

Rwanda MFA Report

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Rwanda Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation would like to call upon the Rwandan youth Living abroad to attend Itorero ry'Urungano 2022.

Facts

Itorero ry'Urungano is a civic education training offering Rwandan youth Living in Rwanda and those Living abroad an opportunity to learn Rwanda's history, culture, and social economic transformation.

Why?

Itorero ry'Urungano is one of the processes of unity and reconciliation, and peace building among Rwandans, especially the youth.

Criteria

- ✓ Being Rwandan;
- ✓ Having not returned to Rwanda for at least two years;
- ✓ Having a healthy life to follow well the training;
- ✓ Being 21-35 years old;
- ✓ Having not appeared in the four previous cohorts.



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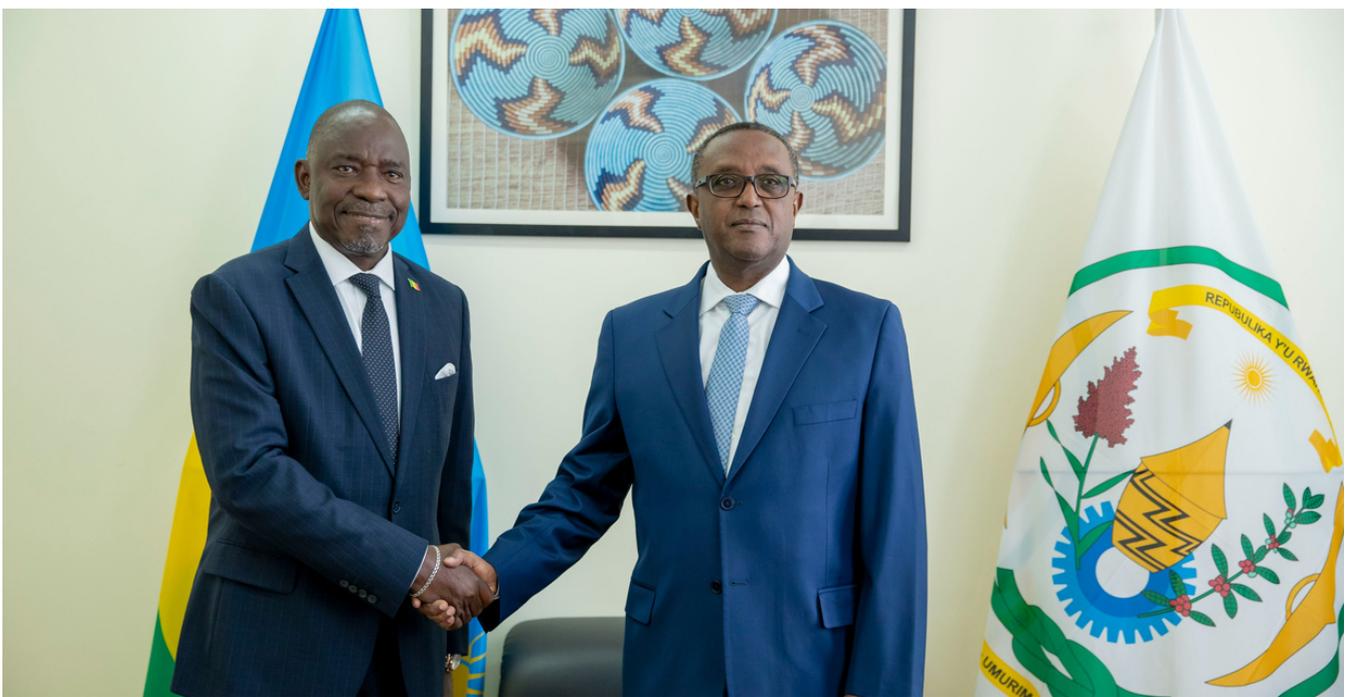
Minister Vincent Biruta briefs members of diplomatic corps in Kigali



Kigali, 30 November - Minister Vincent Biruta briefed members of the diplomatic corps based in Kigali on the recent international engagements and the current situation in Rwanda and the region.

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Minister Biruta receives copies of credentials of Ambassador-designate of Mali to Rwanda.



