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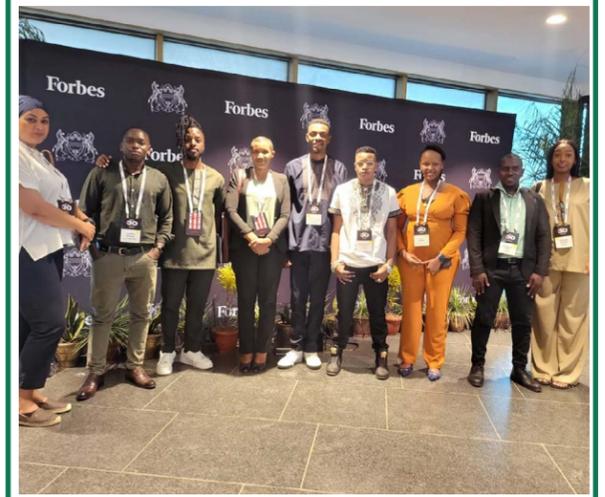


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Kagame attends Transform Africa Summit in Vic Falls



HE President Paul Kagame, HE President Emmerson Mnangagwa, HE President Hakainde Hichilema, HM King Mswati III and HE President Lazarus Chakwera at the 6th edition of Transform Africa Summit at the Victoria Falls

President Paul Kagame attended the 6th edition of Transform Africa Summit kicked at the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe which was attended by four other leaders.

The three-day summit, held from April 26 to 28, was attended by Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa, Zambia's President, Hakainde Hichilema, Malawi's President, Lazarus Chakwera, and King Mswati III of Eswatini.

President Kagame, who is also the Chair of the Smart Africa Alliance, delivered a keynote address at the opening ceremony of Transform Africa Summit 2023.

"We need to make the digital identities of individuals and businesses portable across borders while using technology to reduce barriers to trade. All of these items are within our power to achieve," President Kagame noted.

President Kagame also hinted on the increasingly emerging use of artificial intelligence applications.

"This powerful technology has made headlines in recent weeks. It is already possible to see that Africa actually has the most to gain, because of how these

applications can narrow productivity gaps between African firms and our competitors on other continents. We should therefore quickly embrace artificial intelligence and make it work for us," said President Kagame.

President Kagame also chaired the Smart Africa Board Meeting attended by Heads of State and their representatives from the Alliance's 36 member countries, international organisations and global private sector players to discuss Africa's digital agenda.

In his opening remarks Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa said: "Modernisation and industrialisation of our great continent urgently requires the adoption of science, technology and innovation."

He added: "We must seamlessly integrate the frontier of science and technology with the unique needs and strategic socio-economic development goals of the continent and our respective nations."

The Zimbabwean leader told delegates at the summit, "the numerous innovations and start ups by our talented youthful population require the support not only of our governments but also from global capital.



It is therefore, pleasing that this summit has a broad array of participants from both the public and private sector, extending beyond the African continent."

"African governments and stakeholders

from the continent and beyond have an obligation to usher Africa into a knowledge-based economy anchored on the benefits of technology," said President Mnangagwa.

...urges Africa to make Artificial Intelligence work



President Kagame speaking at Transform Africa Summit 2023

President Paul Kagame issued a rallying call to African leaders and captains of the industry while attending the Transform Africa Summit in Victoria Falls telling the African continent to move quickly and embrace the Artificial Intelligence

technology, citing that the leaders should "make it work for us (Africa)".

Addressing hundreds of participants at this year's summit held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, President Kagame said that transforming Africa means digitizing the

continent's economies.

"Already many of the new quality jobs being created in Africa are powered by technology and connectivity. That applies even to traditional sectors like Agriculture, mining and retail" Kagame told a packed hall at Elephant Hills Resort, adding that the trend is "only going to speed up."

To step up digital transformation on the continent, President Kagame said that everyone has to be connected to affordable broadband and also be able to have a smart device.

Mobile broadband penetration has been spreading rapidly, but more than 60 percent of Africans who have access don't use it. We need to also keep reducing costs, Kagame urged participants.

Equally troubling, he said, is that a big piece of the puzzle is digital skill and literacy.

"One reason many Africans are not taking full advantage of the internet is that they are not yet comfortable with the interface or sometimes the language barrier factor."

According to President Kagame other bottlenecks include digital identity and cyber security as well as continental integration such as the African Continental Free Trade Area or the One Africa network.

"We need to make digital identities of individuals and businesses portable across borders while using technology to reduce

barriers to trade."

"All of this is within our power to achieve. We just need to move faster with a sense of urgency."

Embracing AI is key

President Kagame also urged African leaders to open their doors and explore the potential that artificial intelligence can have in critical sectors like agriculture, health and education.

