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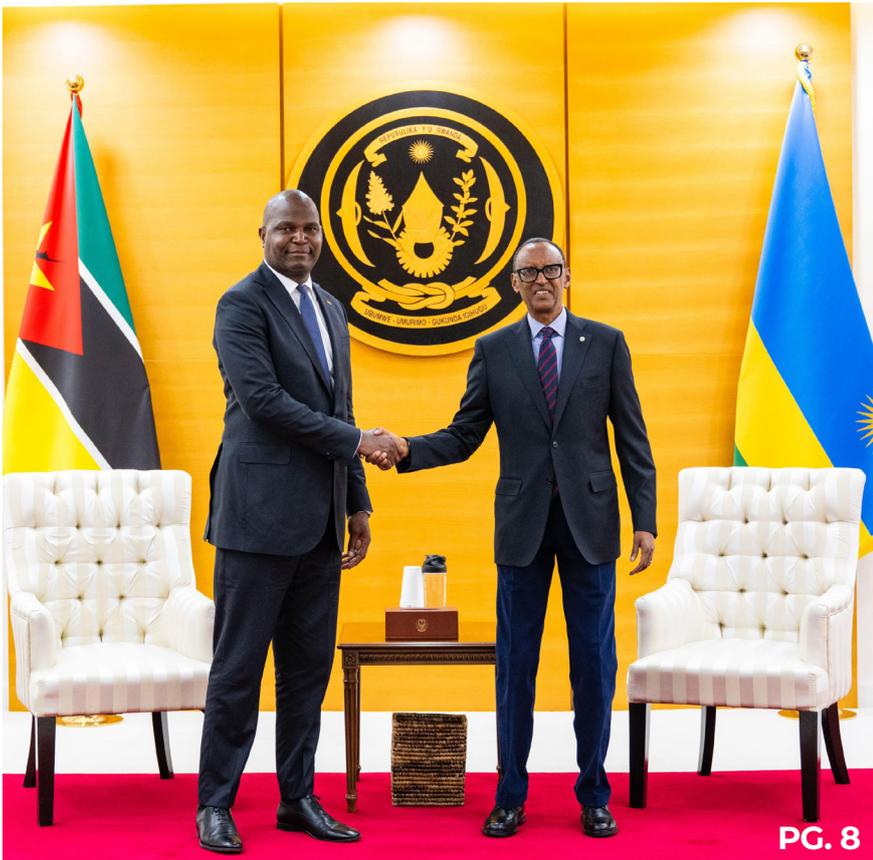
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# Foreword by the High Commissioner



**H.E. Ernest Rwamucyo**  
*High Commissioner of the  
Republic of Rwanda to Kenya*

It gives me great pleasure to present this edition of our newsletter, capturing Rwanda's engagements, events, and milestones from August. Rwanda continues to play an active role in shaping regional peace, driving bilateral cooperation, and pursuing our shared vision of sustainable development. This issue highlights key moments, including His Excellency President Paul Kagame's participation in the Joint EAC-SADC Extraordinary Summit, bilateral exchanges with Mozambique and the United States, and Rwanda's ongoing commitment to refugee protection and global peacekeeping.

Locally in Kenya, my recent working visit to Mombasa underscored our efforts to enhance trade facilitation along the Northern Corridor,

while other engagements reaffirmed the depth of our diplomatic relations with Kenya and international partners such as UN-Habitat. Equally inspiring are stories of resilience and progress—from Rwanda's growing presence in global sport and aviation to the powerful testimonies of former UN peacekeepers returning to Rwanda 31 years after the Genocide against the Tutsi.

Together, these developments reflect Rwanda's steady progress as a resilient, forward-looking nation deeply committed to regional cooperation, global partnerships, and inclusive growth. Thank you for taking the time to read this edition and for your continued support in advancing Rwanda's development and diplomatic agenda.