Kigali, 29 November - Minister Vincent Biruta received copies of credentials of Amb. Dianguina dit Yaya Doucoure, Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Mali to Rwanda.

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Rwanda MFA joins residents of Kigali City in a special Umuganda



Kigali, 26 November - Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Vincent Biruta and Permanent Secretary Clementine Mukeka Joined residents of Kigali City in a monthly community work, commonly known as Umuganda.

Together with residents of Kicukiro district, Government officials from different institutions including, Rwanda Ministry of Environment, the City of Kigali and members of the diplomatic corps in Rwanda, Minister Biruta participated in the tree-planting event at Mburabuturo hills, Kigarama Sector in Kicukiro District.

This special Umuganda was organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Congo in Rwanda in line with the celebration of 64 years of the proclamation of the Republic of Congo and the 47th anniversary of tree planting.

In his remarks, Minister Biruta appreciated the commitment of the diplomatic missions to participate in the community activities, and he suggested this to also be done in countryside so that the diplomats can interact with citizens out of Kigali.

On another site, Permanent Secretary at Rwanda Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mukeka Clementine with other Government officials and the delegation from Ethiopia planted trees in Rugando cell, Kimihurura Sector in Gasabo District.



Minister Vincent Biruta bids farewell to Japan Ambassador to Rwanda



Kigali, 24 November - Vincent Biruta, Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation received Mr. Masahiro Imai, the outgoing Ambassador of Japan to Rwanda who concludes his tour of duty.

Discussion: They discussed bilateral relations including strengthening existing cooperation between the two countries.

Minister Vincent Biruta attends Green Legacy Initiative Gala dinner hosted by Ethiopian Embassy in Rwanda



Kigali, 26 November - Minister Vincent Biruta attended Green Legacy Initiative Gala dinner hosted by Ethiopian Embassy in Rwanda. He appreciated bilateral cooperation in various fields including environment, infrastructure, energy, agriculture, trade, investment and justice among others.

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Minister Vincent Biruta meets Estonian Minister of Education and Research



Tunisia, 18 November - Minister Vincent Biruta met Tõnis Lukas, Minister of Education and Research in Estonia, on the sidelines of the 43rd Session of the Ministerial Conference of Francophonie which took place in Djerba, Tunisia.

Minister Vincent Biruta and his Tunisian counterpart sign General Cooperation Agreement



Tunisia, 20 November - On the sidelines of the Francophonie Summit, Minister Vincent Biruta and his Tunisian counterpart, Minister Othman Jerandi, signed General Cooperation Agreement between Rwanda and Tunisia.

Minister Vincent Biruta attends the 5th edition of the Paris Peace Forum



Paris, 12 November - Minister Vincent Biruta attended the 5th edition of the Paris Peace Forum held in Paris, France from 11-12 November 2022. Experts from around the world discussed the general theme of the annual event "Riding out the multicrisis".

Discussion: Minister Biruta participated in a panel discussion on "Reinventing international health cooperation through regionalization."

Minister Biruta represents H.E. Paul Kagame in the 9th edition of the Abu Dhabi Forum For Peace



UAE, 9 November - Minister Vincent Biruta represented H.E. Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda, in the 9th edition of the Abu Dhabi Forum For Peace which took place from 08 to 10 November, 2022.

Theme: "Global Conflict and Universal Peace: Urgent Needs and Opportunities for Partnership".



Minister Biruta visits Rwanda Embassy in UAE



On 10 November, Minister Vincent Biruta visited Rwanda Embassy in United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Discussions: Minister Biruta had productive interactions with the embassy team and Rwanda Community Abroad (RCA) representatives with appreciation of the good bilateral relations and the need to further strengthen them.

Minister Biruta meets his French counterpart on the COP27 sidelines



Egypt, 8 November - On the sidelines of COP27, Minister Vincent Biruta met with his counterpart, Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France.

Discussions: They exchanged on bilateral relations and issues in the Great Lakes region.

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Minister Biruta meets with the UNDP Regional Director for Africa



Egypt, 8 November - At COP27, Minister Vincent Biruta met with Ahunna Eziakonwa, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Director for Africa.

Discussions: They exchanged on the strong collaboration between Rwanda and UNDP in various areas including climate change. Ms. Eziakonwa congratulated the Government of Rwanda on the establishment of Ireme Invest.

