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# Foreword

November was a month that vividly reflected Rwanda's active diplomacy, resilient governance, and people-centred development, both at home and across the region and beyond. The stories captured in this newsletter illustrate a nation confidently engaging the world while remaining firmly grounded in its values of unity, accountability, and ambition.

At the highest level, Rwanda continued to strengthen bilateral and multilateral engagement. President Paul Kagame's hosting of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani reaffirmed the depth of Rwanda–Qatar relations, built on mutual respect, strategic cooperation, and enduring personal ties between leaders.

Similarly, President Kagame's meeting with President Faustin Archange Touadéra underscored Rwanda's sustained commitment to peace, stability, and partnership in the Central African Republic, particularly through security cooperation and broader development-oriented engagements.

Rwanda's leadership voice also resonated strongly on the continental stage. At the Transform Africa Summit in Guinea, President Kagame called for purpose-driven adoption of artificial intelligence, reminding Africa that technology must be applied strategically to address real development priorities. This message of thoughtful innovation aligns with Rwanda's broader approach to governance and growth, as reflected in the latest Rwanda Governance Scorecard, which once again highlights strong performance in safety, inclusion, transparency, and the rule of law.

The month further showcased Rwanda's role as a trusted convener and partner in regional and international platforms. Kigali's hosting of the 46th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie marked a historic first for East Africa and reinforced Rwanda's standing as a hub for dialogue on gender equality, inclusive governance, and multilateral cooperation. At the regional level, Rwanda's strong presence at the EAC MSMEs Trade Fair in Nairobi — visited by President William Ruto — highlighted the dynamism of Rwandan entrepreneurs and the country's commitment to regional integration through trade.



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

People-to-people diplomacy remained a central pillar. The engagement between the First Ladies of Rwanda and Kenya on social priorities, the continued strengthening of Rwanda–Kenya defence cooperation, and interactions with students and academia all speak to Rwanda's belief that sustainable partnerships are built not only through policy, but also through shared learning, remembrance, and human connection.

As you read through this November edition, I invite you to see these developments not as isolated events, but as interconnected expressions of Rwanda's ongoing journey: engaging globally, strengthening regionally, and delivering for its people with clarity of purpose and confidence in the future.

# Rwanda–Qatar relations deepen as President Kagame hosts Sheikh Tamim



President Kagame welcomed His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qatar, for a two-day official visit in November, highlighting deepening bilateral cooperation.

In a message after the visit, President Kagame thanked the Amir for productive engagements and stressed the enduring strategic partnership and personal friendship guiding Rwanda–Qatar relations.

He expressed confidence that the discussions would advance shared priorities benefiting both peoples, and underscored that Rwanda greatly values both the strategic partnership with Qatar and the personal friendship between the two leaders, which continues to guide and strengthen bilateral relations.

President Kagame emphasized that the visit provided an opportunity to build on existing prog-



ress and advance shared priorities for the mutual benefit of the people of Rwanda and Qatar. He also expressed confidence that the outcomes of the discussions would further enhance cooperation across key areas of mutual interest.

President Kagame received His Highness Sheikh Tamim at his farm, where he gifted the Amir with Inyambo cows, a symbolic gesture rooted in Rwandan tradition, signifying friendship, mutual respect, and the strong bond between the two leaders and their nations.

## President Kagame receives President Touadéra of CAR

President Kagame welcomed President Faustin Archange Touadéra of the Central African Republic (CAR) for a two-day working visit to Rwanda on November 24.

The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral rela-

tions and reviewing Rwanda's security assistance to the CAR, including RDF deployments under a bilateral security agreement and contributions to the United Nations MINUS-CA mission.

Beyond security, the leaders ex-

plored opportunities to broaden collaboration in sectors of mutual interest, with Rwanda continuing to support peace, stability, and state-building efforts in the CAR.

