The Giseke Irrigation project, set to be located in Gisagara, will cover a command area of 2,500 hectares. This irrigation initiative is expected to significantly boost crop yields, improve food security, and alleviate the impact of changing climate patterns on local farmers.
Rwanda launches second sea freight trial shipment of avocados

Wednesday, 25 October - The CEO of the National Agricultural Export Development Board Claude Bizimana together with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Rwanda Joan Wiegman and key partners have flagged off the first reefer container trial shipment of avocado, to Europe via Rotterdam, marking the second shipments of Rwandan sustainably produced avocados.

**Why it matters**

For the fiscal year 2022-2023, Rwanda exported avocado over 3.2 million kilograms worth EUR 6.2 million. This brings to a total of EUR 13 million worth of avocados that have been exported from Rwanda since 2018. This pivotal pilot shipment is the tangible fruit of a harmonious collaboration between the Rwandan government and an array of partners, including the invaluable contributions of IDH. Not to be overlooked, two eminent export companies, SOUK and Garden Fresh, played significant roles, underlining their leadership in the industry.

MINEDUC and Kent State University sign agreement enabling Rwandan Students to enrol at KSU

Wednesday, 25 October - An agreement was officially signed by Minister of State Irere and Dr. Melody TANKERSLEY, Senior Vice President and Provost of Kent State University.

**Why it matters**

The agreement will enable Rwandan students to pursue their academic endeavours at Kent State University.
MOE

Rwanda partners with the Green Climate Fund for $39.1m climate resilience project

Wednesday, 25 October - Rwanda has signed a Funded Activity Agreement with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for a climate resilience project.

Why it matters

This project aims at enhancing the resilience of vulnerable communities in the Congo Nile Divide region. The $39.1 million project will focus on forest and landscape restoration to combat the impacts of climate change.

MINEMA

Minister Murasira discusses migration, economic development with the British High Commissioner

Monday, 23 October - The British High Commissioner to Rwanda, Omar Daair, embarked on a courtesy visit to Minister Murasira, where they engaged in fruitful discussions.

Discussion

Migration, economic development partnerships, collaboration in refugee response interventions, and resilience to climate-related disasters.
**MINECOFIN**

Rwanda and Poland sign financing agreement to boost Rwanda’s dairy sector

Thursday, 26 October - Rwanda and Poland have signed a financing agreement worth EUR 23 million (Frw 29 billion). The financing will be utilised to support Rwanda’s dairy sector, particularly in improving milk storage and production capabilities.

**Why it matters**

The delivery of nearly 400 milk cooling installations to local milk collection points is expected to have a transformative impact on the dairy sector in Rwanda. The installations aim to reduce milk losses caused by improper storage, thus increasing production capabilities and ensuring improved access to dairy products.

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**MIGEPROF**

A 4-day regional meeting discusses crucial ECD measurements

Tuesday, 24 October - Minister Dr. Valentine Uwamariya initiated a 4-day regional meeting in Kigali to discuss crucial Early Childhood Development (ECD) measurements in Eastern and Southern Africa.

**Focus**

Assessing vital measurement tools and indicators, emphasising their role in strengthening policies and services.

**The bigger picture**

Co-organised by NCDA, Unicef Rwanda, WHO, World Bank, The African Early Childhood Network, Early Childhood Development Action Network. The meeting was attended by Ingabire Assumpta DG of NCDA, UN Rwanda Resident Coordinator Ozonnia Ojielo, among other officials.
Over 140 researchers, scientists, and policymakers converge at the Health Scientific and Innovation Platform

Friday, 27 October - The annual Health Scientific and Innovation Platform (SIP) event successfully took place in a hybrid format, drawing more than 140 esteemed researchers, scientists, and policy makers from around the world.

Focus

The event, centred around the theme of harnessing data for managing infectious diseases, featured insightful discussions and highlighted the significance of integrating advanced analytics into Health Management Information Systems (HMIS).

