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The life of my generation has been a recurring cycle of genocidal violence, in 30-year intervals from the early 1960s to 1994 to the signs we see in our region today in 2024. Only a new generation of young people have the ability to renew and redeem a nation after genocide. Our job was to provide the space and the tools for them to break the cycle.

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PRESIDENT KAGAME PART SPEECH: 30th commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsi



A notable example of solidarity came to us from South Africa, one among many. Indeed the entire arc of our continent's hopes and agonies could be seen over those few months of 1994. As South Africa ended apartheid and elected Nelson Mandela president, in Rwanda the last genocide of the 20th century was being carried out.

Dear friends, excellencies, heads of state and government and first ladies from our heads of state and the government and former first ladies and heads of delegations, special guests...

Today, our hearts are filled with grief and gratitude in equal measure. We remember our dead

and are also grateful for what Rwanda has become.

To the survivors among us, we are in your debt.

Today, we are thinking of you as well. Our tears flow inward, but we carry on as a family. Countless Rwandans also resisted the call to genocide. Some paid the ultimate price for that courage, and we honour their memory.

Our journey has been long and tough. Rwanda was completely humbled by the magnitude of our

loss. And the lessons we learned are engraved in blood.

Today, we also feel a particular gratitude to all the friends and representatives here with us from around the world. We are deeply honoured by your presence alongside us on this very heavy day. The contributions you have made to Rwanda's rebirth are enormous and have helped us to stand where we are now.

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This was highlighted during the third edition of the Rwanda-Zimbabwe Business Forum which was held in Kigali in April and brought together business leaders, investors, industry captains, and government officials to explore more areas of trade and investment cooperation.

The two-day forum served as a platform of exchange and networking between business communities of the two countries to build on existing cooperation agreements in place to drive bilateral ties, and chart new avenues of investments and creating enabling frameworks.

Francis Gatare, CEO of Rwanda Development Board (RDB),



commended the first two editions of the forum which took place in Kigali and Harare, respectively, whereby several agreements and partnerships

were struck up between both the private sector and government.

The partnerships span across various sectors including

ICT, agriculture and livestock, e-Government, education, energy, infrastructure, among others.

Zim, Rwanda explore new areas of cooperation



Rwanda Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr Vincent Biruta, said the business forum represents the deepening relations between Rwanda and Zimbabwe.

“Your presence here today signifies the deepening of our bilateral relations and the commitment to foster greater economic cooperation between our two nations. In recent years, we have witnessed a notable increase in economic collaboration between Rwanda and Zimbabwe. “We must seize the occasion this

forum presents to foster strategic economic partnerships that will benefit our respective people,” he said.

Mr Biruta also said it is important for the two countries to leverage on areas they enjoy competitive advantages.

“Rwanda and Zimbabwe share a common will for inclusive growth, sustainable development, and entrepreneurship.

“By working together we can unlock new opportunities, accelerate investment flows, and create an environment for businesses to thrive.

“As we navigate a complex global landscape, it is essential to identify and capitalise on emerging trends and market dynamics.



Minister of State Hon. James Kabarebe welcomed Hon. Sheillah Chikomo, Zimbabwe’s Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade who is in Rwanda for the just concluded Rwanda-Zimbabwe Business Forum.

They discussed further deepening bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and Zimbabwe.





A delegation of officials from #Zimbabwe led by Hon. Sheillah Chikomo, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, laid wreaths at the burial place in honour of victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi & toured exhibits to learn more about the history of Genocide

AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA TO ZIMBABWE MR JAMES MUSONI'S REMARKS DURING THE 2024 ZIMBABWE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FARE

It is with the utmost respect for protocol and diplomatic decorum that I extend this heartfelt salutation to each of you. Assembled here today before our very eyes are individuals of unparalleled distinction representing the diverse tapestry of our global community. Welcome esteemed delegates to this auspicious occasion.

Introduction

It is with great honor that I stand before you at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair's Diplomats' Forum, themed "Fostering Economic Partnerships through Entrepreneurship." This forum serves as a vital platform for dialogue and collaboration among diplomats, government officials, and leaders from the business community. Today, we gather to discuss and envision how concerted efforts in entrepreneurship can serve as catalysts for economic development both in Zimbabwe and across the region.

