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President Kagame met with the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for a discussion on regional security and solutions that support regional mechanisms and processes. They also discussed UN-Rwanda areas of partnerships in peacekeeping, and achieving SDGs among others.

President Kagame meets President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique



This evening in Addis Ababa, President Kagame met with President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique. The two leaders discussed ongoing areas of bilateral cooperation including the partnership to restore security in Mozambique's Cabo Delgado Province, among others.



President Kagame attends Extra-Ordinary Summit of EAC

On February 4, President Kagame attended an Extra-Ordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State on the security situation in DRC. The summit is chaired by President SE Evariste Ndayishimiye and attended by President Yoweri K Museveni, President Tshisekedi, President Samia Suluhu, and President William Samoei Ruto.



President Kagame meets President of Burundi

On February 17, in Addis Ababa, President Kagame joined other leaders of East African Community for a meeting chaired by President João Lourenço of Angola and President Evariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi to discuss the Nairobi process & Luanda roadmap to address the security situation in Eastern DRC.



President Kagame discusses investment with JP Morgan Venture Capital

Thursday, 23 February - H.E. President Kagame met with Dan Zelikow, Vice Chairman of the Public Sector, and Global Co-Head of Infrastructure Finance and Advisory Group at JP Morgan Venture Capital and delegation.

Discussions: Investment opportunities available in Rwanda.



First Lady receives Buffett Foundation delegation

Wednesday, 15 February - First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame received Professor Senait Fisseha and Randi Clark from the Susan T. Buffett Foundation.

Discussions: Best practices to contribute to the sustainable development of communities, for healthy living.

18th Umushyikirano discusses leadership and census results



The 18th National Dialogue Council - Umushyikirano presided over by President Paul Kagame on February 27 and 28, 2023 came up with 13 resolutions. The gathering was an opportunity to reflect on government programs and reorganize efforts to fast-track their implementation.

The dialogue resolved to boost productivity in agriculture, introduce inter-city buses in the City of Kigali, improve services and internet connectivity,

support the Rwandan Community Abroad in scaling up their contribution to national development, curb inflation among others..

The word Umushyikirano translates to a meeting where participants are able to exchange ideas, share experiences, and question each other. Today Umushyikirano is known as the National Dialogue Council.

More resolutions

Forging Diplomatic Ties: Rwanda and Los Angeles City explore areas of partnerships

From February 23-26th, 2023, Mathilde Mukantabana, the Ambassador of Rwanda to the United States, visited Los Angeles to explore potential areas of partnership between Rwanda and the city. Discussions were held with leaders in various sectors, including law enforcement, education, creative industries, trade, and investment to explore areas of partnership.

Notably, the Ambassador met with Los Angeles' new mayor, Karen Bass, as well as Congressman Curren Price, leaders of the Los Angeles Police Department, Charles R Drew University, and top film production companies.

Ambassador expressed gratitude for the enduring friendship between Rwanda and Los Angeles' new mayor and highlighted the need to "continue the new momentum and find ways to enhance a mutually beneficial relationship between the U.S. and Africa."

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Ambassador Mathilde addresses Congressional Black Caucus



On February 27, Ambassador Mukantabana attended, at the invitation of the Department of State Chief of Protocol, a reception in celebration of the US National Black History Month, hosted in honor of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). The Diplomatic Corps and CBC were invited to conclude the National Black History Month at the Blair House, White House for the first time.

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The event was graced with remarks from the CBC Chair, Representative Steven Horsford, the Chief of Protocol, and Ambassador Mukantabana who represented the Diplomatic Corps. They all spoke of the importance of close international ties. In her remarks, the Ambassador expressed her hope that the CBC will be the essential link to translate the existing partnerships between the US and Africa into operational reality.

Ambassador attends the State of the Union Address



On February 7, At the invitation of the Secretary of State and the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ambassador Mukantabana attended the State of the Union Address by the President of the United States at the Capitol.

Ambassador Mathilde updated the country on the status of the country and what his administration sets up to achieve.

