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# NEWSLETTER

Highlights **April to December 2024**

## 30TH COMMEMORATION OF THE GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI IN 1994 IN RWANDA

7th April 2024 marked the 30th Commemoration of Genocide of Tutsi in 1994 in Rwanda under the theme “Remember-Unite-Renew”.

A significant event in Rwanda that honors the memory of the victims and pays homage to the survivors and to the resilience of Rwandans in general. At the national level, the Commemoration was attended by different dignitaries, including H.E Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali the Prime Minister of Ethiopia.



His Excellency Paul KAGAME, President of Rwanda along with H.E Abiy AHMED, Prime Minister of Ethiopia, paid tribute to the victims of the Genocide at Kigali Memorial Site

On the very Day, the Embassy of Rwanda in Ethiopia in collaboration with the African Union Commission and the Rwandan Community organized Commemoration event in Addis Ababa, at the African Union HQ, preceded by a Walk to remember.



Walk to Remember preceded the 30th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi at the Premises of the African Union

The ceremony inside the Mandela Hall included different activities such as a candle-lighting ceremony as a sign of hope and resilience; a documentary on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda narrating the root causes of the genocide; performance of the students on resilience and the remarks delivered by respective official Speakers.

A minute of silence was observed at mid-Day to pay tribute to the victims of the Genocide.



Rwandans, AU Officials, Diplomatic Corps and Friends of Rwanda observing a minute of silence in remembrance of the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi

H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security said that

*“unfortunately Genocide is not a relic of the past but a stain on our collective conscience that continues to haunt us. ...as seen in its echoes in conflicts around the continent and elsewhere in the world, in the rise of hate speech and xenophobia, and in the indifference that allows atrocities to occur”.*

Amb. Jainaba Jagne, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Gambia to the African Union and the AU Peace and Security Council Chair for the month of April explained that due to the ephemeral nature of human memory, it is of immense importance that the remembrance of this day be used as a moment of deep reflection and opportunity to adopt practical strategies to counter bigotry and hate speech.

H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, AU Commission Deputy Chairperson, on behalf of the Chairperson, stated: “For us at the African Union Commission, we are inspired by the lessons learnt from the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, to put measures and mechanisms in place against hate speech, hate crimes and ethnic intolerance, genocidal ideologies, and xenophobia on the continent.” She commended the Government and the People of the Republic of Rwanda

for their uncommon determination and unwavering commitment to rise above the ashes, embarking on critical conflict transformation to re-build one of the most promising, stable and fastest growing societies on the continent.



Respective Officials delivered remarks on the occasion of the 30th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi

On his turn, Mr. Parfait Onanga-Anyang, Special Representative to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU), highlighted that what happened in Rwanda in 1994, and the years that preceded it, were indeed among the darkest chapters of the 20th Century.

*“The international community failed to protect the Rwandan people, warning signs of impending genocide were ignored, including hate speech, incitement, and the mobilization of militia, and as a result over one million children, women and men faced brutal deaths, in what has been correctly described as a preventable Genocide”.*

Amb. Mesganu Arga Moach, State Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia expressed that “it is a solemn promise, etched in the hearts of all gathered, that such horrific crimes will never again stain the tapestry of human existence and that in paying tribute to the memory of those who perished, their sacrifice serves as a beacon, guiding us towards a world where tolerance and understanding



prevail “. He recalled that some members of UNAMIR courageously went above their duties to safeguard innocent Rwandans while commending Ethiopia’s contribution in its efforts in the peacekeeping efforts in Rwanda and other areas.

Ambassador Maj. Gen.(Rtd) Charles KARAMBA, appreciated the continuous solidarity with the Rwandan people and the unwavering support to the survivors. He reminded the assembly that the Genocide was the culmination of years of ethnically motivated violence that went unchecked and unpunished. He emphasized that in marking the 30th Commemoration of 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, the ‘Renew’ component of its theme serves as a ringing call to the international community, with a view of revitalizing a collective commitment to timely protect and uphold fundamental human rights”



Amb. (Maj. Gen. Rtd) Charles KARAMBA delivering remarks at the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC).