Through workshops, presentations, and panel discussions, attendees explored innovative approaches and solutions that can optimise the use of available data, ultimately leading to more effective disease management strategies.

MINICT

ICDL African Forum sets 100 percent goal for government services to be digitalised

Wednesday, 25 October - Permanent Secretary Yves Iradukunda attended the International Computer Driving License African Forum which took place in Kigali.

Key message

PS Iradukunda emphasised that the goal is to have 100% of government services delivered online by the end of next year. He urged the private sector to create new tech and systems that can ease access to services.
Minister Gasore tours infrastructure projects in Western and Northern Provinces

Sunday, 29 October - Minister Dr Jimmy Gasore concluded a three-day working visit to the Northern and Western Provinces to assess the status of various infrastructure projects, starting with the 63 km BASE-BUTARO-KIDAHO road under construction.

The bigger picture

During the visit, Minister Gasore toured several infrastructure projects including bridges in Nyabihu District, feeder roads connecting districts, Methane gas power plant and ports facilities and Gihira water treatment plant in Rubavu District.

Minister Musabyimana joins Bugesera residents in tree planting

Saturday, 28 October - Minister Jean Claude Musabyimana joined Bugesera District residents and other officials in Gashora sector during monthly community work “Umuganda” that saw the launch of the tree planting season.

The bigger picture

Minister Musabyimana called on the local population to continue planting all kinds of trees and forests in order to deal with climate change.
RDRC hands over 20 houses to vulnerable ex-combatants and the ones with disabilities

Wednesday, 25 October - The Rwanda Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (RDRC) distributed over 20 homes to the families of vulnerable ex-combatants and those with disabilities. The houses are located in Western and Southern Provinces. In the Western Province, 12 houses are situated in Nyabihu district, Jenda sector. In the Southern Province, eight houses are distributed across four districts, specifically, 2 houses in Huye district, 2 houses in Gisagara district, 2 houses in Ruhango district, and 2 houses in Nyaruguru district.

Valerie Nyirahabineza, the Chairperson of RDRC, urged the ex-combatants to cooperate with their neighbours and embrace the culture of unity.

To date, RDRC has distributed 1073 houses across the country.

MINICOM

PS Niwenshuti attends the WTO senior government officials meeting

From 23 to 24 October - Permanent Secretary Richard Niwenshuti participated in the World Trade Organisation senior government officials meeting, which brought together vice ministers, ambassadors, and permanent secretaries of member countries, in Geneva.

Key trade-related issues ahead of the WTO 13th Ministerial Conference, such as trade development, agriculture and food security in the context of prevailing export restrictions, WTO reform in the context of trade and environmental sustainability, trade and industrial policy, and dispute settlement reforms.
Wednesday, 25 - Minister Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze visited Kicukiro Small and Medium Enterprises’ Park and Imana Steel Rwanda Ltd in Bugesera District to assess the industrial infrastructure development of the park.

MINIYOUTH

MoS Umutoni, Welcomes new Country Director of KOICA - Rwanda

Thursday, 26 October - The Minister Umutoni, recently welcomed Kim Jinhwa, the new Country Director of KOICA Rwanda.

Discussions

To strengthen existing partnership in youth empowerment initiatives towards enhancing opportunities and support for the youth in Rwanda. This plays a vital role in creating innovative and impactful programs that address the needs and aspirations of young people across the country.
**RWANDA DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS**

**Rwanda in Qatar**

**Ambassador Marara discusses cooperation with Qatar Minister of Environment**

Wednesday, 25 October - Ambassador Igor Marara met with Sheikh Dr. Faleh bin Nasser bin Ahmed bin Ali Al Thani, Minister of Environment and Climate Change of the State of Qatar.

Discussions

Enhancing cooperation between the two countries in the field of the environment.

**Rwanda in Germany**

**Ambassador Igor Cesar visits Rwandan young players at the Bayern youth cup**

Sunday, 22 October - Ambassador Igor Cesar visited ten Rwandan young football players during the FC Bayern Youth Cup World Finals that took place in Munich’s Olympic Stadium.