"This powerful technology has made headlines in recent weeks, for the right reasons, at most. It is still unclear how it will affect existing jobs and what safety concerns there will be, but it is also already possible seeing that Africa has the most to gain."

This is because AI applications can narrow productivity gaps between African firms and their competitors on other continents.

"We should therefore move quickly to embrace AI and make it work for us."

Rwanda has adopted the national Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy, that among others aims to harness AI, digital and emerging technologies to support the country's development goals (including sustainable and inclusive growth), become an ICT and Innovation Hub, and position Rwanda as a leader on the African and global stage.

Zimbabwe commmits to bring perpetrators of 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi to justice

A senior government official in Zimbabwe says Harare is committed to cooperate in bringing to justice perpetrators of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, saying there cannot be justice and lasting peace without full accountability. Zimbabwe's acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Professor Amon Murwira, said this at the commemorations of the 29th anniversary of the Genocide against the Tutsi held at the Embassy of Rwanda in Harare on Friday, April 14.

"The primary responsibility to prevent and stop genocide lies with all of us," Professor Murwira told Rwandans living in Zimbabwe, diplomats accredited to Zimbabwe, the business community and friends of Rwanda.

"On that note let me reaffirm Zimbabwe's commitment to provide support to all international and continental efforts to bring to book those responsible for genocide in Rwanda and elsewhere. We believe there cannot be justice and lasting peace without full accountability."

Professor Murwira said Zimbabwe and Rwanda are implementing various legal instruments that are aimed at ensuring lasting justice and accountability such as the Extradition Treaty and the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal matters which were signed in July 2022.

"The 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi is a dark chapter not only in the history of the Republic of Rwanda but for the entire humanity. It is an acutely painful moment of torment, heartache and human suffering," Professor Murwira said.

"Therefore the commemoration is a vital opportunity to recall the tragic events of the Genocide and reaffirm our commitment to ensure that such a breach of civilisation does not happen again in Rwanda, Africa or anywhere else in the world."

Professor Murwira said Zimbabwe is moved by the great spirit of resilience and courage shown by the Rwandan people to let bygones be bygones and take meaningful steps towards national healing and reconciliation.

He saluted President Paul Kagame for his astute administration of Rwanda post genocide. Rwanda's Ambassador to Zimbabwe, James Musoni, commended Zimbabwe for its collaboration with Rwanda in putting in place a legal framework that will facilitate tracking down of perpetrators of the Genocide against the Tutsi who might be in Zimbabwe.

Ambassador Musoni called upon everyone to take an individual and collective responsibility to lend a hand in bringing to justice perpetrators wherever they are.

Zimbabwe's acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Professor Amon Murwira and Ambassador James Musoni at the commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi held at the Embassy of Rwanda in Harare



Ambassador James Musoni at the commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi held at the Embassy of Rwanda in Harare



Dimitrie Sissi, a genocide survivor at the commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi held at the Embassy of Rwanda in Harare



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Rwandans in Botswana, friends of Rwanda and the business community in Botswana commemorated the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Botswana.



Zimbabwe and Rwanda hold a Second JPCC in Harare



Zimbabwe's Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, James Manzou, says his country is pleased with achievements that have been made through its cooperation with Rwanda.

Manzou told delegates at the opening of the second session of Zimbabwe Rwanda Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation which kicked off on Monday that Zimbabwe is amazed by the achievements being made through the cooperation with Rwanda.

"It has been two years since we embarked on the journey of our Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation, yet already I am amazed at how much has been achieved in such a short space of time," Manzou said.

"Generally, most of our areas of cooperation have been up to task. I am glad to note the positive growth in our political and diplomatic consultations on bilateral, continental and international issues of mutual concern and interest."

He said trade between Rwanda and Zimbabwe is on an upward trajectory.

But Manzou said there is room for improvement since the potential is much greater than what has been achieved so far. He said there was a need to put mechanisms in place to ensure there was seamless trade and investment between Rwanda and

Zimbabwe.

"For example, we need to put in place a mechanism for coordinated customs cooperation to tame all revenue leakages and reduce the tax burden on individuals and businesses operating in both countries through an MoU on Customs Cooperation," he said.

He said the two countries have also made a huge step forward in cooperation in the field of energy.

Manzou said Zimbabwe wants Rwanda's support to enable it to be allowed to sell its huge stockpiles of ivory.

Zimbabwe's hopes to sell its stockpile of ivory worth US\$600million were squashed after its proposal was rejected at the 19th Conference of Parties of the Convention on CITES held in Panama last year.