He called for a collective obligation to fight genocide ideology and denial. He further recognized commendable progress in bringing the genocide perpetrators to justice but pointed out the lack of justice against the genocide deniers and revisionist from the International Community. He emphasized the importance for the Council to reiterate its decision to avoid giving room to deniers and revisionists by urging Member States to re-enforce and put in place laws that prohibit and criminalize hate speech and incitement to violence.

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Commemoration of the 1994

**“ Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda**

It is during this time of the year that Rwandans take time to reflect on where the country was in the aftermath of 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi and where it is today. Further more, it is the time we reflect on lives lost of RPA young men and women during the liberation struggle and stopping Genocide, we say to them that your lives were not lost in vain.

H.E. MAJ. GEN. (RTD) CHARLES KARAMBA, AMBASSADOR OF RWANDA TO ETHIOPIA AND PERMANENT REP. TO THE AU

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In solidarity with the Government of Rwanda, the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia illuminated the tour of the HQ of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia in the colors of the Flag of Rwanda.



The 30th Commemoration was preceded by a Statutory meeting of the Peace and Security Council on the Prevention of Genocide and Hate crimes that took place at the African Union (AU).



Rwandans Community in Ethiopia observing a minute of silence during the Night vigil at the Embassy of Rwanda in Addis Ababa, on 7th April 2024.



On 18th April 2024, the Embassy of Rwanda to Ethiopia and Djibouti, Rwandan Community in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Djibouti organized the 30th Commemoration at the “Palais du Peuple”.

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba, expressed his gratitude to the Government of Djibouti and its people for standing with their brotherly people of Rwanda in organizing the annual event of Commemoration in order to pay tribute to more than a million Tutsis killed over a period of 100 days.

He said that *“after the enactment of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the crime of the Genocide and the existence of various international human rights treaties, the expectations were that the obligations of member States to prevent the ideology of hate, genocide and hate crimes would diminish. On the contrary, the crimes or violations have not only persisted but increased in Africa and in the world.”*

He stressed the failure of the nations and international community to prevent or stop the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in 1994.



He stressed the importance of not giving rooms to deniers and revisionists by urging member states to establish and reinforce laws that prohibits hate speech and incitement to violence. In addition, he recalled the Resolution 2150 (2014) adopted by the United Nations Security Council on April 16th 2014 that condemned without reservation any denial of the Genocide, and urges Member States to develop educational programs that will teach future generations the lessons of the genocide in order to prevent future genocides.

He further recognized the unity and the progress of transformation that Rwanda made over the past 30 years under the leadership of His Excellency Paul KAGAME, President of the Republic of Rwanda, and role of Rwanda in the Region and the Continent.



Rwandans living in Djibouti at the 30th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Djibouti.



Hon. Ali Hassan Bahdon, Minister of Justice and Penitentiary Affairs in charge of Human Rights of the Republic of Djibouti



Honourable Ali Hassan Bahdon, Minister of Justice and Penitentiary Affairs in charge of Human Rights of the Republic of Djibouti, represented the Minister of Foreign Affairs as a Guest of Honor. He extended his Government and people's unwavering solidarity with the Government of Rwanda and its people during the period of Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

He noted the vital importance of the commemoration in remembering the victims and reaffirming the commitment of all to fight genocide ideology and promote justice. He praised the courage, resilience and determination of the people of Rwanda, for fostering national reconciliation and rebuilding their country. He mentioned that Rwanda is today a role of other African countries.



Audience to the 30th Commemoration in Djibouti

**Kwibuka30 Symbolic tree of protection, aspirations, memory displayed.**

## PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO H.E THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF UNECA

In a ceremonial event held on June 5th 2024, Ambassador of Rwanda Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba presented his letters of credence to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The two Officials held talks on Bilateral Cooperation between Rwanda and UNECA in particular and Africa Integration agenda in general.

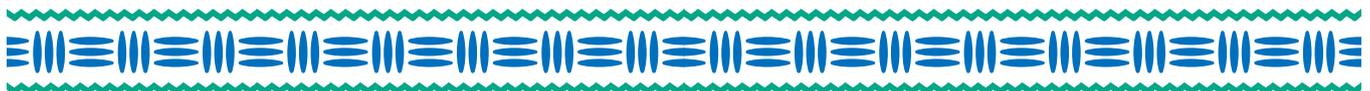


## BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN RWANDA AND ETHIOPIA

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba paid a visit to H.E Demelash GebereMichael, Commissioner General of the Ethiopian Federal Police, on June 11th, 2024. They discussed on strengthening Police cooperation between the two countries.