Definition: Entrepreneurship involves challenging the status quo by launching and developing innovative business ideas aimed at solving problems and achieving specific economic goals.

Progress of Zimbabwe in Entrepreneurship

Zimbabwe has made remarkable strides in promoting entrepreneurship, as seen by creative reforms and calculated measures that have significantly improved the economic climate. A



significant step toward economic stabilization, the recent adoption of a new currency under the 2024 Monetary Policy offers a refreshed framework for investment and growth. This audacious move is in line with Zimbabwe's more comprehensive economic policies, which are meant to improve economic resilience.

Role of Government in Promoting Entrepreneurship

The government plays a crucial role in creating an enabling environment that allows businesses to flourish by implementing policies that reduce barriers to market entry and growth, thus fostering a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Interview

Rwanda's unconventional approach resolved the 1994 genocide against Tutsi



April 7, 2024 marks the start of Rwanda's Kwibuka 30, the 30th commemorations of the Genocide against the Tutsi ethnic group, which began on April 7, 1994. This year, commemorations were held under the theme, "Remember Unite Renew".

NewsDay Digital and Online editor Silence Mugadzaweta (ND) interviewed ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda to Zimbabwe, James Musoni (JM) who chronicled how Rwanda has fared since the 1994 genocide.

ND: The Republic of Rwanda is commemorating 30 years after the genocide against the Tutsi. Kindly share with us how the journey has been so far, can you highlight the challenges and successes?

JM: After the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, the country faced immense challenges as it grappled with the aftermath of this devastating event such as: human loss and trauma where over one million lives were lost, infrastructure destruction, displacement and disruption where millions of people were displaced from their homes and a post-genocide unity creation.

Rwanda needed an unconventional approach to deal with the deep breach of the social fabric that began even before the genocide.

Despite the immense challenges, Rwanda has made remarkable success. The country has focused on rebuilding to ensure that genocide never happens again. The successes are evident in our resilient communities, fast growing economy, good governance and restored national identity. Thanks to the extraordinary leadership of His Excellency Paul Kagame.

ND: Can you explain the significance of the commemorations of the genocide against the Tutsi to Rwanda and Africa?

JM: By acknowledging our painful history, we honour the victims and ensure that their suffering is not forgotten, it seeks to unite people in the fight against the crime of genocide, genocide ideology and genocide denial as well as encouraging a collective commitment to justice where perpetrators wherever they may be, are held accountable.

The commemoration of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi holds deep significance for Rwanda and the African continent. It serves as a solemn reminder of the dangers of hate and division while reinforcing our commitment to unity, peace and reconciliation. These commemorations are vital in educating the younger generations and the international community, ensuring that the world never forgets and that such history never repeats itself.

ND: How has the journey of national healing and reconciliation been so far? What else needs to be done to bring people together?

JM: Rwanda's journey towards healing and reconciliation has not been easy but the country serves as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of forgiveness. The reconciliation process in Rwanda focused on reconstructing the Rwandan identity, inclusive and people-centred governance, as well as balancing justice and peace and security in the country.

ND: Rwanda's Genocide Fugitives Tracking Unity (GFTU) indicated that it has issued 1 146 indictments and arrest warrants against genocide fugitives in 33 countries. Are these countries co-operating? What challenges are you facing in this regard?

JM: The Genocide Fugitives Tracking Unit plays a crucial role in seeking



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justice for the victims of the genocide. We have seen varying levels of co-operation from international partners, where some countries have actively collaborated in apprehending fugitives and others are still reluctant. However, Rwanda remains committed to pursuing justice, emphasising the importance of global solidarity in bringing genocide perpetrators to justice.

ND: How has dissemination of hate speech and politicisation of identity affected your efforts at peace and reconciliation?

JM: Hate speech undermines the fundamental rights and values of people as well as social cohesion. Rwanda has taken significant steps to prevent hate speech and politicisation of identity through legislation, education, and community programmes. Of course challenges still exist because in our region hate speech and politicisation of identity are visible.