He said Zimbabwe welcomes the positive steps that are being made in forging cooperation in the areas of justice and public security.

Manzou said he was impressed by various initiatives that have been made to establish twinning relations between local administrative bodies in Zimbabwe and Rwanda.

Rwanda's ambassador to Zimbabwe, James Musoni said Rwanda strongly believes



that the Joint Permanent Commission of Cooperation is an important instrument for laying a rock-solid foundation and building blocks for enhancing and deepening bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and Zimbabwe.

"I am, therefore, pleased that we have made considerable progress towards meeting our goal. This is substantiated by the fact that

among more than 20 instruments signed between our two countries most of them are being implemented at satisfactory level."

Musoni added: "Our leaders are expecting implementable outcomes from this meeting to assist in the transformation of our economies and the livelihoods of our people."



Rwanda, Zimbabwe sign more pacts



Hon. Dr Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and his counterpart Hon. Frederick M. Shava Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade during the signing ceremony MoU's in Harare on Tuesday, May 16. All photos/ Kelvin Jakachira.

Zimbabwe and Rwanda further strengthened their cooperation following the signing of additional Memorandum of Understanding in the fields of higher and tertiary education, housing and women empowerment.

The MoUs were signed during the second session of the Zimbabwe Rwanda Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation (JPCC) held in Harare on 15 and 16 May 2023.

The two countries signed the MoU on Cooperation in the field of provision of sustainable affordable, functional, low to medium cost housing and new building technologies.

The second MoU was on Cooperation in the field of higher and tertiary education, science and technology development.

The third one was in the field of women empowerment.

A communique released at the end of the two-day engagement said the delegations from Zimbabwe and Rwanda held in-depth and candid discussions, taking stock of progress in the implementation of joint commitments and exploring new frontiers of bilateral cooperation.

The two countries expressed satisfaction with the achievements made since the inaugural session of JPCC and underlined the

importance of maintaining regular meetings under the framework of the JPCC.

Zimbabwe expressed its deepest sympathies and solidarity with the Government and people of Rwanda following the recent devastating floods and landslides that occurred in the country's Northern, Western and Southern Provinces which claimed the lives of 135 people. Several thousands were left homeless.

Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation led his country's delegation.

The communique said the JPCC commended Zimbabwe for successfully hosting the second edition of the Zimbabwe Rwanda Trade and Investment Conference held from 28th March to April 1st 2022 and requested Rwanda to host the 3rd edition at the earliest convenience, to expand bilateral trade and investment flows between the two countries.

The Commission expressed satisfaction with the implementation of the MoU on Exchange of Educational Personnel and Expertise under which the first batch of 158 Zimbabwean teachers and lecturers were seconded to Rwanda in October last year.

According to the communique, the JPCC renewed the call for the unconditional lifting of the illegal unilateral sanctions imposed on



Hon. Dr Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Hon. Dr. Sithembiso G.G. Nyoni (MP), Minister of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development during the signing ceremony MoU's in Harare

Zimbabwe by some Western countries.

The JPCC also exchanged views on the continental security situation, in particular the armed conflicts in Sudan, and the eastern parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the northern parts of Mozambique.

"The two sides reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to support all regional, continental and global efforts aimed at achieving an amicable resolution of the conflicts and restoration of normalcy in these

countries," read the communique.

Rwanda was applauded for its role in the fight against the terrorist insurgency in Mozambique.

Zimbabwe and Rwanda reaffirmed the need to reform the United Nations, particularly the Security Council to make it more relevant to the modern day global realities.



Hon. Dr Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Hon. Daniel Garwe, Minister of National Housing and Social Amenities during the signing ceremony MoU's in Harare

African diplomats celebrate Africa Day



Hon. Dr David Musabayana deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

African ambassadors accredited to Zimbabwe on Friday 02 June celebrated Africa Day with the diplomats acknowledging that the continent has the potential to shape geopolitics and world economics.

The Dean of African Ambassadors' Group, noted that in fact, all eyes were turning towards Africa as a possible solution for problems besetting the world.

They said the continent can achieve this if its huge young population is productively nurtured.

The ambassadors noted that Africa has the youngest population in the world, with 70% of sub-Saharan Africa under the age of 30 giving the continent a greater advantage in its pursuit for sustainable socio-economic progress.

"The huge number of our generations is a big advantage which we must harness for the growth of Africa," the Dean of African Ambassadors' Group said in a speech read by the Kenyan ambassador to Zimbabwe, Stella Munyi.

"To safeguard and guarantee the future of Africa, we should ensure that our young people access opportunities for work and to innovate."

The diplomats said Africans have been trying to overcome different challenges through promoting peace and security which is one of the core functions of the African Union, but it was lacking a credible mechanism to fund Africa's priority operations in this domain.

