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**NEWSLETTER**

Highlights **May to December 2025**

### MAY 15 | DRIVING TRADE AND INVESTMENT

The Rwanda Embassy hosted an interactive Business Forum where Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba engaged Ethiopian investors on doing business and investment opportunities in Rwanda.



A group of business people from Ethiopia and their stakeholders, including women and young entrepreneurs, explore current opportunities and incentives in different sectors including textile, agribusiness, automotive, finance and manufacturing. They were invited to visit Rwanda to explore sectors aligned with their expertise, and Rwanda's commitment to fostering regional economic collaboration.

The event was part of regular engagements organized by the Embassy of Rwanda in Ethiopia in collaboration with "Queen Nyabinghi - Invest in Mother Africa" and "Bridge Investment Consultancy", both Ethiopian Stakeholders in business sector.

### STRENGTHENING REGIONAL DIPLOMACY AND SECURITY

#### JUNE 10 | ECONOMIC BRIEFING

Participating in UNECA's 39<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Briefing, Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba underscored that Africa's sustainable development hinges on two strategic pillars: robust domestic resource mobilization and deeper regional integration. He highlighted that strengthening these areas is essential for accelerating economic transformation, reducing external dependency, and fostering long-term resilience across the continent.



## JUNE 11 | AFRICA SECURITY SYMPOSIUM

On the sidelines of 12<sup>th</sup> Africa Security Symposium #ASEC2025, Rwanda Defence Ministry officials visited the Embassy of Rwanda to Ethiopia and held discussions with Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba and the Embassy team on regional peace and security matters.



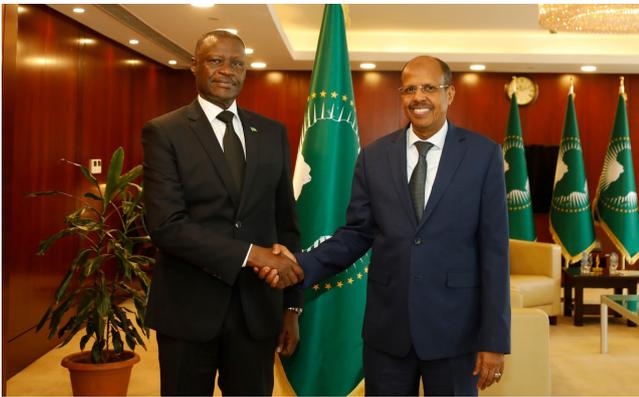
## CELEBRATING RWANDA'S PROGRESS AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

### JULY 5 | 31ST ANNIVERSARY OF RWANDA'S LIBERATION

The Embassy celebrated the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Rwanda's Liberation alongside senior Ethiopian government officials, representatives of the African Union, diplomats, friends of Rwanda and members of the Rwandan community in Ethiopia. The event highlighted Rwanda's remarkable journey of resilience, unity, and socio-economic transformation over the past three decades.

## JUNE 13 | AU LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE

Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba paid a courtesy call to the Chairperson of African Union (AU), H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, He reaffirmed Rwanda's support for the AU's programs and leadership in advancing continental peace and security.



## JUNE 19 | PROTECTING CHILDREN IN CONFLICT

The Embassy hosted Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Ferdinand Safari and his delegation from the Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security, Rwanda Centre of Excellence.

The delegation was in Ethiopia for an engagement with the African Union's Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security.

Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba reflected on the significance of the day, emphasizing that "Rwanda's liberation is not only a historical milestone but a continuing commitment to building a nation founded on dignity, justice, and shared prosperity. Our progress over the last 31 years is a testament to the resilience of our people and the visionary leadership that has guided our transformation."



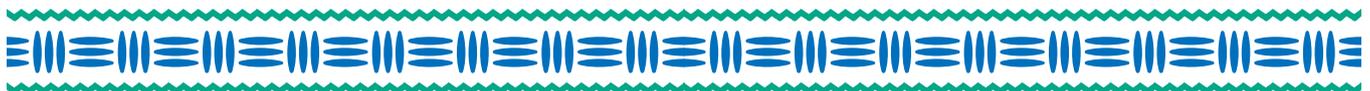


Speaking on behalf of the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Fitsum Girma commended Rwanda’s steady progress, noting that “Rwanda stands today as an inspiring example of reconciliation, good governance, and inclusive development. Ethiopia values its strong bilateral ties with Rwanda and looks forward to deepening cooperation in areas of mutual interest.”



