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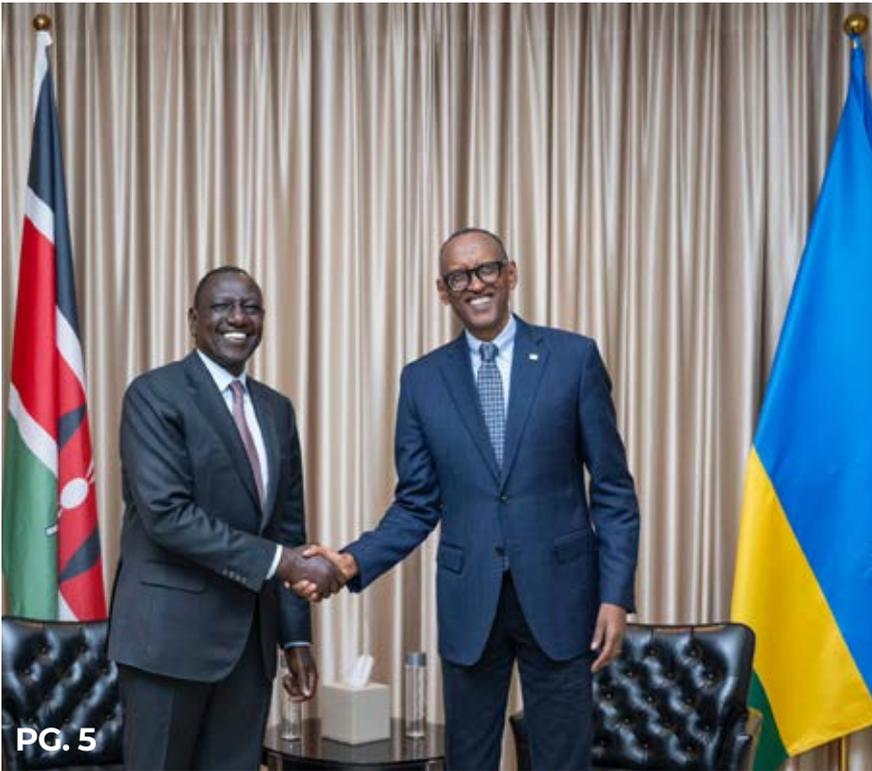
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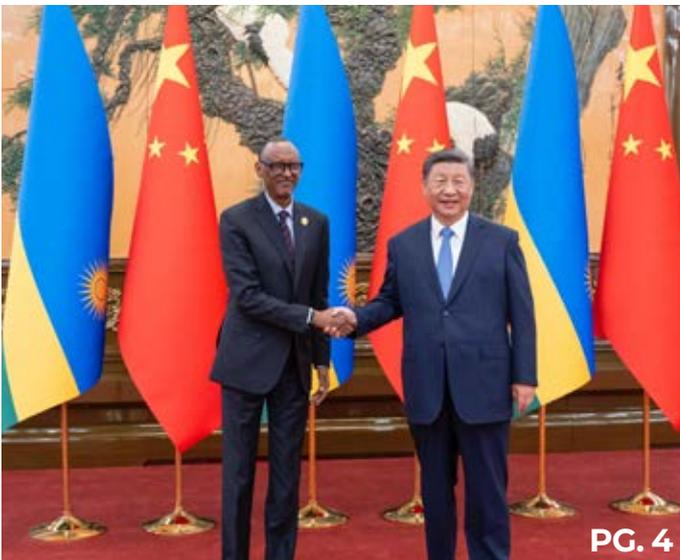
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Rwanda National Statement at Summit of the Future

New York, 22 September 2024

On behalf of the Republic of Rwanda, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak in this important Summit of the Future. Indeed, the Summit represents a landmark moment in our shared endeavor to shape a more equitable, sustainable, and peaceful world. For Rwanda, The Pact for the Future is a testament of our collective vision and commitment to addressing the most pressing challenges of our time.