ND: What steps has Rwanda taken to improve bilateral relations with Zimbabwe?

JM: Rwanda and Zimbabwe enjoy cordial relations cemented by their diplomatic representation in each other's capital. Both Countries have actively worked to enhance bilateral relations, focusing on diplomatic, trade, investment and cultural exchanges. So far over 20 MoUs and agreements have been signed between our two countries and are being implemented. For example, the Rwanda-Zimbabwe Trade and Investment Conference that took place in Kigali last month provided a platform for cementing business deals by private sector actors. These efforts reflect our shared goals of development, peace and prosperity.

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the 30th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi. Rwanda and Zimbabwe signed the extradition treaty in 2022 as part of efforts to account for individuals who participated in the genocide against the Tutsi in 1994 in which more than one million people were killed in cold blood. Musoni said Rwanda is expecting the ratification of the treaty

to be concluded soon. The ambassador said this during 30th commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsi (Kwibuka30) held in Harare, Zimbabwe on Thursday, April 11, 2024. "Let me take this opportunity to thank the Government of Zimbabwe for signing an extradition treaty with Rwanda aimed at extraditing to the other, upon request, any person who is wanted for prosecution of an extraditable offence," Musoni said, adding "We expect its ratification to be concluded soon." Musoni urged countries across the

world to enact laws that facilitates the arrest of genocide fugitives who are still roaming in different parts of the world.



"Our presence today at the commemoration is not only a demonstration of our solidarity with you and your country, Dear Ambassador, but this is also our way to express our admiration to your country's visionary leadership under President Paul Kagame, in steering Rwanda towards national healing, reconciliation, peace, as well as inclusive and sustainable development."

ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR
MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS,
PEARSON CHIGIJI



OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS MR. PEARSON T. CHIGIJI, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS SEGMENT OF THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE JOINT PERMANENT COMMISSION ON COOPERATION BETWEEN ZIMBABWE AND RWANDA: HARARE: 27-28 MAY 2024

Firstly, allow me to acknowledge the excellent bilateral relations that subsist between the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Republic of Rwanda. I am pleased to say that since we embarked on the journey of our Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation in 2020; our relationship continues to grow from strength to strength. In addition, the continued engagements by our two Presidents at various fora and the continued exchange of high-level visits, testify to our blossoming relationship.

Co-Chair and Dear Brother,

One of the many recent engagements by our two Heads of State relates to the visit to Zimbabwe by His Excellency President Paul Kagame in April 2023. President Kagame participated at the Transform Africa Summit which took place in Victoria Falls from 26th to the 28th of April 2023. This Summit was attended by several Heads of State and various key stakeholders where fruitful discussions on how the continent could harness the power of digital information communication technologies towards sustainable economic development were discussed.

President Paul Kagame's visit to Zimbabwe was preceded by His Excellency President Dr. Emmerson Mnangagwa's visit to Rwanda in September 2022, where he participated in the African Green Revolution Forum at the invitation of his counterpart.



In July 2022, Honourable Dr. Vincent Biruta held a memorable two-day Official Visit to Zimbabwe, at the invitation of his counterpart, Honourable Frederick Shava, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The visit resulted in the signing of three important Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in the Fields of Air Transportation, Extradition and Immigration.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JAMES MUSONI, HEAD OF DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA TO THE MIDTERM REVIEW MEETING ON THE 2ND JOINT PERMANENT COMMISSION ON COOPERATION BETWEEN RWANDA AND ZIMBABWE - 27TH-28TH May 2024

Today, as we review our achievements and challenges, I am pleased to report that our joint endeavours have yielded remarkable results in various key sectors for example in the political and diplomatic sector, our relations have grown to a remarkable level, where both countries support each other in regional, continental and international matters of common interest.

Under Education sector, more than 150 educational personnel from Zimbabwe have been in Rwanda reinforcing our teaching working force for almost two years now. We have also recorded remarkable achievements in our Defence and Security sector, there have been exchanges and training of senior and Junior officers in the army, and correctional service.