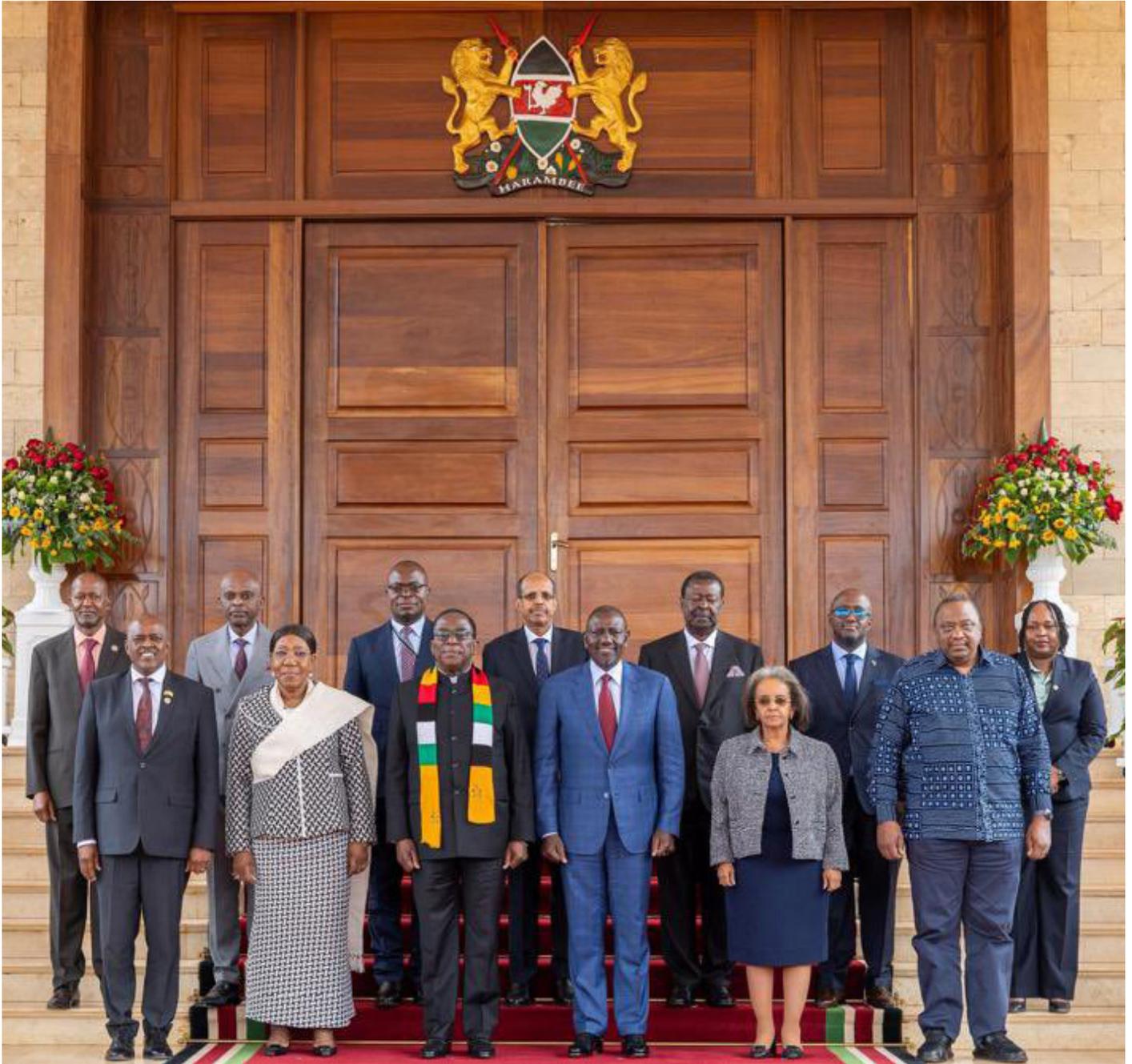
# President Kagame participates in Joint EAC-SADC Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government



On August 13, President Paul Kagame joined a virtual Joint EAC–SADC Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government, co-chaired by H.E. President William Ruto, President of Kenya and Chair of the East African Community, and H.E. Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of Zimbabwe and Chair of SADC. The

meeting discussed progress toward achieving sustainable peace in eastern DRC and was also attended by Heads of State from the DRC and Zambia, as well as representatives from Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, South Sudan, Somalia, Angola, Madagascar, and Malawi

## Minister Nduhungerehe attends Joint Summit of EAC- SADC Co-Chairs and Panel of Facilitators for the DRC Peace Process in Nairobi



On August 1, Foreign Minister Olivier Nduhungerehe participated in the Joint Summit of the EAC-SADC Co-Chairs with the Panel of Facilitators for the DRC Peace Process. The meeting was co-chaired by President William Ruto, Chair of the East African Community, and President Emmerson Mnangagwa, Chair of SADC.

The objective was to align the efforts of the five appointed facilitators in support of peace in eastern DRC. In his remarks, Minister Nduhungerehe commended the EAC-SADC process and highlighted the critical role of African-led initiatives in implementing the Washington peace agreement.