Rwanda has been supporting efforts aimed at restoring peace, stability, and state institutions in the CAR, while also promoting development-oriented partnerships that complement security initiatives.



# President Kagame calls for purpose-driven AI at Transform Africa Summit



unfolding global digital revolution by investing in broadband infrastructure and using connectivity as a catalyst for competitiveness and development.

“The commitments we made at the beginning of this journey still stand, and with the support of our partners, we are making steady progress,” President Kagame said. He acknowledged, however, that today’s global environment is far more complex and interconnected, with technological change—especially in cutting-edge fields—advancing at unprecedented speed.

Focusing on artificial intelligence, the central theme of this year’s summit, President Kagame stressed that Africa’s success will not be determined solely by how quickly AI technologies are adopted, but by how strategically they are applied. He underscored the importance of aligning AI solutions with Africa’s unique context and development needs to maximize gains for human capital.

“For Africa, success will depend on which problems we choose to apply this new tool to,” he said, adding that context-specific applications would yield the greatest benefits.

In Rwanda’s case, he added, artificial intelligence is projected to contribute up to five percent of GDP, driving innovation and expertise across key sectors including healthcare, education, and agriculture.

On the margins of the summit,



**P**resident Paul Kagame used the opening of the 2025 Transform Africa Summit in Guinea to urge African leaders and stakeholders to pursue a deliberate, impact-focused digital transformation. He emphasized that technology, and artificial intelligence in particular, must be applied to Africa’s

real development priorities to deliver meaningful, inclusive growth.

In his remarks, President Kagame reflected on the journey that began more than a decade ago when the summit was first launched in Kigali. At the time, he noted, Africa was positioning itself to harness the

# President Ruto visits Rwanda pavilion at EAC MSMEs Trade Fair



President William Ruto visited Rwanda's exhibition booth during the official opening ceremony of the 25th East African Community (EAC) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Trade Fair at Uhuru Gardens, Nairobi, highlighting the strong spirit of regional trade and cooperation within the bloc.

The Kenyan Head of State was received by Rwanda's High Commissioner to Kenya, Ernest Rwamucyo, who briefed him on the wide range of products on display by Rwandan entrepreneurs.

Rwanda was represented at the fair by approximately 100 exhibitors, showcasing diverse goods from the agro-processing, handcraft, leather, textile, and herbal sectors.

The ten-day trade fair which concluded on November 16 provided a critical platform for MSMEs from across the EAC Partner States to explore new markets, exchange emerging technologies, and strengthen regional integration through trade and enterprise development.

On the sidelines of the fair, Partner States gathered to mark the

Day of Rwanda, a key feature of the annual EAC MSMEs Trade Fair where each country is allocated a dedicated day to lead discussions on strengthening MSMEs across the region, followed by a cultural showcase.

Addressing participants, High Commissioner Rwamucyo commended the Government of Kenya for hosting the fair and praised the EAC Secretariat for its effective coordination. He also acknowledged Partner States and business leaders for their continued efforts in fostering regional cooperation and economic integration.

The High Commissioner highlighted Rwanda's commitment to empowering MSMEs to access both regional and international markets, citing initiatives such as export readiness training, business linkages, and active participation in regional trade fairs.

Kenya's Principal Secretary for MSMEs Development, Susan

Mang'eni, reaffirmed her Ministry's commitment to supporting entrepreneurs across East Africa, noting that platforms such as the EAC MSMEs Trade Fair create opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and market expansion. She encouraged MSMEs to embrace culture as a key driver of economic development.

Annette Mutaawe Ssemuwemba, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Customs, Trade and Monetary Affairs, praised Rwanda's inclusive industrialization agenda, noting that this was reflected at the fair through the strong presence of women-led, youth-driven, and community-based enterprises from Rwanda.

The Day of Rwanda celebrations also involved vibrant cultural performances that showcased the richness, creativity, and enduring spirit of Rwandan heritage.