On 7th November 2022, His Excellency Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda, launched Ireme Invest at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27), which took place in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Ireme Invest is Rwanda's new investment facility powered by the Rwanda Green Fund, Development Bank of Rwanda and other partners.

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Minister Vincent Biruta signs an Agreement on Privileges and Immunities with the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund



Egypt, 8 November - In the margins of COP27, Minister Vincent Biruta signed an Agreement on Privileges and Immunities with Yannick Glemarec, the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). GCF is the world's largest climate fund dedicated to helping developing countries take climate action. Rwanda will be hosting the next Green Climate Fund Board Meeting in July 2023.

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Minister of State Prof. Nshuti Manasseh receives members of the UN Security Council Sanctions Committee on DRC

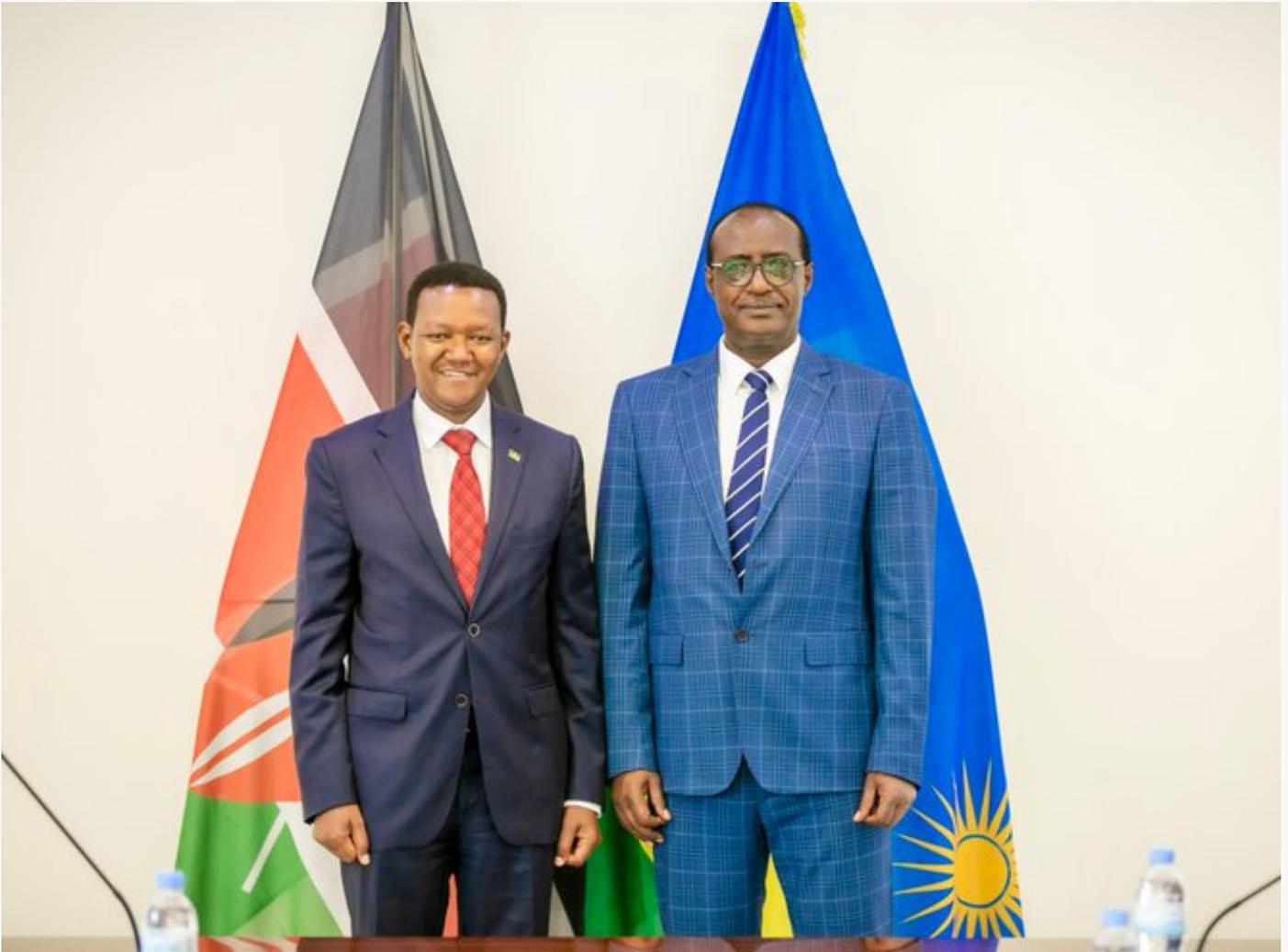


Kigali, 14 November - Prof. Nshuti Manasseh, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of East African Community, received members of the UN Security Council Sanctions Committee on Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) led by Amb. Michel Xavier Biang.

Discussions: They exchanged on the situation in Eastern DRC.

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Minister of State Prof. Nshuti Manasseh receives a courtesy call from the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya



Kigali, 11 November - Minister of State in charge of East African Community, Prof. Nshuti Manasseh received a courtesy call from Dr. Alfred N. Mutua, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya.

Discussions: They discussed strengthening existing bilateral relations.

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Minister of State Prof. Manasseh Nshuti receives copies of credentials of William Alexander McDonald, High Commissioner-designate of Barbados to Rwanda



Kigali, 10 November - Minister of State in charge of East African Community Prof. Manasseh Nshuti received copies of credentials of William Alexander McDonald, High Commissioner-designate of Barbados to Rwanda, with residence in Nairobi, Kenya.

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Minister of State Prof. Manasseh Nshuti holds a meeting with the CEO of Saudi Exim Bank



Kigali, 8 November - Minister of State in charge of East African Community, Prof. Manasseh Nshuti held a meeting with Eng. Saad Alkhalb, Chief Executive Officer of Saudi Exim Bank.

Discussions: They exchanged on promoting trade between Rwanda and Saudi Arabia through credit facilities offered by the bank.