## High Commissioner Rwamucyo commends increased efficiency at the Port of Mombasa during working visit



In a focused effort to advance Rwanda-bound trade and enhance regional logistics, High Commissioner Ernest Rwamucyo conducted a six-day working visit to Mombasa County to facilitate the movement of goods destined for Rwanda via the Port of Mombasa.

During the visit that commenced on August 12, the High Commissioner paid a courtesy call on Governor Abdullswamad Sheriff Nassir. The discussions highlighted Mombasa County's strategic role as a regional entry and transit hub and its critical link to Rwanda through the Northern Corridor.

"Kenya's ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of the Port of Mombasa and to remove non-tariff barriers along the Northern Corridor are essential for maintaining smooth, cost-effective trade flows," said

High Commissioner Rwamucyo. "Mombasa stands as a major regional trade gateway, and continued collaboration will benefit both Kenya and Rwanda."

The two leaders reviewed current initiatives aimed at easing cargo movement and reducing costs, reinforcing the port's pivotal role in regional commerce.

During the visit, High Commissioner Rwamucyo also met with Dr. Sudi Mwasinago, General Manager Cargo Operations at the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA). Dr. Mwasinago commended Rwanda's partnership and noted the rise in transit cargo, reaffirming KPA's commitment to uninterrupted movement of Rwanda-bound shipments.

"I value Rwanda's partnership and the progress in transit cargo volumes. Our commitment at KPA remains to ensure reliable, efficient cargo movement for

Rwanda-bound shipments," Dr. Mwasinago stated.

The High Commissioner further engaged with Dr. John Deng Diing, Executive Secretary of the Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA). They discussed the Secretariat's important role in enhancing trade and transport facilitation along the Northern Corridor.

"Continued collaboration with the NCTTCA is vital to streamline procedures, reduce costs, and accelerate trade," High Commissioner Rwamucyo commented.

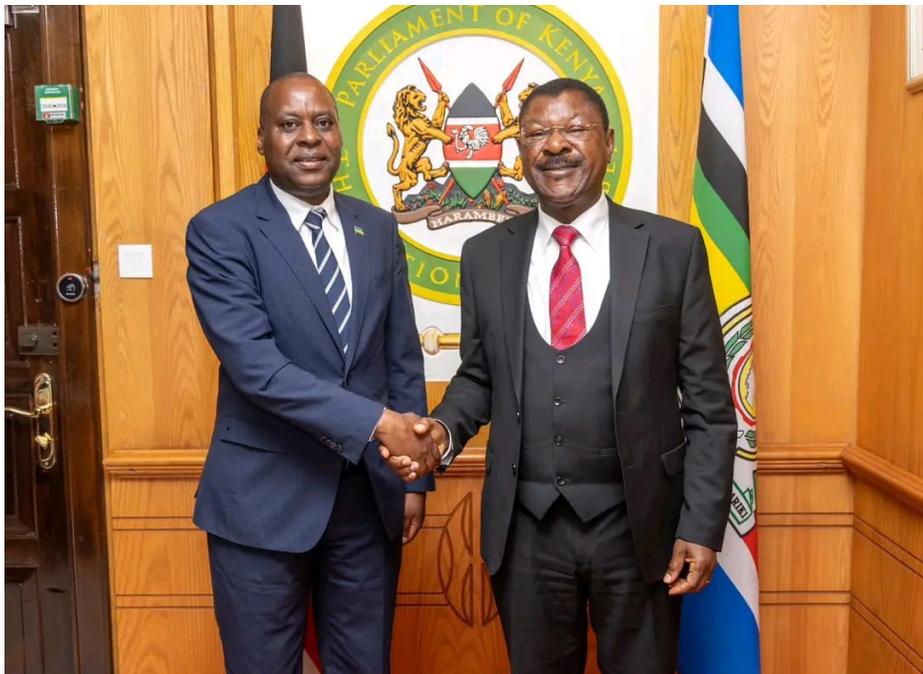
Before concluding his six-day visit, High Commissioner Rwamucyo met George Omuga, Managing Director of the Eastern Africa Tea Trade Association (EATTA), and board members to explore strategies for promoting Rwandan tea exports and expanding market access.

"We see significant potential for Rwandan tea in regional and global markets, and we are committed to working with EATTA and our partners to strengthen export opportunities," said the High Commissioner.

The High Commissioner also received and interacted with more than 250 Rwandans in Mombasa, thanking the community for participating in government programs and encouraging continued support for Rwanda's development agenda.

