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Zimbabwe, which has been affected by prolonged El Nino induced drought, on Thursday, September 19 took delivery of a 1000-metric ton maize flour donation from Rwanda.

The drought has rendered half of Zimbabwe's more than 15 million population food insecure during the 2024-2025 season.

Rwanda's Ambassador to Zimbabwe James Musoni presented the donation to Zimbabwe's Minister of Local Government and Public Works Daniel Garwe at the Grain Marketing Board's Aspindale Depot in the capital Harare.

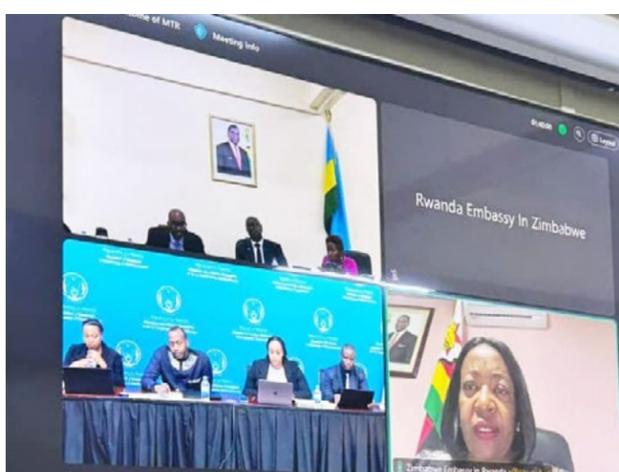


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Amb JM represented HE Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda at the Inauguration Ceremony of HE Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana

Rwanda and Zimbabwe held an Inter-Ministerial meeting the mid-review (MTR) of the second session of JPCC



On 12th November 2024, Rwanda and Zimbabwe held an Inter-Ministerial meeting to review on the progress of implementation of the outcomes of the mid-review(MTR) of the second session of JPCC between the two sister countries.

Both sides acknowledged the long standing fraternal relations between Rwanda and Zimbabwe which have continued to grow since the signing of agreement of cooperation.

They took note of the good progress in the implementation of signed agreements and MoUs and committed to expedite the implementation of those that are not at the satisfactory level.

Rwanda, Zim strengthen cooperation in prisons and corrections services



In a significant step towards enhancing prison management and rehabilitation practices, Rwanda and Zimbabwe have committed to deepening their co-operative efforts through a recently

signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

This agreement is designed to facilitate the sharing of best practices and bolster mutual support for prison facilities in both nations, a move seen as pivotal in addressing the

challenges faced by their correctional systems.

Rwandan Commissioner General Everiste Murenzi was recently in Zimbabwe, where he was attending a graduation ceremony for five officers who had completed a year-

long Senior Management Development Course in Harare.

This event marks a milestone in the professional development of correctional officers in both countries.



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On 6th Dec 2024, CG E. MURENZI and Amb. J. MUSONI, attended the graduation ceremony of 44 officers from ZPCS and RCA, in Senior management development course in corrections. The event was officiated by Hon. Cd. Ziyambi Ziyambi, the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliament Affairs.



Hon. Prof Dr. Amon Murwira attends his first meeting with the African Group of Ambassadors

Hon. Prof Dr. Amon Murwira met the African Group of Ambassadors for the first time since his appointment with discussions centered on how Africa can be transformed into a global powerhouse under the African Union's Agenda 2063, the Africa we want.

The Minister assured the Ambassadors that the Zimbabwean government, through MoFAIT, is committed to working with the African Group of Ambassadors to deepen bilateral relations and push the continent's development agenda with the zeal and determination needed.



Amb. James Musoni held a meeting with Rwandan Community in Zimbabwe



On 16 November 2024, Amb. JM and Embassy team held a meeting with Rwandan Community in Zimbabwe and discussed development programs in Rwanda and their contribution to the development of the country.

Rwandan Students perform Rwanda culture during the culture night hosted by ARRUPE Jesuit University in Harare



On 2 November 2024, Rwanda Embassy attended the culture night organised and hosted by ARRUPE Jesuit University in Harare, to support Rwandan students that show cased Rwandan culture and dances.

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in Africa, a position it has maintained since 2023 due to its visa-free regime, according to the latest report on Africa Visa Openness.

The authors of the Africa Visa Openness Index (AVOI) 2024 also ranked Benin, The Gambia, and Seychelles as leading countries in first place

of visa openness for offering visa-free access to all Africans.

The report is a joint initiative of the African Development Bank and the African Union (AU) Commission.

AVOI measures the extent to which African countries are open to visitors from

other African countries. It analyses each country's visa requirements to show which nations on the continent most facilitate travel to their territory.

The report indicates that the top 10 countries scored an average of 0.910. Eight countries decreased their score, 17 countries increased their score, and 29 countries maintained their score.

It highlights that nine top 20 performers are low-income countries whereby three of them are landlocked, including Rwanda.

