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The Rwandan Young Professionals Conference was held the last weekend of May in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, and it brought together many accomplished people from the Rwandan Diaspora to help inspire and equip young Rwandan professionals in the diaspora to support and be a part of Rwanda's Development Agenda Goals for 2050. The event was led by 22 speakers and panelists, including the Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda Dr. Edouard Ngirente who gave the keynote address.

The conference sought to accomplish 6 important objectives including: Designing a road map with programs tailored to enhancing young Rwandans involvement in the sectors of ICT, Public Health, Banking and Investments, and the virtual delivery of products regardless of distance or location, Emphasizing the role of education in Rwandan social economic recovery, and Defining patriotism and nation building, promoting self-reliance and agaciro, and encouraging innovation and job creation.
President Paul Kagame at the Forefront of Technology & Innovation

**VivaTech 2019**

President Kagame was invited to speak at the annual VivaTech 2019 conference in Paris, which serves as a gathering place for individuals at the forefront of technological advancement. The President spoke to what Rwanda is doing to prioritize technological advancement within the country, as well as his future goals for Rwanda's continued technological growth.

**Transform Africa Summit**

President Kagame gave the opening keynote remarks for the 5th Annual Transform Africa Summit which was held in Kigali. The President spoke to the necessity of technological mastery and emphasized that the time to build skills and infrastructure is now. The President was joined by the leaders of Kenya and Mali, along with Sofia the humanoid robot.

**UN Broadband Commission**

President Kagame co-chaired the UN Broadband Commission meeting which was hosted by Facebook. He addressed the group on development and the reduction of hate speech on social media sites and forums.
The Rwandan Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources was awarded the Edouard Saouma Award from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The winning project focused on the establishment of Rwandan Youth Involvement in Agriculture. Rwanda has actively been investing in the education of future agricultural professionals. In addition to efforts in-country, there are currently 157 Rwandan students at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, who are gaining skills in Agricultural Sciences. They will be equipped to lead not only Rwanda, but also the world, with new developments and ideas to revolutionize Agriculture. You can follow their activities @FutureAgLeaders on Twitter.
Upcoming Events

Kwibohora
July 4th

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Liberation and 57 years of Independence for Rwanda. The Embassy will host a reception in celebration of this holiday in Dallas, Texas at the sidelines of the North America Rwanda Convention. Formal invitation to follow.

North America Rwanda Convention
July 5th - 7th

The North America Rwanda Convention will be celebrating the progress that Rwanda has achieved, showcasing the choices that were made, and the results that were yielded. It will also be an opportunity to examine the role of diaspora in sustaining the growth.