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Joy as President Kagame is inaugurated



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President Kagame

After taking the Oath of Office as President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame said on Sunday, August 11, that the new five-year term is “the beginning of even more hard work.”

President Kagame, who got 99 per cent in the July elections amid a wave of popular support, thanked Rwandans for renewing his presidency and giving him “the privilege to serve our country.”

“Our focus now returns to the future,” he said in his inaugural address.

“For the last thirty years, our country has been a good work-in-progress. This new mandate means the beginning of even more hard work,” President Kagame told tens of thousands of people who packed the magnificent Amahoro Stadium to witness the President’s swearing in. “Why not do even better than we have done? That expectation to keep

improving is not a dream, it is realistic. We can do it, and we will do it.”

“Throughout our campaign here, it was always humbling to hear the slogan ‘Ni wowe,’ meaning “It’s you.”

He said that with the hundreds of thousands of Rwandans who showed up to his rallies, the electoral campaign was “a period of joy and satisfaction for all of us.”

“That reality is undeniable. It stems from

the spirit of togetherness among Rwandans and shared determination to own our future,” said President Kagame, who swore to consolidate national unity, among other constitutional duties.

“This is exactly what we have been working for all these years. Rather than leaving behind new divisions to be healed, our political process is designed to renew and deepen our unity,” he noted.



H.E Mnangagwa attends President Kagame inauguration



President Emmerson Mnangagwa of Zimbabwe attended the inauguration ceremony of his counterpart, President Paul Kagame, who won last month's general elections in the East African nation.

President Mnangagwa joined other world leaders who attended the historic investiture of President Kagame to serve his fourth term in office.

President Kagame won the July 15 elections by a landslide, capturing 99,18 percent of the vote.

His two competitors, Frank Habineza of the Democratic Green Party of Rwanda got 0,5 percent, while independent candidate Philippe Mpayimana received 0,32 percent of the votes.

President Kagame met with President Mnangagwa. The two Heads of State reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the existing fruitful cooperation between Rwanda and Zimbabwe.



HE President Masisi attends President Kagame's inauguration



His Excellency Mokgweetsi Masisi joined other Heads of State from across Africa, & Heads of International & Regional Organisations at the inauguration of Rwanda's President, Paul Kagame.





On 14 July 2024, #Rwandans in #Zimbabwe exercised their constitutional rights of voting for the President of the Republic of Rwanda and Parliamentarians of their choice. #RwandaDecides



International elections observers commend Rwanda elections



International election observers have praised Rwanda for maintaining a “peaceful electoral environment” and meticulous management during the recently concluded general elections.

In a joint statement read during a press conference in the Rwandan capital of Kigali,

the observers, representing organizations such as the East African Community (EAC), the African Union (AU), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), and the Economic Community of Central African States, commended the electoral process.

Having interacted with key stakeholders and observed the

campaigning, voting, counting, and tallying, the observers noted that “the electoral, political and security environment in the Republic of Rwanda before, during and immediately after the elections has been calm and peaceful.”

They also acknowledged the diligent work of the National Electoral Commission (NEC) of Rwanda and other institutions

responsible for managing the electoral process in accordance with the electoral calendar, said the statement.

“The electoral process was conducted in a calm and peaceful environment that enabled the candidates to campaign freely,” said David Maraga, Kenya’s former chief justice and head of the EAC Election Observation Mission, at the press conference.

Jorge Carlos de Almeida Fonseca, former president of Cape Verde and head of the joint AU-COMESA Election Observation Mission to Rwanda, commended Rwanda for self-financing its elections, using cost-effective equipment, and establishing polling stations in places such as hospitals.

Fonseca also observed that priority was given to persons with disabilities, the elderly, and expectant and nursing mothers during the voting process.

“All the polling stations visited had sufficient security personnel whose conduct was professional and non-obstructive,” he added.

Fonseca hailed the Rwandan culture of celebrating elections and voting as “a patriotic duty through associating the process with national colors, culture, and music to promote tolerance and cohesion.”



On 22 July 2024, Ambassador delivered a lecture to the officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and other Government departments that attended a Diplomatic Training Course at Zimbabwe Foreign Service Institute.

President Kagame headlines Liberation Day celebrations



President Paul Kagame, on July 4, said Rwanda will not be absent where there is a need for humanitarian action, noting that Rwandans know very well the value of peace.

He was speaking before thousands of Rwandans and friends of Rwanda gathered at the newly renovated ultramodern 45,000 seater Amahoro stadium to mark 30 years of Liberation.