However, when it comes to reciprocity, Rwandans need visa when traveling to 16 African countries, visa-on-arrival when traveling to 16 African countries, and visa required when traveling to 21 countries.

When the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Olivier Nduhungirehe recently, he said that holding a visa-free regime was a political decision taken by Rwanda and is not subjected to reciprocity.

RwandAir Expands new cargo destination in Zimbabwe



Rwanda's national carrier, RwandAir, has announced the addition of a new cargo destination in Zimbabwe, further expanding its growing cargo network.

The route marks RwandAir's eighth cargo destination across Africa and the Middle East.

Other destinations include Kigali (Rwanda), Nairobi (Kenya), Entebbe (Uganda), Brazzaville (Republic of the Congo), Bangui (Central African Republic), Djibouti, and Sharjah

and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"We are thrilled to introduce Harare, Zimbabwe, as our eighth cargo destination! This milestone inaugural ad-hoc cargo flight highlights our commitment to enhancing connectivity, supporting global trade, and solidifying our position as a leading cargo carrier in the region," the airline announced in a statement on Wednesday.

RwandAir plays a crucial role in Rwanda's economy, facilitating the transportation of fresh produce, medical supplies, and other essential goods. The new destinations will enhance market reach, offering cargo

services to a wider range of businesses and consumers, thereby driving the diverse and growing economy of both the country and the continent.

In November 2022, RwandAir acquired its first dedicated freighter, significantly improving its cargo services. Previously, the airline relied on passenger planes to transport goods. The Boeing B737-8SF freighter, with a capacity of approximately 23.9 tons and a range of 2,620 kilometers, offers cost-efficient operations compared to other cargo aircraft.

Later, in May 2023, RwandAir further strengthened its cargo services through a partnership

with Qatar Airways. This collaboration led to the establishment of a new cargo hub in Kigali, aiming to position the city as a central air cargo hub in Africa. As part of the initiative, Qatar Airways introduced a Boeing 777x freighter to Kigali, enhancing the airline's capacity for regional and international cargo transport.

The airline's continued commitment to expanding its cargo services is set to bolster Rwanda's economic growth and strengthen its position as a vital logistics hub in Africa.



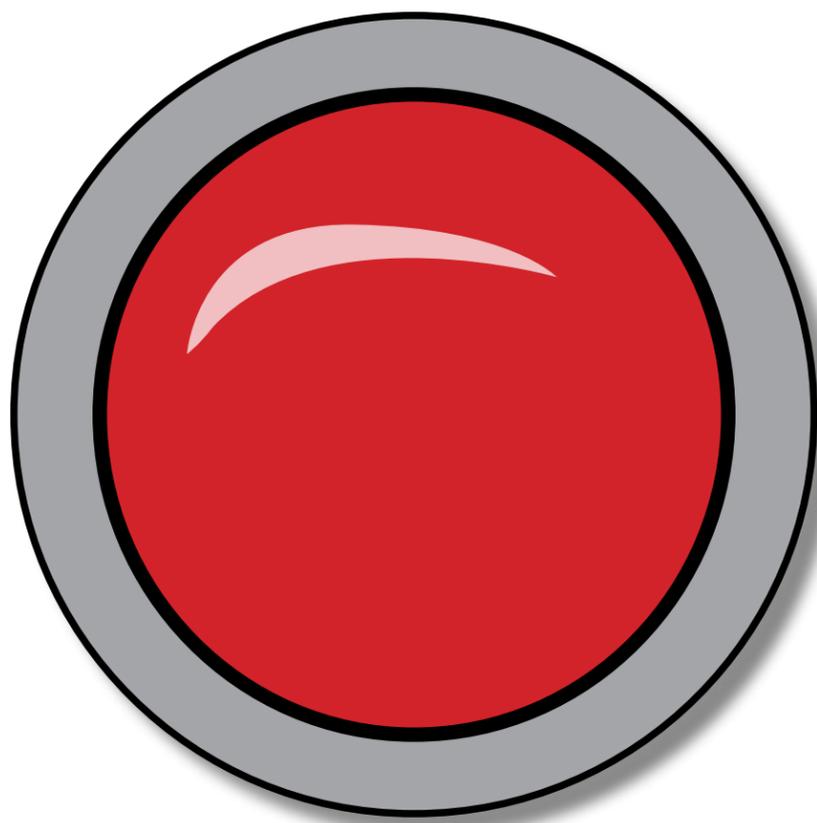
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Ambassador James Musoni and the Embassy team attended the exhibition show organised by Diplomatic Spouses Association in Zimbabwe known as "DSA Diplomatic BAZAAR 2024". During the event, Embassies showcased their countries' rich traditions, cuisine, crafts cultural diversity. The event attracted over 1000 participants, composed of exhibitors and visitors. A RwandAir return ticket from Harare to Kigali was won among the raffle prizes.

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