The 21st Annual Rwanda Prayer Banquet-USA in Washington D.C. celebrates faith and unity

On Saturday, February 5, 2023, the 21st Annual Rwanda Prayer Banquet- USA took place in Washington D.C., creating a memorable and thrilling experience for those in attendance. Representing countries such as Rwanda, the United States, Canada, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Gabon, and beyond, attendees gathered from far and wide to participate in the event.



The keynote speakers at the event were:

- Darlington Johnson, the Presiding Bishop of Harvest Intercontinental Ministries Unlimited.
- Dr. Aissa Kirabo Kacyira, the High Commissioner of Rwanda to Ghana.
- Apostle Mignone Alice Kabera, the founder of Women Foundation Ministries.
- Mr. Moses Ndahiro, the Chairman of Rwanda Leaders Fellowship (RLF)
- Mathilde Mukantabana, Ambassador of Rwanda in Washington D.C.

Their messages focused on the importance of rededicating the country to God and supporting leaders, the transformation of Rwanda, its blessings, and the need to maintain unity.

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The event was filled with praise, worship, and Rwandan cultural performances. Attendees were urged to support their country’s leadership and dedicate their work to God for greater purpose, guidance, and strength.

The purpose of the event remains steadfast - to offer prayers for Rwanda, its leaders, and citizens, and to foster unity, faith, and love.



PICTORIAL: RWANDA PRAYER BANQUET 2023



Ambassador Meets with Rwandan Community in California



The Rwandan Community of Southern California (RCA-SC) received Ambassador Mathilde on, her official visit to Los Angeles. Ambassador met the Rwandan Community and the newly-elected executive team on February 25 to discuss the diplomatic relationship-building efforts between Rwanda and the United States.

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At the event, Ambassador shared updates on the progress Rwanda has made in international affairs and spoke about the importance of representing Rwanda positively in the international arena and the community. She stressed the importance of building a database of Rwandan professionals with the goal of promoting knowledge-sharing and skills-building.

To commemorate the increasing impact of Rwandan culture and products in the United States, the meeting was held at the Silverback Rwanda coffee shop which is proudly owned and operated by Rwandan entrepreneur Jack Karuletwa, serves as a testament to the increasing presence of Rwandan products and culture.

At the meeting, members of the Rwandan community and American communities were present in showing their support for Rwanda's rising role in the United States economy. Attendees were present to share their stories about how the Silverback Rwanda coffee shop has served as an important cultural and economic touchstone for the past few years.

Jack Karuletwa spoke about the challenges of bringing Rwandan coffee and other products to the United States and how he has been able to rise to those challenges. He expressed excitement at being able to bring Rwandan culture to Los Angeles, saying "I'm thrilled to bring our culture to Los Angeles, and to share our traditional Rwandan coffee with the world."





Ambassador Mathilde receives students from the CUA

February 8, 2023, Ambassador Mathilde received students from the Catholic University of America, MA program in Human Rights. She provided insights into the history of Rwanda, the reconstruction process after the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, and how leadership has safeguarded the political and economic stability of the country.

Rwandan Students in Nebraska host a gala in honor of Heroes Day

The Rwandan Students Association at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln held its annual gala, Rwanda Night, Saturday, February 18, to celebrate Heroes Day and share Rwanda's vibrant culture with the wider Nebraskan community.

Through music honoring Rwandan heroes, dance, food, and cultural activities, attendees were treated to a taste of Rwanda. The event attracted the community of Nebraska, US, fostering a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for cultural exchange and friendship-building.

Japhet Ingeri, the representative of the Rwandan Students Association at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, spoke about how Rwandan heroes deserve honor and recognition: "Our country came out of a dark place, but we are here today because of the unmatched sacrifices of men and women who kept their efforts, resources, and lives to save our future as a nation."



Lt. Col. Raoul Bazatoha, the Defense Attaché representing Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana in Washington D.C., took the audience through the diverse categories of heroes and their meaning to the history of Rwanda. He highlighted the importance of these heroes and their enduring impact on the nation.

Dr. Ronnie D. Green, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska Lincoln, expressed gratitude for the presence of the Rwandans at the university, referring to them as a 'talented, amazing group of young people': "We have been blessed to have you here, and I have no doubt that you are going to do great things."