I also wish to congratulate you on assuming the Presidency of the 79th session of the UN General Assembly. Rwanda is committed to working closely with you and you can count on our full support throughout your tenure as we advance shared goals for global peace, sustainable development, and multilateral cooperation.

I want to express our sincere appreciation to the co-facilitators of the Pact for the Future, the facilitators of the Global Digital Compact, and the PD for the Future Generations. Your dedication towards shaping this comprehensive and forward-looking outcome is commendable, and we are grateful for your invaluable contributions.

As we welcome this historic Pact, we must reaffirm our resolve to the principles and actions that underpin each of its five chapters.

As Rwanda, we commit to aspirations contained in these outcomes. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that future generations

inherit a world that is not only sustainable but also equitable and just, for this generation and those to come. Rwanda understands too well the importance of unity and collective decision-making, and we look forward to contributing globally, recognizing that our decisions today will shape the world of tomorrow.

It is crucial to recognize that this Summit is not an end but the beginning of transformative actions essential for the well-being of our global community. The challenges we face are profound, yet the opportunities before us are immense. Change is an inevitable part of our journey, and it is our responsibility to ensure that this change is purposeful and beneficial for future generations.

To effectively address the complex challenges we face, we must embrace a mindset that is both adaptive and forward-thinking and this requires us to:

- 1. Reform Our Mindsets:** Shift from reactive to proactive approaches, embracing innovative solutions and collaborative strategies that address root causes rather than symptoms.
- 2. Foster Resilience:** Build resilient systems and structures that are adaptable to evolving challenges and capable of supporting sustainable development.

Rwanda is prepared to collaborate with all member states and stakeholders to ensure that the principles of the Pact for the Fu-

ture are realized through concrete and coordinated actions.

Together, let us embark on turning our aspirations in this pact into tangible results that will benefit all humanity.

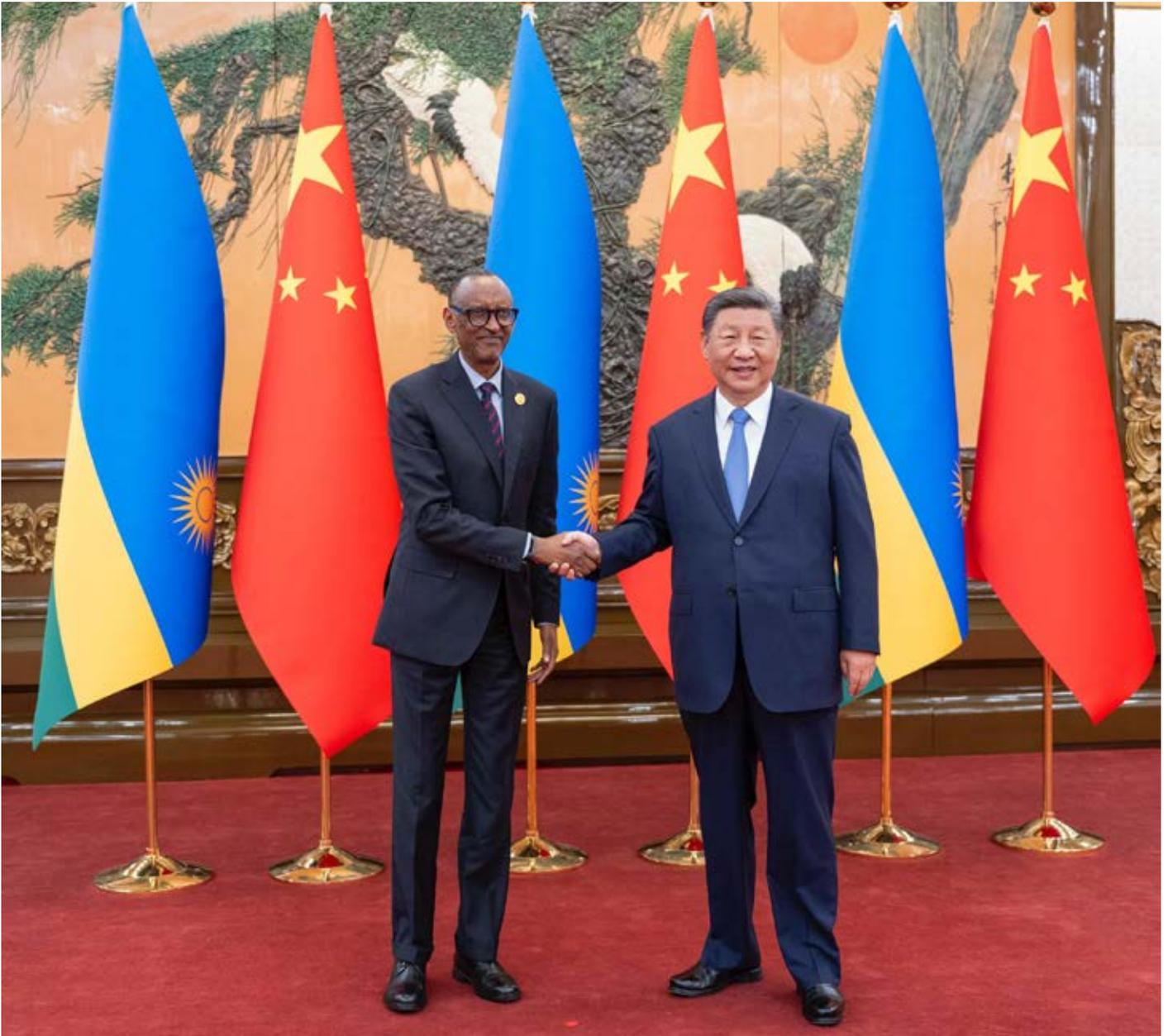
Finally, all chapters in the Pact of the Future emphasize the urgency of addressing climate change, strengthening global health systems, preparing for future pandemics, resolving the root causes of conflict for lasting peace, harnessing the transformative potential of technology and innovation, and reforming global governance to enhance multilateral cooperation for effective global challenge management.