# Rwanda, Kenya First Ladies discuss shared social priorities

In November, First Lady of Rwanda, Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, welcomed her Kenyan counterpart Mrs. Rachel Ruto, at Imbuto Foundation, where she received a comprehensive briefing on the Foundation's interventions in health, education, and skills development.

During the visit, the two First Ladies discussed shared priorities focused on improving the well-being of women and children, reflecting the strong friendship between Kenya and Rwanda, built on common values of unity, resilience, and community empowerment.

Mrs. Kagame highlighted Imbuto Foundation's long-standing role in advancing maternal and child health, education, and youth empowerment initiatives across Rwanda.

Mrs. Rachel Ruto also toured the Eza Urugwiro Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centre, where she was introduced to Rwanda's integrated approach to early childhood care, learning, and nutrition.

The visit provided an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices in nurturing children's development from an early age.

As part of her visit to Rwanda, the Kenyan First Lady visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial, where she paid tribute to victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

"Peaceful coexistence is the foundation on which strong, resilient nations are built. It



calls us to honour our shared humanity, to embrace our differences, and to continually work toward a future where ev-

ery community lives in harmony," she tweeted after the visit to the memorial site.

# Rwanda, Kenya reaffirm deepening military ties



The Kenyan Chief of Defence Forces (CDF-KDF), General Charles Muriu Kahariri, visited Rwanda from November 4 to 7, 2025, underscoring the long-standing defence relationship between the two nations.

During the working trip, General Kahariri met with Rwanda's Ministry of Defence and Rwanda Defence Force (MOD/RDF) leadership, including a courtesy visit to the RDF Headquarters and a call on the Chief of Defence Staff of the RDF, General Mubarak

Muganga. He also held discussions with the Minister of Defence, Juvenal Marizamunda.

High-level bilateral military discussions held focused on reviewing the existing defence cooperation framework between Rwanda and Kenya, identifying new areas of collaboration, and exchanging views on regional and global defence and security dynamics.

The talks reaffirmed the mutual commitment of both countries to deepen military cooperation

in areas such as training, capacity building, and the promotion of regional peace and stability.

Addressing the media, General Kahariri emphasized that the visit was aimed at reaffirming and strengthening the enduring friendship between Rwanda and Kenya, particularly between their defence forces.

“Our coming here is an affirmation of the strong relationship between our two countries and our defence forces, right from the time Rwanda began rebuilding its defence institutions in the aftermath of the genocide,” General Kahariri said.

“This visit is about extending our friendship and exploring ways to further strengthen and expand our partnership. The KDF and RDF share much in common in areas such as training, regional peace, and stability, and we continue to learn from each other,” he added.

He further expressed appreciation for the warm reception accorded to the Kenyan delegation and noted that discussions included progress toward finalizing the Defence Cooperation Agreement between the two forces, which is now in its final stages.

As part of the visit, General Kahariri paid tribute to the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi during a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial. He also toured the Campaign Against Genocide Museum, reflecting Kenya's solidarity with Rwanda and its continued commitment to remembrance and learning from history.

General Kahariri's visit marks another significant milestone in the growing Kenya-Rwanda defence partnership, reinforcing shared values, mutual trust, and a common vision for peace and security in the region.

# High Commissioner Rwamucyo engages students on Rwanda's rebuilding journey



In November, High Commissioner Ernest Rwamucyo delivered a lecture at United States International University Africa (USIU-A) titled “Social Contract Theory and Rwanda’s Model of Post-Genocide Building.”

The lecture, which was attended by students and international relations faculty members, explored how Rwanda has effectively utilized the social contract theory as a framework for achieving significant milestones in citizen security and protection, accountable governance, and citizen engagement among others.

The High Commissioner explained that this theory represents a tacit agreement among citizens to cooperate for collective security and welfare, emphasizing that governments must provide protection and services in exchange for citizens’ cooperation and consent to be governed.