### JULY 7 | UNECA FAREWELL CEREMONY

Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba joined UNECA leadership in bidding farewell to Deputy Executive Secretary Antonio Pedro. He highlighted collaborative initiatives including the Africa Hall Renovation Project: which was championed by Rwanda.



**JULY 10 | AU EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN MALABO**

Hon. Minister Olivier J.P. Nduhungirehe and Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba participated in the 47<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of African Union Session, held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 in Malabo Equatorial Guinea, under the theme of the year: “Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations”.



The 47<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Executive Council deliberated on fast tracking of the integration process in Africa; the AfCFTA progress and the 2025 AU theme of the Year implementation status.

**JULY 23 | RWANDA AND UNITED STATES STRENGTHEN ENGAGEMENT AT THE AFRICAN UNION**

Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba welcomed Mr. Walter Parrs, Chargé d’Affaires at the United States Mission to the African Union, for a courtesy visit at the Embassy.



**JULY 24 | RWANDA REAFFIRMED COMMITMENT TO HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION**

On behalf of the Government of Rwanda, Ambassador Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba signed the Joint Communiqué of the Tripartite High-Level Meeting between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the Government of the Republic of Rwanda and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).



The communiqué formalizes renewed cooperation on the voluntary repatriation of refugees, reflecting the shared commitment of all parties to uphold international protection standards and ensure dignified, safe, and sustainable return processes.



Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba emphasized Rwanda’s long-standing dedication to humanitarian principles and constructive regional dialogue, highlighting the importance of coordinated efforts to support refugees seeking to rebuild their lives.



The meeting marked an important step towards strengthening trust, fostering regional stability, and advancing durable solutions for displaced populations in the Great Lakes region.



### JULY 27-29 | 2ND UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT (#UNFSS+4)

As global leaders convened in Addis Ababa for the 2<sup>nd</sup> UN Food Systems Summit (#UNFSS+4), Rwanda actively engaged in high-level dialogues aimed at accelerating food systems transformation and strengthening international cooperation.

Ahead of the Summit, the Rwanda Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) delegation held a productive meeting with the Director of UNDP Africa. Discussions focused on advancing shared priorities between Rwanda and UNDP, particularly in scaling innovative solutions, supporting climate-resilient agriculture, and mobilizing resources to drive national and regional food systems reform.



On the sidelines of the Summit, the Rwandan delegation held a meeting with Brazilian Minister of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger. The meeting concluded with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at strengthening cooperation in agriculture and food security.



### INNOVATION REGIONAL INITIATIVES

#### AUG 12 | AVIATION AFRICA SUMMIT PREPARATIONS (#AVAF25)

Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba met with H.E. Lerato D. Mataboge, AU Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy at the African Union Commission, ahead of the Aviation Africa Summit scheduled for 4-5 September 2025 in Kigali.

The summit was set to convene policymakers, industry leaders, regulators, and innovators from across the continent to discuss the future of Africa's aviation and aerospace sectors.



#### AUG 29 | ESAAMLG CHAIRMANSHIP

Hon. Yusuf Murangwa, Minister of Finance, led Rwanda's delegation to the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) meeting, where Rwanda officially assumed the Chairmanship of



the regional body. This marked an important milestone in Rwanda's ongoing commitment to strengthening financial integrity, combating illicit financial flows, and enhancing regional and international cooperation.



### STRENGTHENING RWANDA-ETHIOPIA SPORTS COOPERATION AHEAD OF THE 2025 UCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba met with H.E. Mekiu Mohammed, State Minister of Culture and Sports of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, for discussions centered on strengthening bilateral cooperation in the sports sector.



The meeting took place ahead of the 2025 UCI Road World Championships held in Kigali from 21 September 2025 to 28 September 2025. The event marked a historic milestone as the first time this prestigious global cycling event was hosted on African soil. Ambassador Karamba and State Minister Mekiu Mohammed exchanged views on the significance of the championship for Africa and explored opportunities for collaboration in sports development, capacity building, and regional participation.

They further reaffirmed their commitment to deepening cooperation in sports sector between Rwanda and Ethiopia.



### SEP 6 | AFRICA-CARICOM HEALTH COOPERATION

Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba represented Hon. Minister Dr. Sabin Nsanzimana at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Meeting of Ministers of Health of Africa & the Caribbean, held on the sidelines of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-CARICOM Summit in Addis Ababa.