Ambassador addresses Indiana Council on World Affairs



February 16, 2023, Today Indiana Council On World Affairs and Sagamore Institute hosted Ambassador Mukantabana to discuss the US-African Union relations: the role and relationship of Rwanda with both. She highlighted collaborative efforts between Rwanda, AU, and the US towards achieving their common objective of advancing Agenda 2063.

Ambassador delivers a lecture to Georgetown Law School



On February 13th, Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana delivered a lecture at Georgetown Law School to delve into the worldwide efforts against impunity, particularly in the context of genocide, war crimes, human rights violations, and international economic crimes.

Embassy receives students participating in NAIMUN 2023

High school students participating in the 2023 Annual North American Invitational Model United Nations; visited the Embassy of Rwanda.

During their visit, they learned about the history of Rwanda from pre-colonial and post-colonial times, and what led to the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. But most importantly, how Rwanda overcame all the hurdles and rebuilt itself as all Rwandans worked together in unity to get where the nation is now.



Embassy receives students participating in International Model African Union Conference

On February 23, the embassy received students from the United States International University - Africa participating in the 21st annual International Model African Union Conference in Washington, D.C.

After several trips to Rwanda, they were keen to learn more and were given a thorough briefing on the governance model of Rwanda, as well as the strategies employed by the country to attain unity, reconciliation, political stability, and thriving economic growth.



RWANDA TVET BOARD

The Rwanda TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) Board is a government agency in Rwanda that is responsible for overseeing TVET programs throughout the country.

The key functions of the Rwanda TVET Board

1. The Rwanda TVET Board is responsible for:

- developing policies and strategies related to TVET in Rwanda. This includes identifying priority sectors and occupations for TVET training and ensuring that TVET programs are aligned with national development priorities.
- accrediting TVET institutions in Rwanda. This ensures that institutions meet certain standards and that students receive high-quality education and training.
- developing TVET curricula that are aligned with industry needs and that provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the job market.

2. The Rwanda TVET Board monitors and evaluates TVET programs to ensure that they are meeting the needs of students and employers and that they are producing graduates with the skills and competencies needed to succeed in the workforce.

3. The Rwanda TVET Board promotes TVET as a viable and valuable education pathway and works to raise awareness of the benefits of TVET among students, parents, and employers.

RWANDA FORENSIC LABORATORY

The Rwanda Forensic Laboratory is a facility that provides forensic analysis and services to support criminal investigations and the justice system in Rwanda. The laboratory employs various forensic techniques and technologies to analyze physical evidence collected from crime scenes, such as DNA, fingerprints, ballistics, toxicology, and digital evidence. The laboratory also offers training to law enforcement and judicial personnel in forensic techniques and provides expert testimony in court proceedings.

Services provided by the Rwanda Forensic Laboratory

1. DNA analysis to identify suspects or victims of crimes, such as rape or murder
2. Fingerprint analysis to match prints found at crime scenes to those in the national database
3. Ballistic analysis to identify firearms used in crimes and match them to bullets and casings found at the scene
4. Toxicology analysis to determine the presence of drugs or alcohol in blood samples
5. Digital forensics analyzes electronic devices and extracts evidence related to cybercrime or other offenses.
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TOUR DU RWANDA SEES PARTICIPATION FROM A FOUR-TIME TOUR DE FRANCE CHAMPION

Chris Froome, a renowned road cyclist, and four-time Tour de France winner, participated in the Tour du Rwanda, which was also attended by the President of Rwanda, H.E Paul Kagame.

Froome, who has also earned two Olympic bronze medals while competing for Great Britain was one of the many skilled riders who competed in the tournament that took place from February 19th to the 26th.



H.E. President Paul Kagame, graced the final stage of the Tour du Rwanda with his presence.

During the Tour du Rwanda, Eritrean cyclist Henok Mulubrhan, who rides for the Italian team Bardiani CSF, emerged as the champion of the 2023 edition. Mulubrhan waited until the last 100 meters to make his move, launching an attack and beating his closest rivals in a narrow sprint to win the stage and ultimately claim the coveted Visit Rwanda Yellow Jersey.



The Tour du Rwanda showcased some of the best cycling talents from across the world and provided an opportunity for riders to experience a part of the circuit that will be used in the 2025 World Championships - a historic event that will take place on African soil for the first time.



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