The Summit of the Future thus presents a crucial opportunity to address these challenges collectively and strategically, setting the stage for a more sustainable, equitable, and peaceful world. After this summit we must keep the moment to drive reforms in global governance structures, enhancing multilateral cooperation and creating more effective frameworks to tackle global challenges. With this, let us reaffirm our resolve and dedication to the principles that underpin each of its five chapters.

We must shift from the old way of business as usual in maintenance of peace and security and foster dialogue and collaborative strategies to address the root causes of conflict and promote long-term peace and security.

The statement was delivered by Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Amb. Olivier Nduhungirehe.

President Kagame meets President Xi Jinping



On September 05, President Kagame met his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the 2024 Summit of the Forum of the China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held in Beijing.

The meeting was attended by delegations from both Rwanda and China, where they discussed ongoing collaboration between the two countries in key sectors including health, infrastructure, and technology.

President Xi Jinping stressed that the FOCAC Beijing Summit has

provided a historic opportunity for the upgrading of China-Rwanda friendly relations, adding that China is ready to work with Rwanda to deliver on the outcomes of the summit, strengthen cooperation in infrastructure, agriculture and satellite applications among other fields.

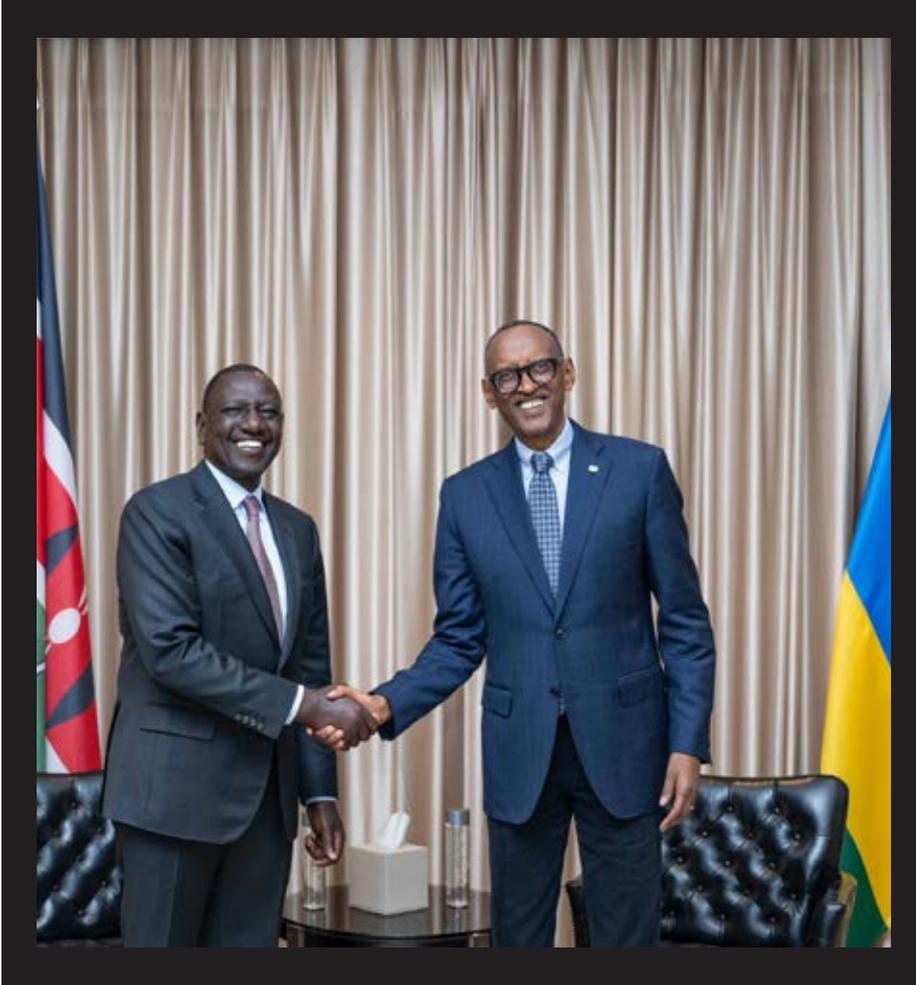
The Heads of State also discussed their mutual commitment to multipolar global governance, based on sovereignty, self-determination, and values.

During the FOCAC summit, China and Rwanda signed a number of

bilateral cooperation documents on promoting the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, honey export to China, digital sector and information communication, and news media, among other fields.