He also outlined Rwanda’s governance model, built on three core principles, namely staying together, being accountable, and thinking big.

In addition, the High Commissioner engaged with Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Transfor-

mative Teaching, Learning and Research, Prof. Amos Njuguna, with whom they discussed the ongoing collaboration between the university and University of Rwanda (UR), as well as existing plans to strengthen the partnership further.

He also met with Rwandan students studying at the university, encouraging them to be exemplary ambassadors of Rwanda by excelling in their studies and embodying Rwandan values.

USIU-A is home to 120 Rwandan students, who are part of a diverse and dynamic academic ecosystem.

# Francophonie leaders meet in Kigali to advance women's leadership



Rwanda has successfully hosted the 46th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie (CMF) in Kigali, marking a historic milestone as the first time a governing body of the International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF) convened in East Africa.

Held from 18 to 20 November, the conference brought together ministers and high-level representatives from nearly 90 member and observer states under the theme “Thirty Years After Beijing: The Contribution of Women in the Francophone Space.”

The gathering provided a platform for strategic dialogue on gender equality, inclusive governance, democracy, cultural diversity, and sustainable development across the Francophone world.

Opening the conference, OIF Secretary General Louise Mushikiwabo urged member states to move beyond rhetoric and focus on delivering tangible results for women and girls.

“Thirty years after the Beijing Declaration, the conversation on women’s leadership should no longer be about awareness, but about accountability,” she said, calling on governments to translate commitments into measurable outcomes.

The Secretary General noted that the Kigali meeting was both symbolic and substantive, reflecting Rwanda’s growing diplomatic role within the Francophone community and offering an opportunity to assess progress while confronting persistent challenges. She emphasized that empowering women is not only a moral imperative but also a strategic ne-

cessity for sustainable development and peace.

Mushikiwabo highlighted flagship Francophonie initiatives such as La Francophonie avec Elles, which supports women’s economic and social empowerment, and pointed to Rwanda’s strong record in women’s representation in leadership as an example worth emulating across member states.

Throughout the conference, delegates exchanged views on strengthening women’s participation in decision-making, expanding economic opportunities, enhancing access to education and digital tools, and promoting women’s role in peacebuilding and conflict prevention. Discussions also reaffirmed the organisation’s core values, including solidarity, linguistic diversity, democracy, and multilateral cooperation.

The meeting concluded with the adoption of the Kigali Appeal, reaffirming collective commitment to advancing gender equality, strengthening data and accountability mechanisms, and accelerating inclusive development across the Francophone space.

Hosting the 46th Ministerial Conference further reinforced Rwanda’s standing as a trusted venue for international dialogue and diplomacy, and underscored its active engagement in shaping the future direction of La Francophonie through principled leadership and results-oriented cooperation.

## Rwanda–Liberia visa waiver takes effect



**R**wandan citizens can now enter Liberia without visa requirements following the implementation of a visa waiver agreement signed with Rwanda in September.

On November 14, Rwanda Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration announced that Liberia had taken a significant step towards strengthening diplomatic relations with Rwanda by announcing a visa waiver for Rwandan citizens.

“The move allows Rwandans to travel in and out of Liberia without prior visa requirements, fol-

lowing a reciprocal agreement signed between the two countries on September 10, 2025,” it stated.

Under the move, Liberia Immigration Service (LIS) will grant entry stamps to Rwandan citizens upon arrival at all air, land, and sea borders.

Rwanda Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration observed that the development aims to promote regional integration, enhance cooperation, and foster economic, social, and cultural exchange between the two African countries.

# Rwanda leads in safety and transparency in latest governance scorecard



**R**wanda continues to demonstrate strong and resilient governance performance, with Safety, Inclusion, and Transparency emerging as the country's best-performing pillars in the newly released 12th Rwanda Governance Scorecard (RGS).

The Rwanda Governance Scorecard, produced annually by the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB), remains the nation's flagship tool for measuring progress in governance, accountability, and service delivery.