He conducted a working visit at the Ethiopian Police University (EPU) on June 19th, 2024 and held talks with Mesfin Abebe, Deputy Commissioner General. The visit focused on potential partnerships in training and capacity building, aiming at strengthening police forces.





**Ambassador of Rwanda and the Deputy CG of EPU**



**Delegation from Ethiopian Ministry of Health**



**Ethiopian Delegation from the Ministry of Agriculture**

In the framework of South South Cooperation, a delegation from Ethiopia’s Ministry of Agriculture visited Rwanda on May 27, 2024 and engaged in discussions on Rwanda’s land administration policies, and stakeholders’ engagement mechanisms. It was hosted by Rwanda Cooperation in Rwanda for 6 days benchmarking visits.

A delegation from the cervical cancer prevention & control program from the Ethiopian Ministry of health. The delegation explored Rwanda’s proactive approach in implementing innovative strategies

for cervical cancer screening and prevention. They discussed on Rwanda’s health system governance, disease prevention and the progress in cervical cancer elimination and HPV vaccination, they visited Kibuye Referral Hospital and explored the use of technology in health care. They were in Rwanda from June 2, 2024 to June 5, 2024.



In a bid to strengthen ties, on the 6th of April, 2024, the City of Kigali and Addis Ababa signed a Twinning Partnership in Urban Development, during the visit of the Mayor of Addis Ababa to Kigali. This visit was seen as a positive step towards enhancing cooperation between the two capitals.

**BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN RWANDA AND DJIBOUTI**

On June 17 and June 18, 2024, the Ambassador of Rwanda conducted a fruitful visit to Djibouti, where he met with the CEO of Djibouti Air and the CEO of Djibouti Chamber of Commerce ahead of the inauguration of Rwandair Cargo to Djibouti. Discussions focused on boosting bilateral trade, cargo routes, and strategic partnerships.

**Meeting between the Ambassador and CEO of Djibouti Air**





Ambassador of Rwanda and the CEO of Chamber of Commerce of Djibouti

Meeting between Amb. (Maj.Gen. Rtd) Abdourahman Ali, CEO of Air Djibouti in Djibouti ahead of the inauguration of Rwandair Cargo to Djibouti



On 19th June 2024, Rwandair launched its cargo services to Djibouti, as the seventh Cargo destination. This route will provide efficient and reliable business connections, creating significant trade opportunities between Rwanda, Djibouti, and the rest of the continent.

### Cargo to Djibouti, Direct!



### MULTILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba paid a courtesy visit on Prof. Mohamed Belhocine, the African Union Commissioner for ESTI on June 7, 2024. He shared Rwanda's commitment to educational advancement. Discussions centered around the implementation of educational policies that cater to youth empowerment and skill development across Africa in line with this year's AU theme "Educate an African fit for the 21st Century" model to many other countries on the continent and beyond.



Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba attended the commemoration of the African Child Day 2024, on June 14, 2024, under the theme “Education for all Children in Africa: The Time is Now”. During the ceremony an AU-UNICEF report on education financing was officially launched. He delivered a statement on child education in Rwanda and UNICEF Partnership.



The Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Defense met at the African Union, from June 3rd to June 5th, 2024 to discuss strategic security matters. Rwanda's representation in this discussion emphasizes its commitment to contributing to peace and security frameworks in Africa. The STCDSS reunited technicians from all member states for the first 2 days and Chiefs of Defense Staff on the last day. They adopted last year's report and the Peace and Security Status in Africa report.



Rwanda's Chief Defense attend the STCDSS

## 6TH MID-YEAR COORDINATION MEETING AND 45TH AU ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN GHANA

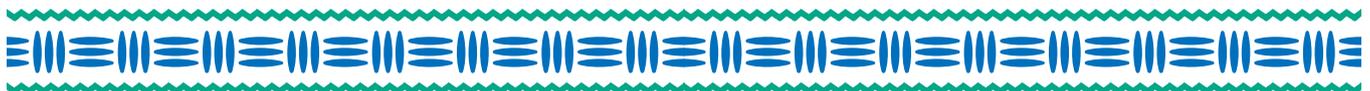


Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba participated to the 6th AUMYCM and Executive Council, which considered budget matters and adopted the AU budget for the year 2025. They also discussed security status on the continent and peace financing mechanisms.