Over the past 53 years, relations between the two countries continued to grow stronger, characterized by mutual trust and people-to-people interactions. In 2023, trade between Rwanda and China surpassed US\$ 500 million, reflecting a 16.5% increase from the previous year.

President Kagame meets President Ruto on the sidelines of FOCAC Beijing Summit



President Paul Kagame and President William Ruto held a meeting on the sidelines of the 2024 Summit of the Forum of the China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing, China.

They discussed ways to further strengthen the already existing productive relations between Rwanda and Kenya.

“Rwanda is a strong ally and strategic partner of Kenya. We share diplomatic, historical and cultural ties. Our two nations are also committed members of the East African Community, especially on regional integration, trade and people to people relations,” reads President Ruto’s tweet on the meeting.

He added that they also discussed the candidature of the Rt Hon. Raila Odinga, who was also in the meeting, for the position of the African Union Commission chairperson.

In September, High Commissioner Martin Ngoga visited Malaba and Busia One Stop Border Posts, where he had constructive engagements with border authorities.

He among other things lauded the progress made in quality of service delivered at the border posts and commended efforts put in facilitating Rwanda’s cargo.

The High Commissioner also pledged joint efforts to address remaining challenges, in a bid to further ease bilateral and regional trade.

High Commissioner Ngoga visits Malaba, Busia One Stop Border Posts



On September 19, High Commissioner Martin Ngoga visited Mount Kenya University Main Campus in Thika, Kiambu County, for a courtesy call, where he met Founder and Board of Trustees Chairman, Prof. Simon Gicharu, and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Deogratius Jaganyi, among others.

The High Commissioner thanked Prof. Gicharu for investing in Rwanda's education sector and commended the university's growth and impact over the years.