Discussions

Ambassador Cesar congratulated the players after they finished fifth out of the eight football teams participating in the event, having had two of the most valuable players in the Youth Cup World Finals Tournament.
RWANDA IN KSA
Ambassador Kayihura presents letters of credence to Digital Cooperation Organisation SG

Tuesday, 22 October - Ambassador Eugene Segore Kayihura presented his letter of credence to Deemah Al Yahya, Secretary General of the Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO) as Rwanda’s First Permanent Representative to the DCO Council.

Discussions
Centred on how the Government of Rwanda can strengthen various DCO initiatives and programs in the context of Rwanda’s dynamic digital landscape.

Ambassador Kayihura and Minister Ingabire discuss common interests with Saudi e-health Deputy Minister

Tuesday, 26 October - Ambassador Eugene Segore Kayihura accompanied Hon. Paula Ingabire Minister of ICT and Innovation in meeting with Deputy Minister for E-Health Eng. Abdullah Alissa and Assistant Deputy Minister of International Collaborations Rakan bin Dohish, CEO of Seha Virtual Hospital Eng. Mona AL Subaie, Digital Government Authority GM of Product & Individual Solutions, Ziyad H. AL Yasser, and Chief of Staff Mohammed Al Thukair at SEHA Virtual Hospital.

Discussions
Centred on common interest and how SEHA Virtual Hospital provides telehealth services by empowering the best health consultants and practitioners in micro and rare specialties using the latest medical technologies to provide the highest level of medical services to beneficiaries in all cities and governorates of the Kingdom.
Mayor Rubingisa meets World Resources Institute-Africa and International Institute for Sustainable Development delegation

Monday, 23 October - The City of Kigali Mayor Pudence Rubingisa met with a delegation from World Resources Institute-Africa and International Institute for Sustainable Development.

The meeting put together stakeholders from social clusters namely social welfare, education, health as well as those from economic and good governance clusters.

Discussions

The upcoming project named “Scaling Urban Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for Climate Adaptation in Sub-Saharan Africa (SUNCASA)” and how it can be aligned with the city’s priorities.

Vice Mayor Urujeni chairs the meeting with members of Joint Action Development Forum

From 24 to 27 October, The City Vice Mayor in charge of Social Economic Affairs Mrs. Urujeni Martine chaired the meeting with the members of Joint Action Development Forum (JADF).

The bigger picture

The meeting put together stakeholders from social clusters namely social welfare, education, health as well as those from economic and good governance clusters.

Discussions

The city’s key priorities for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and the role of its stakeholders to fill the existing gaps with a view to improve the welfare of the citizens of Kigali focusing on vulnerable communities.
Western Province
Governor Dushimimana discusses partnership with GVTC delegation

Friday, 27 October - The Western Province Governor Lambert Dushimimana together with Rubavu and Nyabihu districts officials received the Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration delegation.

Discussions
Partnership with the organisation in protecting animals in the Volcanoes National Park and promoting tourism.
**Nyagatare**

Hygiene and Cleanliness campaign launched in Byumba Catholic Diocese schools

Friday, 27 October - The Vice Mayor in charge of Social Affairs Juliet Murekatete in partnership with Byumba Catholic Diocese launched a cleanliness and hygiene campaign in the schools of this diocese.

**The theme**

Clean students in clean schools

**The bigger picture**

Vice Mayor Murekatete urged the parents and students to preserve hygiene at their homes, schools and workplaces. The students passed their campaign messages through songs and poems.

**Kamonyi**

Southern Province local leaders trained on the fight against Gender Based Violence

Thursday, 26 October - The Southern Province Governor Alice Kayitesi concluded the two weeks training of local government officials selected across the province on the fight against gender based violence.

**Discussions**

The role of local leaders in combating crimes of gender-based violence and child abuse
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