The 30th Liberation Anniversary celebrates the triumph of the RPF-Inkotanyi

and its armed wing over the genocidal regime that orchestrated and executed the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

The national celebrations were marked with a military parade by the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF) and Rwanda National Police, cultural dance by the national cultural troupe Urukurereza, and performances by different artistes.

To many Rwandans, it is an occasion to honor the heroes and heroines who lost their lives on the battlefield

while fighting for the dream of a free country that the young people and survivors are now living in.

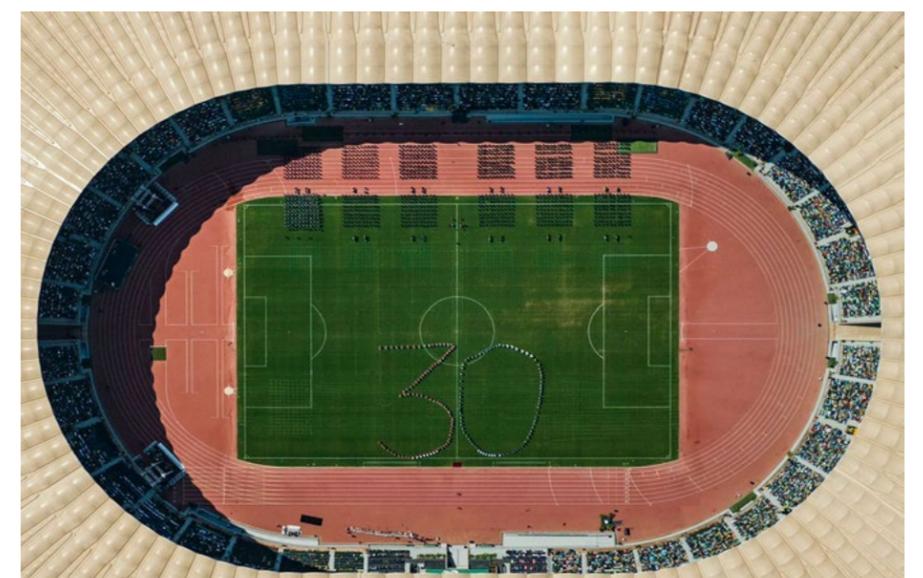
In his address, President Kagame noted that on July 4, Rwandans are better and stronger than ever, and they continue to march forward to the likelihood of the parade by the men and women of defense and security forces.

At the stadium, he reminded people how 30 years ago, it was a site of refuge and rescue as Rwandans flooded from the surrounding neighborhoods to seek safety

which they got thanks to the Rwanda Patriotic Army.

The rescue was done countless times all across the country until July 4 when Kigali was captured and genocidal forces fled to neighbouring countries, marking a new beginning to rebuild Rwanda from ashes.

“On July 4th, we express our thanks to those who liberated Rwanda and remember those who gave their lives. Our army and security forces are a powerful symbol of unity and safety,” President Kagame said.



Rwanda celebrates 30th anniversary of Liberation Day (Kwibohora 30)



The Rwandan Embassy and Rwandans living in Zimbabwe on Thursday, July 11, celebrated the 30th anniversary of Liberation Day (Kwibohora 30) with the Zimbabwean government paying tribute to President Paul Kagame for Rwanda's donation of 1,000 metric tonnes of maize grain to the El Nino ravaged country.

Zimbabwe's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Frederick Shava thanked President Kagame for the donation, during Kwibohora 30 celebrations held at the residence of Rwanda's envoy to Zimbabwe in Harare.

Shava said Zimbabwe will forever remember this generous donation. Shava said the humanitarian assistance from Rwanda will alleviate effects of the El Nino induced drought.

Ambassador James Musoni said Rwanda and Zimbabwe have become so close and the donation was a clear statement that Rwanda and Zimbabwe are one people.

"When His Excellency President Mnangagwa made an appeal regarding the hardships brought about by El Nino, his brother, His Excellency Paul Kagame heard it and immediately he has dispatched 1,000 metric tonnes of maize in support of his brother and the people of Zimbabwe to cope with this challenge," Ambassador Musoni said.



RwandAir catalyst for Rwanda-Zim trade growth

As Rwanda's official airline, RwandAir has solidified its reputation as a dependable and passenger-focused carrier.

Boasting a young fleet of aircrafts and an extensive route network spanning Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East, RwandAir ensures a smooth and enjoyable travel journey for its customers. RwandAir is praised for its warm and hospitable service.