"This visit underscores the importance of unity, partnership, and shared growth as we pursue Rwanda's development agenda and stronger regional integration," High Commissioner Rwamucyo concluded.

## High Commissioner pays a courtesy call on National Assembly Speaker Wetangula



On August 7, High Commissioner Ernest Rwamucyo paid a courtesy call on Moses Wetangula, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Kenya.

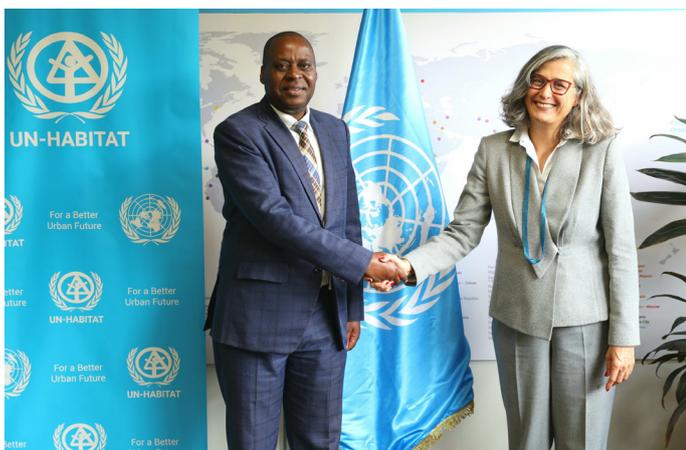
The meeting aimed to reaffirm already close ties between Rwanda and Kenya, and to explore concrete avenues for deeper cooperation. A key outcome discussed was the proposal to establish a Kenya–Rwanda Par-

liamentary Friendship Group, an initiative intended to foster inter-parliamentary exchanges, strengthen capacity building, and provide a structured dialogue platform to enhance diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Hon. Wetangula, who also serves as President of the East African Bureau of Speakers, expressed gratitude for Rwanda's consistent support of his broader effort to advance a more integrated Africa. He assured Rwanda of the Kenya National Assembly's full backing for efforts to bolster the existing cordial diplomatic ties with Kenya.

The proposed parliamentary group would function as a formal channel for lawmakers, officials, and experts to share perspectives, coordinate on regional priorities, and facilitate cooperation on development, security, and economic initiatives.

## High Commissioner Rwamucyo pays a courtesy call on UN-Habitat Executive Director



On August 8, High Commissioner Ernest Rwamucyo paid a courtesy call on Anacláudia Rossbach, Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

During the meeting, the High Commissioner commended UN-Habitat for its continued role in advancing sustainable urban development in Rwanda.

They also discussed opportunities to expand cooperation, with a particular focus on knowledge-sharing in sustainable urbanization.

# President Kagame receives President Chapo of Mozambique



On August 27, President Paul Kagame welcomed President Daniel Francisco Chapo of the Republic of Mozambique for a two-day working visit to Rwanda. The heads of state discussed several areas of bilateral cooperation and reinforced their commitment to deepening ties between their countries.

The visit culminated in the signing of two agreements. First, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Rwanda De-

velopment Board (RDB) and Mozambique's Investment and Export Promotion Agency, intended to promote trade, investment, and private-sector collaboration between Rwanda and Mozambique. Second, a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) establishing the legal framework governing Rwandan troops deployed in Cabo Delgado Province, northern Mozambique, where they have been assisting Mozambican security

forces in countering insurgency since 2021.

In his remarks, President Kagame underscored that violent extremism across Africa poses an escalating threat to both people and governments, emphasizing the necessity of a continental, unified response. "That is one of the best investments we can make in ourselves. Outsourcing this responsibility to external actors will not build lasting peace or development," he stated.

President Chapo expressed gratitude for the hospitality extended by the Government and people of Rwanda during his first working visit. He described the discussions as "excellent bilateral conversations" and said that the relationship between the two nations is presently in the best shape.

He stressed the need to deepen cooperation, particularly in trade and the economy, and paid homage to the Rwandan troops in Cabo Delgado and to Rwanda's contribution to regional peace, noting that peace is returning to the region despite sporadic attacks.

Additionally, President Chapo urged the establishment of a direct air link between Mozambique and Rwanda to facilitate travel and enhance trade and investment opportunities. He voiced this proposal at the High-Level Business Leaders' Roundtable held at the Kigali Convention Centre.