Progress on the implementation of the AU theme of the year 2024 was discussed as well as African candidatures within the international system, participation of the AU to the G20, hosting the African Humanitarian Agency and elections and appointment of officials for the AU organs.



Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Rwanda to the 45th Executive Council in Ghana and the Ambassador of Rwanda to Ethiopia



Rwanda received an award as one of 2 countries, which have submitted the Initial States' Party Report on the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governance (ACDEG). This accolade underscores Rwanda's commitment to democratic principles and governance



Award Presentation on ACDEG for Rwanda and Togo

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION DAY: KWIBOHORA30

On 4th July 2024, Rwandan Embassy in Ethiopia organized the 30th Anniversary of Liberation of Rwanda in Addis Ababa.



The celebration reflects the struggle and triumph of the men and women of the RPA, led by H.E President Paul Kagame, who paid the ultimate price, to put an end to the Genocide.

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba, lauded the bravery of the men and women of Rwanda Patriotic Army (RPA) who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the struggle to liberate Rwanda. He spoke about the bad leadership, segregation and division that characterized Rwanda after its independence that led to the

marginalization and exile of the Tutsis, and how that governance failed to build a united country and people, instead, preached hatred and division, which created a need for Rwandans to launch a liberation struggle on 1st October, 1990.

He explained how the Government in place had planned and executed the Genocide against the Tutsi when the liberation struggle was going on, which was eventually stopped by then Rwandan Patriotic Army led by H.E President Paul Kagame. He further shared Rwanda's success stories while showcasing Rwanda's contribution to the regional integration. The Ambassador also commended the strong ties between Rwanda and Ethiopia and honored the strong political will and leadership of H.E President Paul Kagame and H.E Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed for working tirelessly to strengthen bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries. He further thanked all the participants for their presence and called on the Rwandan Community in Ethiopia to strive to uphold the patriotic and brave values.

Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, African Union Deputy Chairperson representing the Chairperson of the African Union. She paid tribute to the men and women who paid the ultimate price to liberate Rwanda and rebuild Rwanda. *"The achievements of Rwanda in political and socio-economic development are beyond what of any of us could have imagined in the aftermath of the genocide against the Tutsi. Rwanda is no longer a case study for conflict but a model for stability, good governance and a fast-growing economy"*. She said.

Her remarks ended by thanking the people of Rwanda and the Leadership of President Kagame for holding steadfast to the long road to rebuild what was once in ashes to what is seen as a beacon of success.





**Amb. Fisseha Shawel,**  
**Director General for Africa in the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Amb. Fisseha Shawel, Director General for Africa in the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who represented the Government of Ethiopia highly praised the achievements that Rwanda has registered throughout 30 years, after the Genocide against the Tutsi and appreciated the resilience of the people of Rwanda, on the top, the political leadership of H.E. President Paul Kagame, for rebuilding the country and the society with resolve. He saluted the Ethiopian peacekeepers who spared no efforts to support and protect the genocide survivors, and assured the participants of Ethiopia’s commitment to fight the genocide and its ideology. “Ethiopia will keep working with Rwanda in their respective efforts to build a better, stronger and united continent”. He asserted. He ended his remarks by congratulating Rwanda on its Liberation day and saluted the good brotherly relations between Rwanda and Ethiopia, by stressing the special importance, Ethiopia attaches to its relationship with Rwanda.

**AMAHORO NATIONAL STADIUM INAUGURATION**

On 2nd July 2024, H.E President Paul Kagame inaugurated the newly renovated and expanded Amahoro Stadium in the presence of Dr. Patrice Motsepe, President of the Confederation of African Football and some 45.000 enthusiastic citizens. The main stadium, which accommodates football, rugby and athletics has an adjacent newly constructed building dedicated to sports for people with disabilities. In addition, the small stadium, known as petit stade, was upgraded.