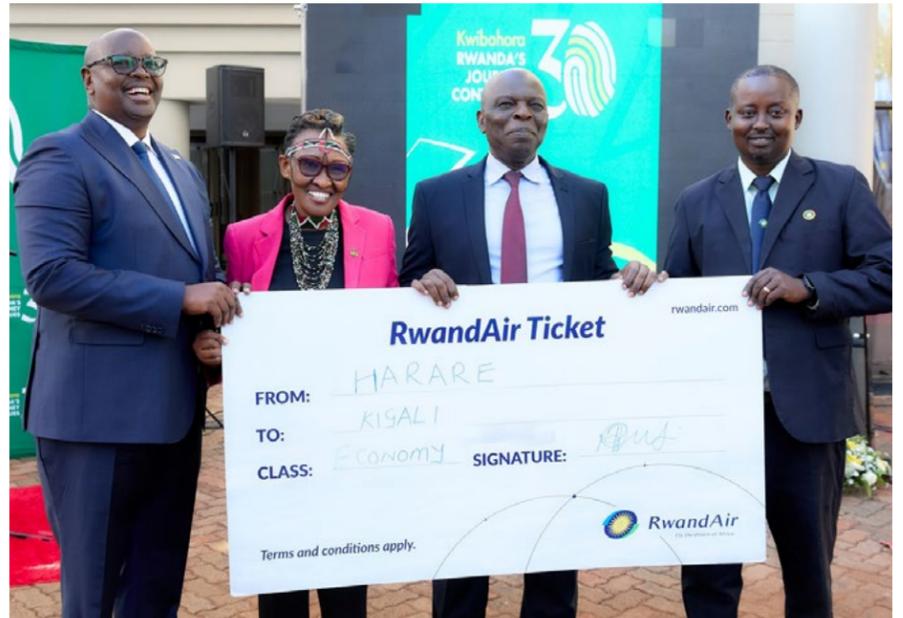
With its daily direct flights between Kigali and Harare, RwandAir is playing a crucial role as a catalyst for strengthening trade, economic and people to

people relations between the sisterly countries.

In addition, RwandAir operates direct flights between Harare and Cape Town and Harare and Lusaka. The flights to Cape Town offering Zimbabweans an opportunity to visit the tourist destination. And the flights to Lusaka offering Zimbabweans opportunities for business travel between the two neighbourly Southern Africa nations.

Similarly, South Africans and Zambians wishing to visit Zimbabwe for business and tourism destinations have easy access to do so courtesy of RwandAir.

The Harare-Cape Town



The winner of the RwandAir draw conducted during Liberation Day celebrations in Harare, Ambassador of Ghana to Zimbabwe Mr. Alexander Ntrakwa (second from right) was over the moon.

direct flights are on Tuesday and Thursday and Sunday. While Harare-Lusaka direct

flights are on Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday's and Saturdays.