## President Kagame receives US Congress delegation



On August 26, President Paul Kagame received a bipartisan Congressional Delegation from the United States. The delegation comprised Representative Austin Scott of Georgia and Representative Salud Carbajal of California, both of whom serve on the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, as well as Representative Jimmy Panetta of California, who serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means.

President Kagame and the US Congress delegation discussed measures to strengthen existing partnerships between Rwanda and the United States in key areas of interest, including regional security, education, and health.



# President Kagame, UNHCR chief discuss refugee protection



In August, President Paul Kagame hosted Filippo Grandi, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), for a substantive and forward-looking engagement.

The discussions centered on strengthening collaboration between Rwanda and UNHCR, with an emphasis on Rwanda's leadership in refugee protection, integration, and long-term solutions.

Rwanda is intensifying efforts to improve living standards for its refugee population, which stands at approximately

135,000 as of December 2024. The majority of these refugees originate from neighboring countries, notably the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Burundi.

The conversation between President Kagame and the UNHCR boss underscored a shared commitment between Rwanda, UNHCR, and development partners to address immediate needs while pursuing durable solutions for both refugees and host communities.

From camps to integrated set-

tlements - A central theme of the dialogue is Rwanda's plan to gradually transition from traditional refugee camps to integrated settlements. Advocates argue that this shift aligns with the Global Compact on Refugees and is designed to promote inclusion, self-reliance, and long-term stability. The arrangement envisages a phased approach aimed at harmonizing services—such as housing, education, health-care, and livelihoods—within more mixed, community-based settlements.

# Rwanda receives seven migrants from the United States



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the Government Spokesperson,

**T**he first group of seven vetted migrants from the United States arrived in Rwanda in mid-August, as part of a resettlement agreement signed this year.

The migrants are accommodated by an international organization and receive visits by the International Organization on Migration (IOM) and Rwandan social services.

According to Yolande Makolo, the Government Spokesperson, three of the individuals have expressed a desire to return to their home countries, while four wish to stay and

build lives in Rwanda.

“Regardless of their specific needs, all of these individuals will receive appropriate support and protection from the Rwandan government,” Makolo added.

Following Washington’s request, Rwanda agreed to receive up to 250 third national migrants from the US.

Under the agreement, Rwanda has the ability to approve each individual proposed for resettlement, and those approved will be provided with workforce training, health care, and accommodation support.

**W**hen the war suddenly broke out in Khartoum, Sudan, in April 2023, Yousif had no choice but to flee with his wife and two children. They left behind all their belongings to seek safety.

Their long and difficult journey took them through South Sudan and Uganda before they found a new home in Mahama Refugee Camp, located in the eastern part of Rwanda, in June 2024.

“The situation was bad. We left everything behind us: our home, our possessions,” the father of two recounts. “We came to Rwanda to seek protection and safety. Thank God, Rwanda welcomed us with open arms. It offered us shelters, safety, access to health services, food, and drinks.”

Arriving in Rwanda with nothing but hope, Yousif and his family had to start from scratch. The language barrier made it even harder for them to communicate and adapt to a new environment.

Yousif’s family are among over 12 million Sudanese who have been displaced by the war, including more than 1400 who have sought asylum in Rwanda over the past two years.

Despite the newfound safety, life was far from easy when Yousif first arrived in the camp. With no job to keep him occupied and no clear way to provide for his family, each day felt painfully uncertain. His family relied on in-kind humanitarian aid, including food and other essential items. Having nothing to do only deepened his sense of loss and made it tough to cope with the memories of all he had left behind.

### Starting over

Earlier this year, things started to get better when he learned about a new opportunity to help refugees in the camp stand on their own. The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) works together with Caritas Rwanda, a local NGO, to implement a project meant to support Suda-

## Sudanese refugees find safety, rebuild lives in Rwanda



nese refugees become self-reliant, thanks to funding from the Mastercard Foundation.

This support helped Yousif regain the dignity of running his own business in February of this year. He now runs a tiny shop in the refugee camp offering haircuts, phone accessories, and perfumes.

“When Caritas [Rwanda] put us together and trained us to do business, I said ‘it’s better to do the business that I have experience in’, that’s why I started this kind of business selling phone accessories, because I used to do the same back in Khartoum,” explains Yousif.

Through this livelihoods project, beneficiaries like Yousif received a cash grant of 800,000 Rwandan francs to start or expand their businesses. They also received training in areas such as business planning, bookkeeping, and marketing.

“In the beginning, when I received this money, I told my family that this is capital we are going to use for work. We are not going to eat it or misuse it,” Yousif explains. “Things are now going well, compared to the beginning when we came.”