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Minister of State Prof. Manasseh receives US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Central Africa



Kigali, 7 November - Minister of State in charge of East African Community, Prof. Nshuti Manasseh welcomed US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Central Africa Ms. Amy Holman and her delegation.

Discussion: They exchanged on bilateral issues and cooperation in multilateral affairs.

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Minister of State Prof. Manasseh Nshuti receives 11 Japanese volunteers



Kigali, 7 November - Minister of State in charge of East African Community, Prof. Manasseh Nshuti received 11 Japanese volunteers who are in Rwanda to support different community development initiatives under Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Areas of activities: The volunteers will be working in the areas of community development such as agriculture, infrastructure, education and sport.

PS Clementine Mukeka co-chaired technical meeting of Joint Permanent Commission between Rwanda and Uganda



Kampala, 29 November - Clementine Mukeka, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Hon. Vincent Baguire, PS in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uganda chaired the Technical Meeting of Joint Permanent Commission.

Discussion: They exchanged on various areas of cooperation.

Moments



After the monthly community work (Umuganda), these young gentlemen didn't miss an opportunity to take a selfie with the Minister.



An interesting performance of Minister of State Prof. Nshuti Manasseh playing road tennis during its launch in Rwanda (photo/ Rwanda Government)



Permanent Secretary Clementine Mukoka having an ecstatic conversation with members of Ethiopian delegation during Umuganda.

Did you know?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation offers the following consular services to the public:

- 1. Legalizing the documents to be used abroad and documents from Abroad to be used in Rwandan institutions. These include power of attorney, civil status certificates, investors and company registration certificates, and judicial decisions among others.*
- 2. Facilitating Rwandan Community Abroad to open bank accounts in Rwanda.*
- 3. Facilitating Rwandan Community Abroad in acquiring Tax exemption for Rwandan returning back home.*
- 4. Recommending the RCA members for land registration and other investment activities like construction permits, and company openings.*
- 5. Consultation for different consular services.*

Tips: Six best practices for online meetings

- 1. Use unique meeting codes for every online event*
- 2. Set meeting passwords that are strong*
- 3. Use a waiting room*
- 4. Avoid posting meeting links on social media*
- 5. During public events, treat the chatroom with caution*
- 6. Don't allow default screen sharing for .*

Source: Rwanda National Cyber Security Authority