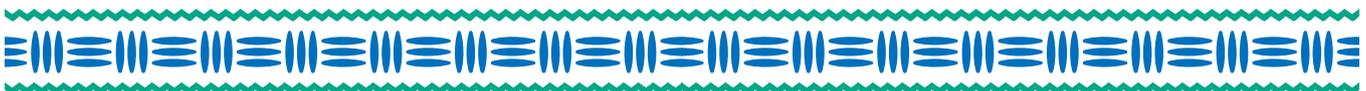


**H.E Paul Kagame and Patrice Mutsepe, President of CAF at the inauguration of Amahoro National Stadium**



**INAUGURATION OF KING FAISAL HOSPITAL**

On 22nd July 2024, the Ground-Breaking ceremony of the King Faisal Hospital expansion in Rwanda marked a significant milestone in the advancement of healthcare in Rwanda. The facility is set to enhance medical services, improving overall health outcomes for Rwandans and visitors alike, it will triple from 157 to almost 600 beds.



## AFRICA CEO FORUM IN RWANDA

The Africa CEO Forum was successfully hosted in May 2024 in Rwanda, featuring participation of Djibouti important delegation. This forum highlighted economic collaboration between nations and promoted investment opportunities in the region. It had some high-level discussions, panels and roundtables.



Delegation of Djibouti to the Africa CEO Forum

## AU SPECIAL ENVOY ADAMA DIENG VISITED RWANDA TO DISCUSS GENOCIDE PREVENTION AND PEACE EFFORTS

At Urugwiro Village, H.E President Paul Kagame welcomed Mr. Adama Dieng, African Union Special Envoy for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities. Mr. Dieng, who was on a tour across Eastern and Central Africa, engaged with Rwandan leaders to reinforce the AU's commitment to peace, security, and the prevention of atrocities across the continent.



During the visit, discussions centered on Rwanda's experiences and the ongoing efforts to combat hate

speech and prevent violence. HE President Paul Kagame commended Dieng's work in advocating for genocide prevention and underscored Rwanda's readiness to support the AU's initiatives in promoting peace across Africa. Adama Dieng praised Rwanda's strides in building resilience and fostering reconciliation following the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, highlighting the importance of sharing these lessons regionally to strengthen conflict prevention.

These discussions marked a strengthened commitment to AU-led peace initiatives, with Rwanda reaffirming its partnership with the AU to promote sustainable peace and security across Africa.

## HUMANITARIAN ASSESSMENT MISSION

From 14th to 18th October 2024, a delegation of the African Union Commission (AUC) led by Her Excellency Sophia NYAMUDEZA, Ambassador of Zimbabwe conducted a Humanitarian Assessment mission to Rwanda in order to express the AUC's solidarity with the Government of Rwanda, which had experienced humanitarian crisis due to heavy floods that affected the Northern Province of Rwanda in May 2023. The delegation met with Rwandan Officials, Partners and conducted field visits in Northern and Eastern Province to understand the experience of Rwanda in disaster, migration and refugees management.



The Mission was held in line with the implementation of the decision of the African Union Subcommittee in charge of Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Internally Displaced Persons and Migration in Africa that identified a number of African country to visit.

At the end of mission, the delegation delivered a solidarity gesture to Hon. Albert MURASIRA, Minister of Disaster Management of Rwanda.



## RWANDAN AMBASSADOR VISITED ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL MILITARY COOPERATION

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba, accompanied by Lt. Col. David Sangani, Defense Attaché visited the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) Air Force headquarters, where they were welcomed by Lt. Gen. Merdassa Yilma, Air Force Commander of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE). The meeting underscored the commitment of Rwanda and Ethiopia to deepen their partnership in defense and security.



During the discussions, the leaders explored avenues to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the FDRE Air Force and the Rwanda Ministry of Defense Air Force. Key topics included sharing training initiatives, technical exchanges, and strategic collaboration to enhance regional stability. Ambassador Karamba emphasized Rwanda's commitment to working closely with Ethiopia to address mutual security concerns and support the advancement of peace and security across the region.



Lt. Gen. Merdassa Yilma expressed appreciation for the collaboration between the two air forces and acknowledged the importance of fostering joint efforts to confront emerging security challenges. Both parties concluded the meeting by reaffirming their commitment to regular exchanges and continued cooperation, enhancing the operational capabilities of both air forces for effective peacekeeping and crisis response initiatives.