The determination and resilience of Sudanese refugees shine through throughout Mahama Camp. 40-year-old Samia provides

another example with her successful phone charging business on the other side of the camp.

A primary school teacher before the war broke out in Sudan, she decided to leave her job in search of safety. Even after losing everything, Samia refused to give up. When Caritas provided her with the cash grant, she bought two solar panels, two inverters, one controller, two batteries, and phone chargers so that she could start offering phone charging services to her neighbours in the camp.

She arrived in Rwanda in July 2024 and launched her business in December of the same year.

“When the sun is there, things are going well. I may earn 5,000 or 6,000 Rwandan francs a day,” she explains. “I’m depending on my business. In the past, when I didn’t have a business, things were tough. But now, because I’m able to gain something from this business, I’m able to save some, I’m able to buy what I need, and also to buy some food for myself. So, this business is helping me a lot.”

As of December last year, Rwanda was home to more than 135,000 refugees, most of whom are from the DR Congo and Burundi.

**Article by UNHCR Rwanda**

# Minister Nduhungirehe calls for urgency in ending armed conflicts in Africa



**T**he Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Olivier Nduhungirehe, has expressed optimism that Africa can end armed conflicts before the end of the decade if their root causes are addressed.

Nduhungirehe said this during a meeting on the sidelines of the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) in Yokohama on August 20, Nduhungirehe, where African and Japanese leaders discussed collaboration in various areas.

“We believe that our aspiration to ‘silencing the guns’ on the continent can be achieved by the end of the decade,” he said.

He noted that recent economic, geopolitical, and climate-related crises have disproportionately affected the continent, created new challenges and even reversed development gains in some aspect. Despite these setbacks, the min-

ister reaffirmed Rwanda’s commitment to supporting peace across Africa, in part by contributing to peacekeeping operations, such as in Mozambique and the Central African Republic.

“At the formal request of partner countries, we have deployed forces in the Central African Republic (CAR) and Mozambique, and we continue to contribute to UN peacekeeping efforts in South Sudan and CAR. These efforts reflect my country’s commitment to African solutions to African problems.”

He further pointed out that the Kigali Principles on the Protection of Civilians, adopted in 2015, remain an essential framework to ensure “robust, effective, accountable, and people-centered peacekeeping.”

The Minister also commended mechanisms in pursuit of peace in DR Congo and the Great Lakes

Region, saying that initiatives led by the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), under the coordination of the African Union, are instrumental in “supporting a sustainable solution for peace in the region.”

He added that these efforts are reinforced by ongoing diplomatic engagements, including the Washington Peace Agreement and the Doha Process.

However, he cautioned that deeper challenges must be addressed urgently for the conflicts to be resolved.

“Renewed urgency is needed in addressing the underlying root causes of conflicts such as bad governance, corruption, discrimination, and genocide ideology, which are deeply rooted in countries such as the DR Congo,” he said.

## Rwandan peacekeepers in Central African Republic receive UN service medals



In August, Rwandan peacekeepers (RWABAT-2) under the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) were awarded UN medals for their contribution to peace and stability in the Central African Republic.

The ceremony was presided over by Col Mohamed Said, Deputy Sector Commander for Sector West.

Col Mohamed Said appreciated the Rwandan contingent for their contribution to the

peacekeeping mission, emphasizing that the UN service medals symbolize appreciation for peacekeepers who demonstrate dedication, professionalism, and commitment to protecting civilians and restoring peace in accordance with the mission's mandate.

“On behalf of MINUSCA force commander and entire MINUSCA leadership let me congratulate you, for the past ten months in which you have served with unwavering courage, professionalism and dedication in one of the most challenging peace-

keeping environments,” he said.

Your commitment in protecting civilians, supporting stability and upholding the principles of United Nations has left a lasting impact on the local communities in your areas of responsibility, he added.

He further expressed his appreciation to the leadership of the Rwanda Defence Force for maintaining a highly trained, well-equipped, and mission-ready force, underscoring Rwanda's continued commitment to international peacekeeping effort.

# Former UN peacekeepers laud Rwanda's transformation 31 years after the Genocide against the Tutsi



**F**ormer United Nations peacekeepers who served in Rwanda during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi returned to the country in August, expressing deep admiration for Rwanda's tremendous transformation 31 years after one of the darkest chapters in modern history.