The Safety and Security pillar remains Rwanda's highest-performing area with a score of 90.02%, reaffirming the country's reputation as one of Africa's safest nations. The report attributes this to consistently high citizen confidence in the Rwanda Defence Force, National Police, and local security structures.

Participation and Inclusiveness ranked second with 86.31%, reflecting broad citizen involvement in public affairs, effective decentralisation, and gender-balanced

leadership. The report notes that power sharing and inclusiveness scored a full 100%, while gender equality in leadership reached 82.42%.

Political Rights and Civil Liberties followed with 82.71%, supported by strong results in democratic rights and freedoms (86.36%), respect for human rights (84.11%), and access to public information (81.77%).

The Rule of Law pillar achieved 81.63%, indicating continued public trust in justice institutions. The report highlights high scores in performance of the legislature (90.44%), though it identifies challenges such as case backlogs (50.85%) and limited digitalisation, with only 11% of government services fully automated.

## Governance integrity and accountability

Under the Anti-Corruption, Transparency, and Accountability pillar, Rwanda scored 79.25%, driven by transparency (92.35%) and accountability (80.39%). The report

acknowledges sustained institutional integrity but notes that anti-corruption mechanisms (67.9%) and training of committees in public and private institutions remain areas for improvement.

The Economic and Corporate Governance pillar scored 74.84%, showing sound macroeconomic management (72.75%) and steady progress in corporate governance (77.67%). However, the report points to weaker results in exports of goods and services (47.95%), credit to the private sector (57.75%), and savings rate (60.23%).

The Quality of Service Delivery pillar registered 71.73%, showing advances in ICT-enabled services (66.9%) but emphasising the need to accelerate full digitalisation, with only a small fraction of services end-to-end automated.

The lowest-performing pillar, Investing in Human and Social Development, stood at 64.69%. The report notes continuing progress in health (74.14%) and education (65.65%), but identifies gaps in nutrition, social protection, and climate resilience, highlighting these as priority areas under the National Strategy for Transformation (NST2).

Now in its 12th edition since its inception in 2010, the Rwanda Governance Scorecard continues to serve as both a mirror and a compass, reflecting the country's governance achievements while guiding future reforms.

It benchmarks Rwanda's progress against global indices such as the Mo Ibrahim Index, the Chandler Good Government Index, and the World Justice Project, while remaining firmly grounded in homegrown accountability principles.

## Rwanda awarded for excellence in local leadership

Rwanda received the Award for Excellence in Local Leadership during the 6th edition of the International Forum on Participatory Democracy in Africa (FIDEPA) held in Dakar, Senegal.

The forum was organized in partnership with the International Observatory for Participatory Democracy in Africa (IOPD Africa) and the Union of Local Elected Officials of Senegal.

The award recognized Rwanda's strong reforms in digitizing local service delivery and its continued commitment to citizen-centered governance.

The award was received on behalf of the Ministry of Local Government, by Rwanda's Ambassador to Senegal, Festus Bizimana.

Over the past 31 years, Rwanda has implemented various programs aimed at empowering citizens. This has led to enhanced inclusive participation in governance, with over 80% of citizens now playing a role in solving problems. This figure has risen from 65.63% in 2018.

Besides, decentralization of leadership in Rwanda began in 2000, strengthening local government structures and improving their

performance and service delivery.

This is reinforced by the district advisory councils that oversee the implementation of planned activities, thus making citizens' participation more evident.

The councils are also functional at the sector, cell, and village levels. This has led to improvements in service delivery in sectors like healthcare and education, and it helps leaders easily identify what citizens need most.

The integration of technology into governance has also further enhanced governance by promoting transparency and accountability among leaders, while citizens have easy access to information and a platform to engage with their leaders.



# Military Attachés commend Rwanda's ex-combatant reintegration program



A total of 20 defence attachés representing 17 countries visited the Rwanda Demobilisation and Reintegration Centre in Musanze District on November 28, where they observed the country's reintegration program for ex-combatants into civilian life.