In energy sector, Rwanda Energy Group (REG) and ZESA completed the pilot street lighting project in Harare and also finalized the access masterplan advisory services and many other projects in the pipeline. Last but not least – the trade and Investment sector, both countries have been hosting the business forum on rotation basis, the recent one took place in Rwanda in March 2024 and a number of businesses are being established in both countries as a result of the excellent cooperation between our sisterly nations.





The Mid-Term Review of the 2nd Session of the Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation between Zimbabwe and Rwanda





Minister of State for National Treasury Richard Tusabe hosted Hon. David Kudakwashe Mnangagwa, Deputy Minister of Finance from Zimbabwe, for a benchmarking working visit recently. They had insightful discussions on Rwanda's Economic transformation journey.





Deputy Governor @SorayaMHLive welcomed Hon. David Kudakwashe Mnangagwa, Deputy Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion of the Republic of Zimbabwe and his delegation for a benchmarking visit recently.

Discussions focused on the role of the National Bank of #Rwanda in Public Finance Management, as well as policies and strategies to ensure smooth implementation of accrual International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs) to achieve a sound financial system.





Rwanda Cooperation welcomed recently Hon. David Kudakwashe Mngangwa at RCI Governance center, Deputy Minister of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment Promotion of Zimbabwe, and his delegation for a benchmarking visit on financial investment sector development.





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Diplomats accredited to Botswana, religious leaders and Friends of Rwanda attended the commemoration event under the theme, "Remember-Unite-Renew" in Gaborone,

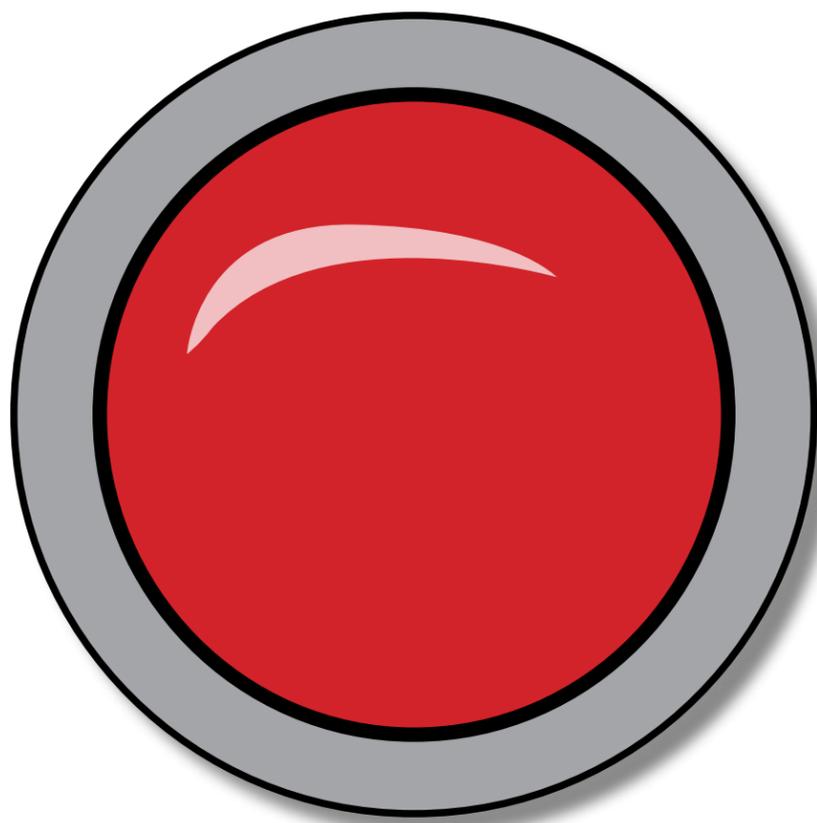
Botswana's capital.

While addressing the attendees, Mr. Vianney Karangwa, the First Secretary who represented James Musoni, the High Commissioner to Botswana resident in Zimbabwe, said that as they commemorate the 30th Kwibuka, they also remember the braveness, sacrifice and patriotism of young men and women formed under the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) led by President Paul Kagame that gallantly fought to stop the genocide against the Tutsi.



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