## RWANDA REAFFIRMED COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE AT THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM



Hon. Dr. Cyubahiro Mark Bagabe, Minister of Agriculture of Rwanda, on behalf of H.E President Paul Kagame, delivered impactful remarks during the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) held at the World Without Hunger Conference (WWHC). The Minister emphasized Rwanda's unwavering commitment to



addressing global hunger and climate change, two of the most critical challenges facing the world today.

In his speech, the Minister reaffirmed Rwanda's dedication to eradicating hunger by implementing sustainable solutions through resilient food systems. He highlighted the country's efforts in promoting \*climate-smart agriculture\*, which combines innovative farming techniques with climate adaptation strategies to ensure food security and increase agricultural productivity, even in the face of changing weather patterns.

**RWANDA JUNIOR NATIONAL HANDBALL TEAM TRIUMPHS AT IHF TROPHY CONTINENTAL PHASE TOURNAMENT**

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba joined the celebrations for the outstanding performance of the Rwanda Junior National Handball Team, which emerged victorious at the IHF Trophy Continental Phase tournament that took place from 2-6 Nov 2024 to in Ethiopia.



Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba congratulated the players and coaching staff for their hard work and dedication, noting that their success not only highlights the talent and commitment of the young athletes but also reflects Rwanda's growing presence in international sports. He praised the team's collective spirit and resilience, which played a vital role in their qualification for the next phase of the competition.

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba also extended his gratitude to the Rwanda Handball Federation (Ferwahand Rwanda) for their continuous efforts to develop and promote the sport in the country. He expressed confidence that the team's performance would inspire future generations of athletes and further

enhance Rwanda's sports diplomacy globally.

**RWANDA PARTICIPATED IN ETHIOPIAN HYDROMET2024 CONFERENCE ON WATER RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba represented Hon. Dr. Valentine Uwamariya, Minister of Environment of Rwanda at the Ethiopian Hydromet 2024 Conference, an event that focused on the importance of water resources management in the context of climate change.



The Conference was organized by the Ministry of Water and Energy of Ethiopia under the theme Ethiopia's Green Legacy Initiative: The imperative for sustainable water resources Management in the Region. The conference underscored the critical role of transboundary cooperation, particularly in sharing data to address pressing environmental challenges. The Ambassador stressed the importance of transborder cooperation in water resources data sharing and the benefits of regional collaboration in addressing the climate change for a sustainable future.



Rwanda's participation in the event further solidified its role in regional environmental initiatives and reinforced its commitment to a sustainable future.



### INAUGURATION OF THE AFRICA MEDICINES AGENCY (AMA) HEADQUARTERS IN RWANDA



The establishment of AMA is a landmark development aimed at addressing the challenges surrounding access to quality medicines and medical technologies in Africa. AMA will play a key role in harmonizing regulatory practices, providing leadership in quality control, and ensuring the availability of safe medicines.

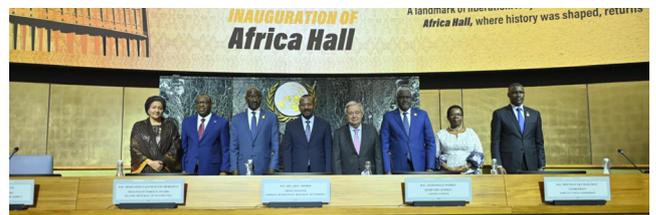
The inauguration of the established AMA took place on November 1, 2024 in Kigali. The establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) at milestone for healthcare across the continent. AMA's role in harmonizing regulatory and quality control of medicines is crucial in aligning standards and procedures. The inauguration was followed by a handover ceremony that included the presentation of a fully equipped HQ's building, vehicles, and other essential resources that will support AMA's mission.

The AMA 's operationalization followed the signing of Headquarters Host Agreement between the AUC and the Government of Rwanda dated 10th June 2023.



H.E President Paul Kagame welcomed Ambassador Minata Samaté Cessouma to Urugwiro Village for a discussion on AMA's role and Rwanda's commitment to equitable healthcare access.

### INAUGURATION OF THE RENOVATED AFRICA HALL AT ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA): A SYMBOL OF AFRICA'S UNITY AND SHARED HISTORY



Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba attended the official inauguration of the renovated Africa Hall located at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The event marked the successful completion of a major renovation project, reaffirming Africa's commitment to preserving its heritage while ensuring the hall remains a center for dialogue, collaboration, and decision-making for the continent's future.