The facility hosts combatants predominantly those returning from armed groups in eastern DR Congo.

The group of defence attaches included representatives from

the United States (USA), China, France, Japan, UK, Russia, Zimbabwe, Germany, Tanzania, and Angola, among others.

Valerie Nyirahabineza, the Chairperson of the country's demobilisation commission, said receiving the delegation was a valuable opportunity to clarify misconceptions where many "lies surrounding the FDLR" are circulated.

Speaking on behalf of Rwanda Military Attachés Association, Lt. Col. Jessica Borowicz, the US

Defence Attaché, expressed her gratitude calling the tour "incredible and insightful".

"We have learned a lot, and it was very insightful and eye-opening," she said.

For ex-combatants like Lt. Col. (Rtd) Emelien Mpakaniye, a former FDLR fighter who is currently at Mutobo Demobilisation Center, the country's warm welcome should motivate others remaining in the jungle to return to their home country.

## Rwanda receives over 500 returnees from DRC



**R**wanda has received 511 returnees from 153 families who had been held captive by the FDLR, a terrorist group operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The group crossed into Rwanda on November 20, through the La Corniche border, which connects Rwanda to the DRC.

Among them were 127 women, 32 men, and 352 children. Upon arrival, they were taken to the Nyarushishi Transit Camp in Rusizi District.

These returnees had been liv-

ing in a temporary camp in Goma after being freed from various regions in eastern DRC, where they had been held captive by the FDLR, a group formed by remnants of those responsible for the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

The Vice Mayor of Rubavu in charge of Economic Development, Deogratias Nzabonimpa, assured the returnees that they would receive essential support to help them reintegrate into society.

“They will be given basic necessities to help them sustain themselves and contribute to the country, as this is the approach taken to bring them back into the Rwandan community. They will also be supported with various projects in their areas to help them provide for their families,” he stated.

Nzabonimpa also highlighted that the increasing number of returnees is a clear sign that the ongoing awareness campaigns are effective, with everyone playing a role.

# Arsenal and Visit Rwanda to conclude partnership in June 2026

Arsenal and the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) have mutually agreed to conclude their partnership at the end of this season, bringing to a close an eight-season collaboration that included Visit Rwanda as Arsenal's first Official Sleeve Partner.

The move reflects Visit Rwanda's broader strategy to diversify its global sports partnerships and expand into new markets that support the next phase of its tourism and investment ambitions.

Together, Arsenal and the Rwanda Development Board have exceeded the original goals of the partnership - promoting conservation and sustainable tourism, inspiring millions of supporters to discover the country, and creating a lasting foundation for tourism growth.

The partnership has showcased Rwanda's natural beauty and accelerated the growth of the country's tourism industry. Visitor arrivals reached 1.3 million in 2024, with tourism revenues rising to US\$650m, a 47% increase since the partnership began.

The partnership has also supported Rwanda's ambition to become an international sporting hub in Africa and host more global sporting events whilst delivering grassroots football initiatives that have helped hundreds of young players and coaches develop their skills and inspire greater participation in sport across



the country.

Jean-Guy Afrika, Chief Executive Officer of the Rwanda Development Board, said: "We are proud of what this partnership has achieved over many years of collaboration. It broke new ground for tourism boards around the world, driving awareness and visitation for Rwandan tourism at a pace traditional campaigns could never match."

Whilst we are now focused on expanding that momentum into new sports and new markets, he added, we remain grateful to Arsenal for its support, partnership, and shared belief in Rwanda's story over the past eight years.

Richard Garlick, Arsenal's Chief Executive Officer, also praised the partnership, saying it has been a significant journey.

"The commitment and sup-

port of Visit Rwanda throughout our partnership has played an important role in driving forward our ambitions - helping us invest in our long-term vision to win major trophies, in a financially sustainable way. We thank the Rwanda Development Board for their partnership and what we've delivered together," he said.