"We depended too extensively on external resources", they lamented, adding: "We should as a united Africa take head-on challenges that we are facing to ensure that no one is left behind. And in doing so we must be mindful that the problems of Africa can only be effectively solved by homegrown solutions."

Rwanda's ambassador to Zimbabwe, James Musoni, on behalf of the African Ambassadors' Group, thanked the government of Zimbabwe for facilitating the Africa Day commemorations.

Zimbabwe's Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Oppah Muchinguri, said the southern African country was working flat out to ensure it does not miss out on opportunities that will be ushered by the full implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area.

"To ensure that Zimbabwe is not left behind in harnessing lucrative export opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area, the government is doing all it can to create an enabling

environment for enhancing investment, trade and industrialisation in the country," said Muchinguri, in a speech read on her behalf by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Dr David Musabayana.

"Resources are being disbursed towards building and capacitating national institutions and sectors that play a critical role in providing the enabling environment for private sector investment."

Muchinguri said Zimbabwe was looking forward to the realization of interventions aimed at increasing food security by reducing post-harvest losses from the current 30 percent to below 2 percent and the transformation of grain into various end-products.

She said Zimbabwe was taking necessary steps, at national level, working closely with the AfCFTA Secretariat, to meet the minimum requirements for trade.

The Africa Day commemorations were held at the Heritage City in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, which houses the Museum of African Liberation as its main attraction.

The Heritage City also comprises of a Theme Park which is an amusement park, an animal park, a leisure and recreation facility with zebras on site.

It also comprises Solidarity Nations Gardens in which one African country will be allocated one acre of land to parade its history and heritage.

The Museum of African Liberation was spearheaded by the Institute of African Knowledge in collaboration with the government of Zimbabwe in the spirit of preserving the history, values and principles of Pan Africanism.



Ambassador James Musoni at the Africa Day celebrations in Harare



Cake cutting ceremony at the Africa Day celebrations



Rwandan nationals celebrating Africa Day at the Heritage City in Harare



Rwandan traditional food

Rwandan young entrepreneurs excel at Forbes Summit in Botswana



This year 2023, Forbes summit was convened in Botswana-Gaborone from 23rd - 26th April, and it attracted over 600 participants including the government members, venture capital, entrepreneurs and business role models from more than 34 countries across the world.

With Rwanda Development Bank's facilitation and Coordination, fifteen (15) young entrepreneurs across various sectors – Agri-Business, Manufacturing (Fashion

and Design), IT, Logistics and Education, represented Rwanda at the Forbes under 30 summit.

During the event, three Rwandan companies, one in agro-business, textile, and another in design were selected to showcase their products.

In addition, three Rwandan young entrepreneurs with promising projects were given chance for pitching with the purpose of connecting them to the capital ventures.

Key outcomes from the event:

- Investment deal of \$ 200,000-250,000 being targeted by one of Rwanda entrepreneur in design.

- Partnership deal negotiated by Rwandan entrepreneur in logistics with Mundra Global Trading LLC to open a joint transport company in Botswana and is targeting Investment fund from Hustle Fund.

- A Rwandan company in software development - virtual realities kick started

negotiation of service contract with Atty based in USA, the company is in real estate business, and wants to use Innorios virtual reality technology to give immersive virtual tours to her real estate's clients in the US.

- Rwanda company in publication and content development, kick started negotiation for partnership on content development.



Rwanda Heroes Day

The Rwandan Community in Zimbabwe on the 5th of February celebrated National Heroes Day and in the spirit of heroism, members pledged 12,000USD to support medical insurance for about 4000 Rwandans back home.

In his remarks Ambassador James Musoni, highlighted qualities of a Hero and singled out President Paul Kagame as a living hero due to his extra-ordinary leadership right from the time of struggle to date.

The Rwandan Community in Zimbabwe exchanged notes on heroism and commended efforts of Rwandan Heroes. They committed to follow them by contributing to the development programs of their country.



Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources of Rwanda Hon. Ildephonse Musafiri meet with the CEO Mr Francis Masheka, of AFC Holdings



Hon. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze Minister of Trade and Industry of Rwanda, during the 11th meeting of African Continental Free Trade Area of Ministers Responsible for Trade in Botswana



JCI Africa & the Middle East Conference which was held in Victoria falls, Zimbabwe. JCI Rwanda was officially announced as the next year 2024 host country.



In the middle Mr Victor Amaronson JCI Global President, on his right Ms Clementine Mukamanya JCI President Rwanda Chapter, on his left Mrs Nikuze Nkusi Euphrasie a diplomat at Rwanda Embassy in Harare