In capacity of Chair of the Advisory Board overseeing the renovation, Ambassador Karamba delivered remarks that highlighted the board's pivotal role in steering the project to its successful completion. He emphasized the significance of Africa Hall, not only as a historical monument but also as a symbol of Africa's shared legacy and the collective aspirations of its people. "Africa Hall is more than just a building...It stands as a powerful reminder of our shared history, our triumphs, our challenges, and our potential as a united continent. It is a space where leaders can come together to discuss the pressing issues of our time and chart a prosperous future for all." He said.

Throughout the renovation process, the Advisory Board placed great emphasis on preserving Africa's rich cultural and historical heritage. The renovation was undertaken with a deep respect for the hall's legacy while ensuring it meets the modern-day needs of the African Union and the broader ECA family. The project embodies the spirit of \*Leaving No One Behind\*, a core principle in Africa's pursuit of sustainable development and inclusivity.

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba concluded by reiterating Rwanda's commitment to supporting efforts that drive Africa's transformation, stressing the importance of continued cooperation and collaboration among African nations to achieve shared

goals. The inauguration of the renovated Africa Hall is a testament to the continent's unity and determination to build a future where no one is left behind.

### **RWANDA AND ETHIOPIA ENHANCED DEFENSE COOPERATION IN MEETING WITH THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF**

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba, alongside Brigadier General Patrick Karuretwa, was received by Field Marshal General Birhanu Jula, Chief of General Staff of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF). The high-level meeting provided an opportunity to review the existing bilateral defense cooperation between Rwanda and Ethiopia, as well as to explore new avenues for further strengthening ties in the defense sector.



During the discussions, both sides acknowledged the positive strides made in military collaboration, particularly in areas of common interest. Ambassador Karamba emphasized Rwanda's commitment to continuing and expanding these cooperative efforts, recognizing Ethiopia's role as a key partner in ensuring regional security and stability in the Horn of Africa.

Field Marshal General Birhanu Jula expressed appreciation for Rwanda's continued partnership and highlighted the importance of fostering stronger defense ties. The meeting marked a significant step forward in strengthening the bilateral defense relationship between the two nations.

### **RWANDAN COMMUNITY IN ETHIOPIA SUPPORTED CHILDREN'S EDUCATION WITH DUSANGIRE LUNCH CONTRIBUTION**

The Rwandan Community in Ethiopia has once again demonstrated its commitment to Rwanda's national Agenda by contributing to the \*Dusangire Lunch\* initiative that aims to enhance the nutrition and overall



wellbeing of Rwandan students, supporting them to improve their academic performance.



Through this contribution, the community continues to support Rwanda’s \*Imihigo\* which align with the country’s national development priorities, including inclusive education for future generations access to education.

**AMBASSADOR MAJ. GEN. (RTD) CHARLES KARAMBA MET WITH ETHIOPIA’S MINISTER OF WOMEN AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS**



Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba paid a courtesy visit to Her Excellency Ergogie Tesfaye, Minister of Women and Social Affairs of Ethiopia, in Addis Ababa. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity to enhance bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and Ethiopia, particularly in the areas of gender equality and women empowerment.

During the discussions, both leaders emphasized the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation

to advance women’s social economic empowerment. Ambassador Karamba shared Rwanda’s commitment to gender equality, noting the country’s significant strides in empowering women through policies, legislation, and the establishment of capable institutions that mainstream the principle of women inclusion and participation in decision - making positions.

Minister Ergogie Tesfaye echoed shared Ethiopia’s and commended Rwanda’s efforts. They further explored avenues for accerelating future collaboration on ongoing initiatives that would support women’s economic empowerment, and fight against gender-based violence.

**AMBASSADOR MAJ. GEN. (RTD) CHARLES KARAMBA HIGHLIGHTED RWANDA’S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON SCALING IMPACT GREEN AND BLUE**

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba participated in a High-Level Panel Discussion co-organized by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the African Union Commission (AUC) on \*Scaling Impact: Green and Blue\*. The event brought together key stakeholders and experts to explore strategies for advancing environmental sustainability and promoting the green and blue economies across Africa.