During the meeting, Ambassador Karamba highlighted Rwanda's achievements in Universal Health Coverage (#UHC) and Rwanda's ongoing efforts to advance South-South collaboration in health sector.

The discussions built on the #HeDPAC initiative, a joint effort championed by H.E. President Paul Kagame in partnership with Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley of Barbados, aimed at fostering sustainable health cooperation between African and Caribbean countries.





Ambassador Karamba shared Rwanda's perspective on #UHC within the framework of AU-CARICOM cooperation, emphasizing Rwanda's commitment to resilient health systems, knowledge exchange, and regional partnership.

### SEP 7 | AFRICA-CARICOM SUMMIT

Hon. Prudence Sebahizi, Minister of Trade of Rwanda, represented H.E. President Paul Kagame at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-CARICOM Summit, held on 7 September 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the theme: "Transcontinental Partnership in Pursuit of Reparatory Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations."



Minister Sebahizi emphasized that reparatory justice is not only about acknowledging the past, it restores dignity, drives transformation, and strengthens solidarity between Africa and the Caribbean.

The Summit built on the first AFRICA-CARICOM Summit held in 2021 and sought to deepen collaboration, enhance interlinkages, and unite Africa and the African diaspora in pursuit of reparations and a shared vision for justice at the global level.

The event also aimed to develop a comprehensive Partnership Framework to guide future AU-CARICOM engagement, fostering strategic cooperation across social, economic, and cultural sectors, and reinforcing Africa's leadership in global reparatory justice initiatives.

### SEP 8-9 | AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT

Hon. Minister of Environment Dr. Bernadette Arakwiye participated in the Africa Climate Summit 2025 held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, engaging in high-level discussions and side events focused on advancing climate action, sustainable development, and regional cooperation.

On the sidelines of the Summit, Minister Arakwiye held a series of bilateral meetings with key international partners.

Ole Tonke, Undersecretary for Development Policy, Denmark: they discussed expectations for COP30 and ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation in environment and climate change.



Mr. Selwin Hart, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Climate Action: the discussion focused on the progress of Rwanda's NDC 3.0 and strategies to scale climate ambition.



Paul Martin, World Bank Practice Manager: conversations centered on the progress of ongoing projects, scalability, and strengthening Rwanda–World Bank partnerships.



Sam Okudzeto Ablakwa, Ghana’s Minister of Foreign Affairs: they discussed matters of common Interests between Rwanda and Ghana.



Minister Arakwiye also joined a side event hosted by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and Sida, where the Leveraging Investments and Finance for the Green Transition (LIFT) program was launched.

“Rwanda is proud to be among the program’s priority countries, demonstrating its commitment to mobilizing investments and delivering tangible results for both national and continental climate objectives”. She said.



Through these engagements, Rwanda reaffirmed its commitment to regional and global climate action, collaboration with international partners, and leadership in scaling African solutions for sustainable, green growth.



### OCT 9 | AFCFTA TRADE LAUNCH IN ETHIOPIA

Rwanda Embassy participated in the official launch of Ethiopia’s first trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement, marking the start of the country’s participation in the continental trade framework that will boost its exports.



Signed in Kigali in 2018, AfCFTA is a pillar of Africa’s Agenda 2063 and is driving intra-African trade, industrialization, and shared prosperity.

### OCT 13–17 | RWANDA CONVENTION BUREAU ROADSHOW

A delegation from the Rwanda Convention Bureau (RCB) embarked on a week-long roadshow in Ethiopia to position Rwanda as Africa’s premier hub for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) and a leading destination for business and investment opportunities.



The mission began with a strategic meeting with the China Chamber of Commerce for Africa, exploring partnerships to attract Chinese companies seeking to expand into the African market.



On the second day, the delegation met with the Publications and Conference Management Section (PCMS) of UNECA to discuss enhancing collaboration in hosting international and regional conferences.



They also met with Manssour Bin Mussallam, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Southern Cooperation (OSC), focusing on promoting South-South cooperation through conferences and events.



The delegation visited Africa CDC, where it was received by Dr. Marta Minwyelet Terefe, Deputy Chief of Staff, to discuss strengthening collaboration in organizing public health conferences across Africa.

Other meetings with the Directorate of Conference Management and Publications (DCMP) at the African Union HQ and Dr. Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) further explored opportunities to host high-level conferences in Rwanda.