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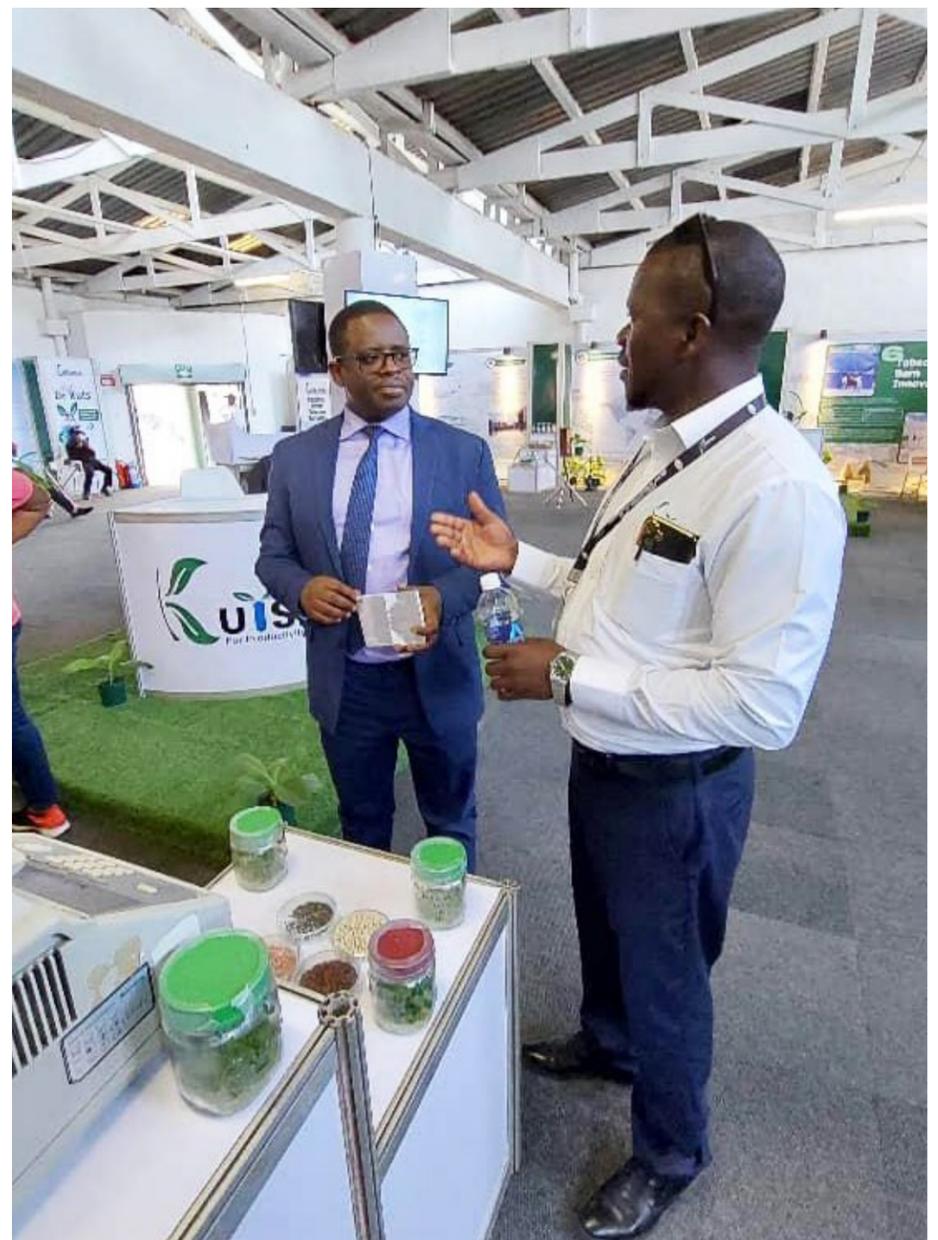
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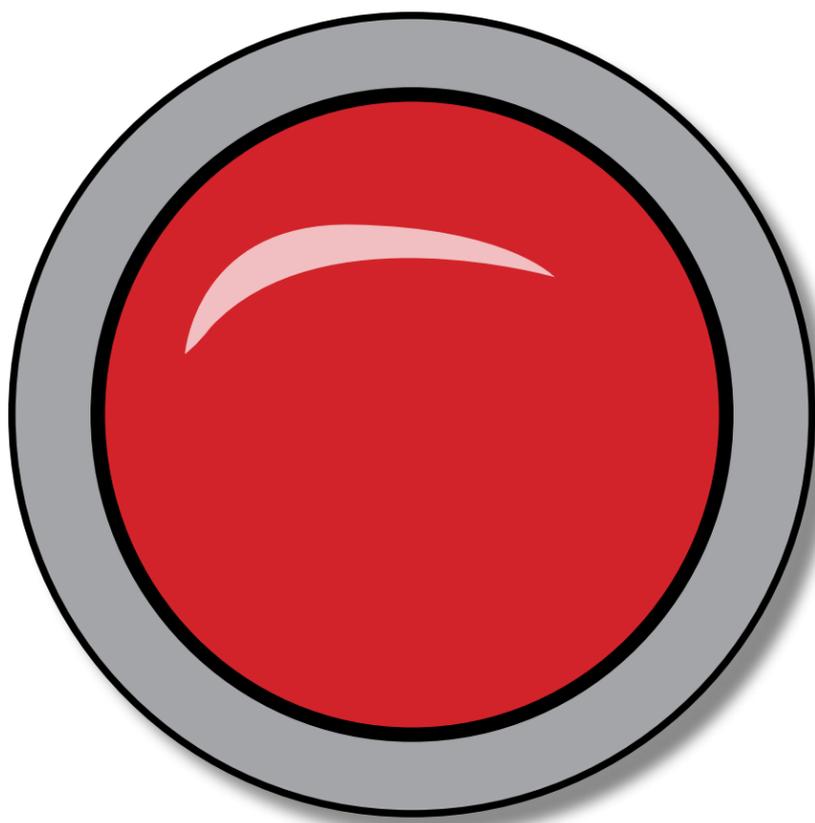


The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture of Rwanda, Dr. Kamana Olivier, attended the official opening of the 114th edition of the Harare Agriculture Show held at Harare Show grounds and conducted a tour of exhibitors. The PS also held a bilateral engagement with his Zimbabwean counterpart, Prof. O. Jiri, and discussed the progress of implementing the MoU of cooperation signed between the two countries. The two agreed to convene a meeting before the end of September 2024 to review priority areas of implementation in the agriculture sector.



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