Their delegation includes Maj Gen (Rtd) Clayton Boanubah Yaache from Ghana, Brig Gen (Rtd) Martin Owusu-Ababio from Ghana, Brig Gen Elhadji Babacar Faye from Senegal, Brig Gen Stephen Parbey from Ghana, Major (Rtd) Peter Sosi from Ghana, Ex WO II Lucas Norvihoho from Ghana, and Ex WO I Sampson Agyare from Ghana.

Speaking to the media, Brig Gen Elhadji Babacar Faye, said that visiting the Kigali Genocide Memorial, stirred memories of events he had witnessed first-hand.

"Among the photographs I saw today, there are some that I experienced in person with the people

who took them," he said.

He described the visit as an opportunity to honour victims and encourage survivors to persevere, while urging young people to work towards ensuring such atrocities never happen again.

"This should not be an empty slogan; it should be a slogan lived by everyone," he said, emphasising that the Genocide against the Tutsi was planned and executed, and could therefore be prevented by challenging such thinking.

Faye also praised Rwanda's development over the past three decades, saying it offered "rich examples for many African countries" and was widely admired, particularly in Senegal.

"Patriotism comes up time and again. And I think that is what has been demonstrated. Because it is through patriotism that people have been able to build in less than 30 years and transform the face of the country," he said.

# Norway extradites Genocide fugitive François Gasana



On August 8, Rwanda received François Gasana, a Rwandan national wanted for his alleged involvement in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, following his extradition from Norway.

Gasana had been living in Norway under the false identity of Franky Dusabe, according to the National Public Prosecution Authority.

During the Genocide against the Tutsi, Gasana is said to have been a student at Save Secondary School. In 2007, he was tried in absentia and found guilty of Genocide crimes by the Nyange Gacaca Court. The court sentenced him to 19 years in prison for his direct participation in killings, including the murder of a Tutsi child, and for inciting others to commit genocide.

He was arrested in October 2022 in Oslo after a thorough investigation by the Norwegian Criminal Investigation Service (Kripos).

In September 2023, the Oslo District Court ruled in favor of his extradition to Rwanda. Gasana appealed the decision, but in April 2024, the appellate court upheld the ruling. His final appeal to Norway's Supreme Court was rejected in June 2024.

The National Public Prosecution Authority (NPPA) commended Norway for its cooperation in the extradition and broader efforts to fight impunity, especially in bringing Genocide fugitives to book.

Norway has previously cooperated with Rwanda on similar cases. In 2013, the country extradited Charles Bandora, who is currently serving a 30-year sentence. Norwegian courts also tried and convicted genocide suspect Sadi Bugingo in 2013, sentencing him to 19 years.

Currently, four other genocide-related cases are under review between Rwandan and Norwegian authorities.

On August 27, the national carrier RwandAir announced that it had acquired two Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

The two Boeing 737-800s are configured with 12 Business Class seats and 162 Economy Class seats – each – will primarily operate on short and medium-haul flights.

Later this year – in Q4, RwandAir anticipates the delivery of a wide-body Airbus A330-200, further enabling the airline to enhance its long-

## RwandAir acquires two Boeing aircraft

haul operations between Africa and global destinations.

The investment in both narrow-body and wide-body aircraft reflects RwandAir's strategic focus on intra-Africa travel and its goal of connecting Africa to the world.

Before acquiring the two Boeing planes, RwandAir had a fleet of 14 aircraft, including Boeing, Airbus and Bombardier brands.



The new additions mean the airline's fleet has expanded to at least 16 aircraft.

The airline projects to in-

crease its fleet to 21 aircraft and the number of passengers to more than 2.1 million by 2029, from slightly over one million reported in 2023.

# Rwanda Parliament passes bill allowing surrogacy, contraceptives for 15-year-olds



On August 4, Rwanda's Parliament passed a landmark healthcare services bill that allows access to contraceptives for 15-year-olds and introduces specific regulations on surrogacy as a form of assisted reproductive technology allowed in Rwanda.

According to the Ministry of Health, the previous law on human reproductive health recognised that "every person has the right to access education and medical services related to human reproductive health," and that "no person shall be denied such rights based on any form of discrimination."

However, the previous legislation also stated that "every per-

son having attained the majority age has the right to decide for oneself in relation to human reproductive health issues."

Since the legal age of majority in Rwanda is 18, this excluded adolescents below that age from making decisions about their reproductive health, contradicting the stated rights to access health services without discrimination, the ministry observed.

Moreover, the law was silent on how adolescents could access the reproductive health information and services it claimed they were entitled to. The Ministry of Health stated that this legal gap contributed to high rates of unintended teenage

pregnancies.