Last year, the former Kigali Campus of Mount Kenya University was recognised as fully-fledged university and was accredited to operate as Mount Kigali University.

On his side, Prof. Gicharu applauded Rwanda's leadership for providing a conducive environment for investors.

"I am always impressed by how things work in Rwanda. You don't have to meet or know anyone, the system there works," he said.

He also reassured that he will continue investing in the country, a case in point being a soon-to-be-completed Kigali Paramount Hotel which will be a regional training centre of excellence for the university's school of hospitality and tourism.

The High Commissioner welcomed the news, noting that it aligns with the country's vision to position itself as a thriving MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) hub.

Meanwhile, the High Commissioner also met 34 Rwandan students at the university, where he among other things encouraged them to work hard in their studies and to maintain good reputation that reflect Rwandan values.

High Commissioner Ngoga visits Mount Kenya University



President Kagame meets EAC Secretary General



President Paul Kagame on September 13 received Veronica Mueni Nduva, the Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC), at Urugwiro Village.

Their discussions were on regional integration and other matters relating to the East African community.

This was the first time President Kagame was receiving SG Nduva who was sworn into office on June 7, replacing Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki.

After assuming office, the new secretary general said her key priorities include strengthening economic integration that encourages innovation, entrepreneurship and job creation in addition to peace and security.

Kwibuka Flame of Hope monument installed at UN headquarters



The “Kwibuka Flame of Hope” was on September 11 installed at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, as a permanent memorial in tribute to the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

The Kwibuka flame symbolizes the resilience and courage of Rwandans after the Genocide against the Tutsi that claimed more than one million people in 100 days. The monument also reflects Rwanda’s dedication to combating geno-

cide ideology, denial, and hate speech, while fostering a global commitment to ensuring that such atrocities are never repeated.

“The Kwibuka Flame of Hope will burn forever as a visual reminder for the international community and the many visitors to the United Nations, on the need to speak out and say no to hate,” said Melissa Fleming, the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Global Communications, which manages the General Assembly-mandated Outreach Programme on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and the United Nations.

She added: “This is also a tribute to the immense courage and resilience needed to rebuild after such a profound loss and trauma.”

Meanwhile, welcoming the development, Ernest Rwamucyo, Rwanda’s Permanent Representative to the UN stressed that the monument is “a symbol of peace, justice, and unity-values that guide Rwanda’s healing and commitment to unity and reconciliation.”

He added that the monument holds profound meaning not only for Rwandans but also for the global diplomatic community, and that it will burn forever as a visual reminder for the international community and many visitors to the UN to speak out against genocide and hate speech.

The Kwibuka Flame of Hope is the first permanent tribute to the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda installed at the United Nations Headquarters.

Rwanda hosts Africa Food Systems Forum 2024



On September 02, Rwanda hosted the 2024 Africa Food Systems Forum (AFS Forum 2024), a six-day event that attracted approximately 5,000 delegates to take practical action and share lessons that will move African food systems forward.

The forum ran under the theme “Innovate, Accelerate and Scale: Delivering food systems transformation in a digital and climate era.”

According to organizers, the forum’s vision is to scale up the continent’s efforts to build healthier, more inclusive, sustainable, resilient and equitable food systems that have the power to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa by 2030.

It is designed to mobilize politi-

cal will and advance the policies, programs and investments required to achieve inclusive and sustainable food systems transformation.

Speaking virtually at the conclusion of the summit, President Paul Kagame commended AGRA (Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa), under the leadership of Hailemariam Desalegn and Agnes Kalibata, for ensuring that Africa projects a clear voice on the future of food systems.

He also noted that this year’s Forum has “highlighted key strategies for speeding up progress particularly, digital and technology applications, and attracting more private investment into agriculture.”

“In Africa, most of our people work in agriculture and agri-

business. Significant gains have been made in recent years, to make our food systems more resilient and productive. But there is still so much room to grow, and make our farmers more productive, and therefore more wealthy,” he added.