Visit Rwanda recently announced its long-term partnership with two Los Angeles professional sports teams, the LA Clippers and Los Angeles Rams, marking the first time an African tourism brand has established sponsorship across both the NBA and the NFL. The development, which adds to existing partnerships with Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), Atlético de Madrid, Basketball Africa League (BAL) and others, is expected to further boost Visit Rwanda's visibility globally.

# APR wins Zone 5 Women's Basketball League Africa Qualifiers in Nairobi

Rwanda's APR Women's Basketball Club (WBBC) has won the Zone 5 Women's Basketball League Africa (WBLA) qualifiers for the first time, defeating national rivals REG WBBC 82-68 in a thrilling final played in Nairobi, Kenya.

The all-Rwandan final confirmed both APR WBBC and REG WBBC as qualifiers for the

Women's Basketball League Africa, scheduled to take place in Cairo, Egypt, from December 5 to 15, 2025.

APR WBBC head coach Charles Mushumba described the title as a welcome bonus after securing qualification, noting that the team delivered when it mattered most.

"After qualifying, the trophy feels like a bonus. Everything clicked," Mushumba said. "Playing six consecutive matches wasn't easy, but the

team stayed calm, worked together, and executed our game plan. Defense alone cannot win games; we had to be efficient offensively. I'm proud we are heading to the WBLA as Zone 5 champions."

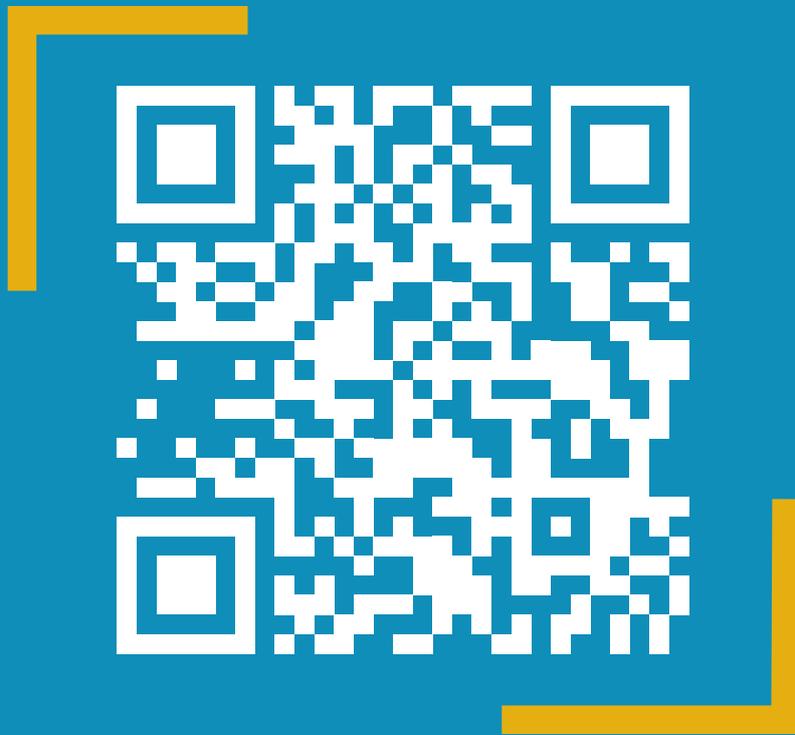
APR's performance throughout the tournament was marked by discipline, teamwork, and resilience, allowing them to overcome a strong challenge from REG WBBC in the final.

APR player Yacine Diop also highlighted the collective effort behind the victory.

"It was a team effort. REG played well, but we stayed focused and worked together to secure this win," Diop said.

With the Zone 5 title secured, APR WBBC will now represent the region at the 12-team Women's Basketball League Africa in Cairo, where they will compete against the continent's top clubs.





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