In response, the Ministry revised the age of consent for healthcare services including access to contraceptives, lowering it from 18 to 15.

There has been an increase in teenage pregnancy cases over the last five years, whereby they increased from 19,701 cases in 2020 to 22,454 cases in 2024.

The Minister of State for Health, Dr. Yvan Butera said that behaviour change campaigns alone had not been sufficient in addressing teenage pregnancy, underscoring the need for a more comprehensive approach that includes access to contraceptives.

# Rwanda-Bayern Munich deal to focus on talent development



The five-year partnership between German football giants FC Bayern Munich and Rwanda Development Board (RDB) has entered a new phase, transitioning from a commercial sponsorship to a talent development-focused collaboration that will run through 2028.

Originally signed in August 2023, the partnership was designed to promote Rwanda as a tourism and investment destination. Under the “Visit Rwanda” branding, Rwanda’s image featured prominently on matchday LED boards at Bayern’s 75,000-seat Allianz Arena.

The deal also led to the creation of a Bayern Munich fan club and an initiative with the Ministry of Sports to establish a football academy. That agreement has now evolved to prioritize football talent development at its core.

“In constructive talks about our future direction, we agreed that a very special part of our relationship with RDB was the developmental nature of our work in Kigali through the FC Bayern Academy,” said Jan-Christian Dreesen, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FC Bayern Munich.

“We are therefore transforming our commercial partnership into a talent programme and expanding the FC Bayern Academy in Kigali together with the RDB as both a football and social initiative. This remains perfectly aligned with our strategic objective of developing playing talent in Africa.”

Jean-Guy Afrika, CEO of RDB, underscored Rwanda’s commitment to leveraging sport for national development.

“The success of the FC Bayern Academy in Kigali is a great ex-

ample of what strategic sports partnerships can achieve. As we enter a new phase, we are refocusing our resources to accelerate sports development, with emphasis on talent identification, coaching excellence, and sports infrastructure,” he noted.

“This continued partnership with FC Bayern helps ensure that talent development remains anchored in our broader vision to position Rwanda as a global hub for tourism, investment, and high-performance sport,” he added.

The shift toward development is already producing results. Three promising young Rwandan footballers David Okoce, Balthazar Ndayishimiye, and Nelson Irumva have been selected for the prestigious 2025 FC Bayern World Squad, a global program designed to nurture top under-19 talent.

# Rwanda's Umutesi to officiate at FIFA U17 Women's World Cup 2025



**R**wandan international referee Alice Umutesi is among the referees selected to officiate in the 2025 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup which will take place in Morocco from October 17 to November 8.

Umutesi will serve as an assistant referee at the tournament after impressing at the Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) 2024 in Morocco.

In general, a total of 54 referees, including 18 center referees and 36 assistant referees, were selected to officiate the FIFA Women's U17 World Cup 2025.

Holders North Korea are the most decorated country in the tournament with three titles.

# Rwanda's Ntwali qualifies for 2025 World Karate Championships



Rwanda's national karate team captain, Fiston Ntwali, qualified for the 2025 World Karate Championships, set to take place in Cairo, Egypt, from No-

vember 27 to 30.

Ntwali will compete in the under 67kg individual kumite category, the same category he competed in at this year's

African Karate Championships, held from July 22 to 27 in Abuja, Nigeria.

Ntwali, a second-year business management student at Mount Kigali University, will compete in the under 67kg individual kumite category, the same category he competed in at this year's African Karate Championships, held from July 22 to 27 in Abuja, Nigeria.

"Qualifying for the World Championships means I have to work even harder and be fully prepared," Ntwali said. "I have around three months to get ready, and I've taken a lot of lessons from the competition in Abuja. It's clear that I need to raise my level in training. With focus and hard work, I have no doubt the results will follow."

# Rwanda's Nirere wins Tour de Windhoek



**R**wandan rider Xaverine Nirere won her first international cycling race after scooping the Tour de Windhoek 2025 in Namibia.

Nirere, who was riding for Kenyan cycling club Team Amani, sealed victory by triumphing in the 67.7km decisive final stage in 7 hours 18 minutes and 42 seconds.

Besides winning the yellow jersey for the overall race winner, the 23-year-old was also named Best Sprinter, with 28 points, five points ahead of De Marigny-Lagesse Lucie of Mauritius.

Nirere, a road racing cyclist from Rwanda, has been active in the sport since 2016, steadily rising to become one of the region's most promising talents.



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