Towards the end of the roadshow, the delegation was welcomed at the Rwanda Embassy in Addis Ababa by Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba to review progress.



### OCT 30 | LA FRANCOPHONIE

Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba participated in the meeting of Group of Ambassadors Francophone in Addis Ababa.



He briefed his counterparts on the objective and the preparations of the Ministerial Conference of the Francophonie (CMF 2025) which held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in Kigali under the theme “30 Years after Beijing: The Role of Women in the Francophonie Space”.

**NOV 6 | AFRICAN MEDICINES AGENCY**

Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Charles Karamba met H.E. Amb. Selma Malika Haddadi, Deputy Chairperson of African Union Commission (AU). Their discussions focused on the progress made in the operationalisation of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) headquartered in Kigali as well as enhancing Rwanda – AUC cooperation.



**NOV 11-14 | RWANDA-DJIBOUTI JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION**

Senior officials from Rwanda and Djibouti representing various sector ministries held their joint technical meeting in Djibouti, ahead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rwanda–Djibouti Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC).



The meeting aimed at evaluating the progress of existing bilateral cooperation between the two countries and explore new areas of collaboration. It concluded the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), cosigned by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Rwanda and Djibouti in different sectors of cooperation.

The discussions focused on strengthening collaboration between the Rwanda Parliament and Djibouti’s National Assembly, exploring opportunities for enhanced cooperation at both bilateral and international levels.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) between Rwanda and Djibouti was co-chaired by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs Hon. Minister Olivier J.P Nduhungirehe and Hon. Minister Abdoukader Houssein Omar.



The meeting concluded with the signing of 5 Memoranda of Understanding and 4 Agreements across multiple sectors of cooperation including Defense, Internal Security, Mining and Geology, justice, sports and Health among others. During the visit, the Ministers toured ports and free zones in Djibouti as part of strengthening the existing cooperation in economic sector.





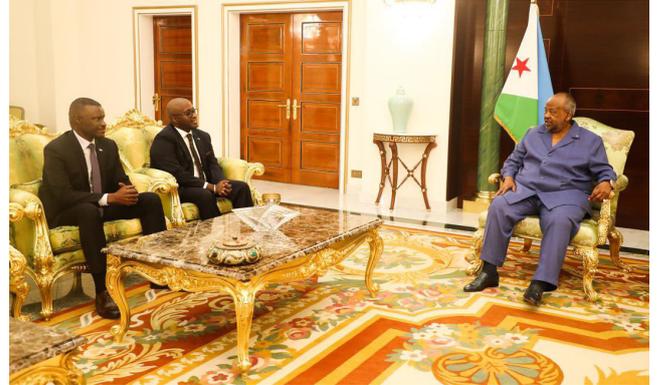
Following the Rwanda-Djibouti Joint Ministerial Commission, Minister Olivier J.P. Nduhungirehe, accompanied by his counterpart Abdoukader Houssein Omar and Djibouti port authorities, visited the Ports of Djibouti and the Djibouti Free Zone.



The visit focused on exploring opportunities for enhanced trade, logistics, and investment cooperation, reinforcing the strong economic partnership between Rwanda and Djibouti and identifying avenues to boost regional connectivity and cross-border trade.



Minister Olivier J.P. Nduhungirehe was received by H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, for a courtesy call.



Minister Nduhungirehe conveyed warm greetings from H.E. Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda and engaged in discussions to further deepen the longstanding partnership between Rwanda and Djibouti.

On the sidelines of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rwanda-Djibouti Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC), Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba met with H.E. Dileita Mohamed Dileita, President of the National Assembly of Djibouti.



At the end of his visit, Hon, Minister met with Rwandan Community leaving in Djibouti.



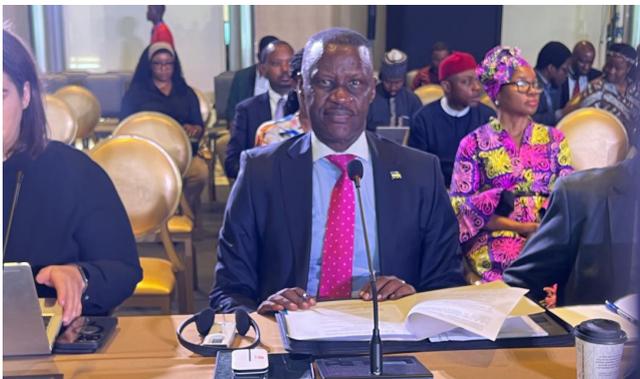
**NOV 17 | DEFENCE COOPERATION**

Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba received senior officers from the Rwanda Ministry of Defence, who were in Addis Ababa for bilateral meetings with their Ethiopian counterparts.