In Rwanda, improving the agriculture sector is key for the country’s economic growth and food security, and one of the main strategies being used is the adoption of modern agricultural technologies.

The Government is also expanding access to agricultural insurance and affordable credit to ensure farmers can invest in their farms and recover from climate-related shocks more effectively, ultimately creating more resilient and sustainable food systems.

UCI unveils routes for 2025 Road World Championship in Rwanda



In September, The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) officially unveiled the race routes for the 2025 UCI Road World Championship which will take place in Rwanda from September 21-28 next year.

The routes were announced a year before Rwanda hosts the prestigious cycling event—the first of its kind on the African continent.

David Lappartient, President of the UCI, emphasized the importance of Kigali's distinctive

terrain in shaping the competition.

“Bringing the UCI Road World Championships to the African continent has been my vision for several years. Just one year from now, that vision will become a reality. I am delighted that this historic event will take place in Rwanda, already known for the magnificent Tour du Rwanda,” he said.

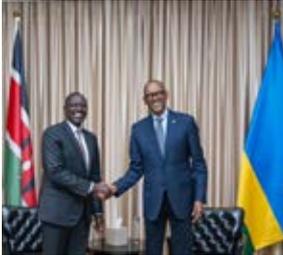
He added that he is convinced “Kigali and the whole country have a rich cycling culture

that will now be shared with the world. I cannot wait to welcome the cycling family to what will be a milestone for the development and globalization of our sport.”

The race routes feature a mix of time trials and road races, taking advantage of Kigali's hilly landscape. The men elite road race, scheduled for September 28, will be the highlight of the event, covering a total distance of 267.5 kilometers with an elevation gain of 5,475 meters.

Ruto and Kagame reaffirm bilateral ties

(KBC – September 04, 2024)



In a high-level diplomatic meeting on the sidelines of the ongoing forum in Bei-

jing, President William Ruto of Kenya and President Paul Kagame of Rwanda underscored the importance of their countries' alliance and strategic partnership, which has been instrumental in shaping the diplomatic, historical, and cultural ties between Kenya and Rwanda.

Read more: <https://bitly.cx/TyFVs6>

Kenya vow ferocious fightback after losses to Rwanda at Bilateral T20 Series

(Capital FM- September 11, 2024)

National women's cricket team captain Charity Muthoni says the team will come back guns blazing in their next two matches of the Bilateral T20 Series against Rwanda after two losses to their East African neighbours on Tuesday.



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Kagame in new push for Kigali's rise as he hosts Africa's top business leaders

(Eastleigh Voice- September 13, 2024)

In his new bid to position his country as one of Africa's economic powerhouses, Rwandan President Paul Kagame has met top business leaders from the continent. The meeting was held on September 6-8 in Kigali, bringing together the richest, most influential and brilliant minds and leaders of Africa's most important industrial and financial conglomerates.

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Rwanda rolls out Mpox vaccination, the first in Africa

(Capital FM- September 22, 2024)

Read more: <https://bitly.cx/U6RiE>

IFC lends KCB Rwanda unit Sh7bn for SMEs

(Business Daily- September 10, 2024)



KCB Group subsidiary in Rwanda has received a \$60 million (Sh7.73 billion) loan from development finance institutions including the international Finance Corporation (IFC) for on-lending to small and medium-sized enterprises.

Read more: <https://bitly.cx/ovFao>

Heifer International Expands Mechanization for Africa Initiative to Rwanda

(TV47- September 13, 2024)



Heifer International, a global development organization supporting smallholder farmers fight hunger and poverty sustainably, today announced the expansion of its Mechanization for Africa Initiative to Rwanda.

Read more: <https://bitly.cx/TnXn>

Rwanda's economy shows strong growth amid Global slowdown

(Eastleigh Voice- September 19, 2024)

Rwanda's real GDP surged by 9.7 per cent in the first quarter of 2024, surpassing last year's growth rate of 8.2 per cent, according to the newly released Rwanda Economic Update (REU).



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Rwanda, Singapore unveil AI playbook for small states at UN Summit

(KBC- September 23, 2024)

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