During the panel, Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba highlighted Rwanda’s strong commitment to sustainable development, particularly in the context of environmental conservation and climate resilience. He shared of the experience of \*Rwanda Green Fund\* (FONERWA), a key initiative that has been instrumental in financing projects aimed at enhancing the country’s environmental sustainability.



He highlighted how the fund has successfully supported initiatives that integrate environmental sustainability with economic growth, creating jobs, and fostering long-term resilience to climate change.



**AMBASSADOR MAJ. GEN. (RTD) CHARLES MET WITH RCA LEADERSHIP IN ETHIOPIA TO DISCUSS SUPPORT FOR GoR PROGRAMS**



On the occasion of the Ethiopian New Year, Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba hosted the leadership of the Rwanda Community Association (RCA) in Ethiopia. The discussion focused on the efforts needed to further support the Government of Rwanda’s (GoR) ongoing programs, with particular emphasis on initiatives aimed at improving the welfare of Rwandans both within the country and abroad.

During the meeting, the RCA leadership reviewed various initiatives, including the \*DusangireLunch\* campaign, which aims to enhance the wellbeing and academic performance of Rwandan children by providing nutritious meals at schools..

In addition to \*DusangireLunch\*, discussions also touched on the ongoing support for other Government programs, including \*Mutuelle de Santé\*, Rwanda’s community-based health insurance scheme. The RCA

leadership recognized the importance of \*Mutuelle de Santé\* in improving access to affordable healthcare for all Rwandans, particularly those in rural areas. They reaffirmed their dedication to mobilizing resources and promoting these programs within the diaspora to ensure their success.

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba expressed his gratitude for the RCA’s support to the the previous Government initiatives including Mituelle de Sante and ChanaChallenge, and, emphasized he importance of collaboration between the community and the government in achieving Rwanda’s vision for a prosperous future .

the RCA leadership pledged to continue its active involvement in supporting the implementation Rwanda’s vision. Ambassador Karamba thanked the RCA leadership for their dedication to Rwanda’s development agenda.

**STRENGTHENING RWANDA-ETHIOPIA COOPERATION IN HEALTH**

Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba met with Dr. Mekdes Daba, Ethiopia’s Minister of Health, to celebrate the strong partnership between Rwanda and Ethiopia. They discussed ways to deepen collaboration in the health sector, focusing on knowledge sharing, capacity building, and innovative approaches to healthcare.



The meeting underscored the shared commitment of both nations to advancing healthcare and improving the well-being of their people through closer cooperation.



### HON. MINISTER VINCENT BIRUTA AT THE CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE ON PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND DEVELOPMENT

On 25th November 2024, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Minister Vincent Biruta participated in a two-day Continental Conference on Peace, Prosperity, and Development, centered around the theme “Building a Peaceful and Prosperous Africa.”



During the session on “Building Bridges and Fostering Regional Integration for Shared Prosperity,” Minister Biruta shared Rwanda’s experience on the role of collaboration and regional integration in linking communities, enhancing security, and fostering prosperity. His contributions highlighted how regional efforts can drive sustainable peace and development across Africa.

### RWANDA AT THE 2024 AFRICAN AIR FORCES FORUM

The Rwanda Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Godfrey Gasana, along with Rwanda’s Military Attaché to Ethiopia, Lt. Col. David Sangani, attended the 2024 African Air Forces Forum in Bishoftu, Ethiopia, from November 27-29. The forum, which gathers African air force leaders and military attachés, focused on the theme “Cooperation to Tackle Common Challenges.” The event provides a platform for collaboration and sharing strategies to address security and operational challenges faced by air forces across the continent.



### STRENGTHENING RWANDA-ETHIOPIA POLICE COOPERATION

The Inspector General of Police, CG Felix Namuhoranye, visited Ethiopia on an official mission aimed at enhancing the relationship between the police institutions of both countries. During the visit, CG Namuhoranye and his Ethiopian counterpart, CG Demelash Gebre Michael Weldeyes, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Rwanda National Police and the Ethiopian Federal Police.



The MoU focused on strengthening police cooperation to promote peace, stability, security, and prosperity in both nations. It also addressed efforts to prevent public security threats and foster capacity building within both police organizations, reinforcing a shared commitment to regional safety.





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