**NOV 23 | 7<sup>TH</sup> AU-EU SUMMIT**

Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba participated in a senior officials' meeting ahead of the 7<sup>th</sup> AU EU Summit in Luanda, focusing on assessing progress in the African Union-European Union (AU-EU) existing partnership.



**NOV 26 | #CSW70 AFRICA PRE-COMMISSION**

Hon. Uwimana Consolee, Minister of Gender & Family Promotion, attended the 70<sup>th</sup> Africa Pre-Commission on the Status of Women (#CSW70), which focused on ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all African women and girls.



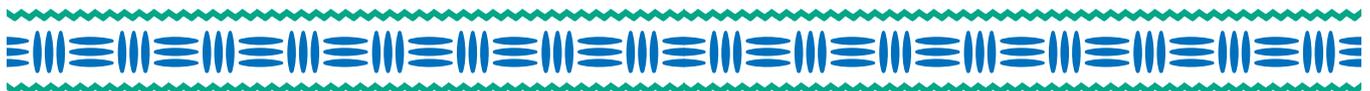
In her remarks, Minister Consolee emphasized that:

“Today marks a meaningful step toward Agenda 2063’s vision of a people-centered Africa, where women and youth drive transformative change. With the adoption of the Common Africa Position, our continent stands united and stronger in global negotiations.

As Vice-Chair of #CSW70, Rwanda reaffirms its commitment to advancing this collective agenda and ensuring Africa’s voice is heard. Let’s stay steadfast in building accessible justice systems, inclusive leadership, and communities where every African woman and girl lives free from violence and discrimination.”



Her participation reflects Rwanda’s commitment to gender equality, empowerment, and inclusive development across Africa.



### NOV 28 | EAST AFRICA LAW SOCIETY (EALS) CONFERENCE

Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba received a delegation from the Rwanda Bar Association, who had participated in the Annual East Africa Law Society (EALS) Conference held at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa.



The conference celebrated 30 years of advancing justice, regional integration, and legal excellence across East Africa. During the meeting, Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Karamba highlighted Rwanda's commitment to championing a strong, collaborative legal community and supporting initiatives that foster justice, professional development, and regional legal cooperation.

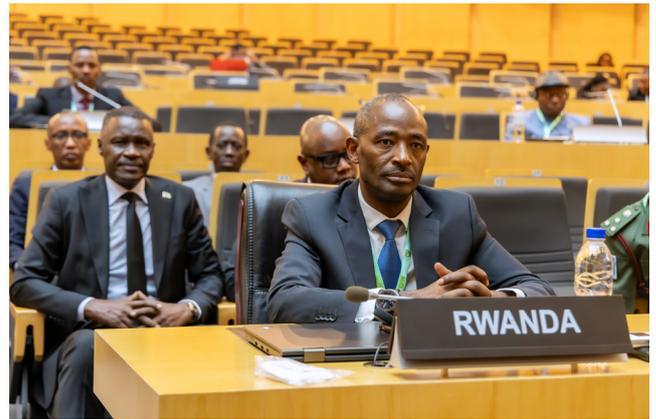
### DEC 3 | UNECA QUARTERLY BRIEFING

Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba participated in the UNECA Quarterly briefing that reviewed 2025 achievements and 2026 plans. He highlighted the existing collaboration between Rwanda and UNECA such as Kigali Nuclear Innovation Summit support and cooperation on the peaceful use of nuclear energy for sustainable development.



### DEC 11 | RWANDA PARTICIPATED IN AU MINISTERIAL SESSION ON DEFENCE, SAFETY & SECURITY

At the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Gen. MK Mubarakh, Chief of Defence Staff of the Rwanda Defence Force, and Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Karamba, together with the RDF/Ministry of Defence delegation, participated in the Ministerial Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Safety & Security.



The session brought together AU Member States to advance cooperation on defence, safety, and security, assess progress in continental mechanisms, and strengthen collective responses to emerging security challenges across Africa.





# VISIT RWANDA

