

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet Communiqué

On Friday, September 25th 2020, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired a Cabinet meeting at Urugwiro Village.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on September 10th 2020.
2. The Cabinet reviewed measures to further contain spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. **All existing measures and guidelines shall remain in force with the exception of the following changes that will take effect immediately.**
 - a. **Movements are prohibited from 10 PM to 5 AM.**
 - b. Schools will resume with a gradual reopening in the coming weeks based on levels of education. A detailed reopening schedule and readiness assessment will be conducted and communicated by the Ministry of Education.
 - c. Public transport between Kigali and other provinces shall resume.
 - d. Public transport to and from Rusizi shall resume.
 - e. COVID – 19 tests are no longer required for social gathering including weddings with fewer than 30 guests. However, the public is encouraged to take advantage of COVID – 19 voluntary testing facilities as a preventive measure.
 - f. Participants in meetings and conferences will not require proof of COVID – 19 tests however, event organizers must comply with health guidelines and must not exceed 30% of venue capacity.
 - g. Bicycle taxis (*Abanyonzi*) will resume in permitted areas of operation in accordance with COVID-19 preventive measures as well as other precautionary safety measures including wearing helmets.

These measures will be reviewed after 15 days upon a health assessment.
Citizens are reminded of the critical importance of complying with health measures including physical distancing, wearing face masks and hand hygiene. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.

3. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:
 - Draft laws approving the ratification of financing and grant agreements, between the Republic of Rwanda and the International Development

Association for energy access and quality improvement, signed in Kigali, Rwanda, on September 24th 2020.

- Draft law governing biological diversity and wildlife in Rwanda.
- Draft law amending law n° 37/2016 of 08/09/2016 determining organisation, jurisdiction, competence and functioning of Abunzi committees.
- Draft law amending law n° 17/2018 of 13/04/2018 governing companies.

4. The Cabinet approved the following Policies/ Strategies:

- State consolidated financial statements for the year 2019/2020.
- Strategy for acquisition and management of Government buildings.
- Donation of State land in its private domain to Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) for investment.

5. The Cabinet approved the following orders:

- Ministerial order transferring police officers to Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB).
- Ministerial order establishing the general rules on transfer pricing.

6. The Cabinet was briefed on the following:

- Progress of a share purchase agreement between the Government and TINCO investments regarding Rutongo mines.
- Activities planned for the unity and reconciliation month scheduled on October 1st – 31st 2020.

7. The Cabinet approved the agrément for the appointment of **Mr. Silvio José Albuquerque e Silva** as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Nairobi, Kenya.

8. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MINAFFET)

- Ambassador Col. RUTABANA Joseph, Rwanda High Commission in Kampala, Uganda
- Mr. MIRONKO Fidelis, Ambassador of Rwanda Embassy in Ankara, Turkey
- Mr. KAYINAMURA Robert, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Rwanda in New-York, USA
- Mr. NGANGO GATUKU James, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Rwanda in Geneva, Switzerland
- Mr. WIZEYE James, Minister Counsellor, Rwanda High Commission in London, United Kingdom
- Mr. BUHUNGU Abel, Minister Counsellor, Rwanda Diplomatic Mission in Khartoum, Sudan

- Mr. BAGABO Isaïe, First Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Federal Republic of Ethiopia/ Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the African Union
- Mr. OPIRAH Robert, First Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Federal Republic of Ethiopia/ Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the African Union
- Mr. MATSIKO Peter, First Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations in New York
- Mr. NZABONIMANA Guillaume Serge, First Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Republic of Senegal
- Ms. NYINAWUMUNTU Marie Grâce, First Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Kingdom of Belgium
- Mr. BUCYANA Andre, First Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Kingdom of Belgium
- Mr. KABAKEZA Joseph, First Counsellor in the High Commission of Rwanda to the United Kingdom
- Ms. EYA NCHAMA Blondine-Uwimana, First Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to France
- Mr. RUBAYITA Eric, First Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Russian Federation
- Mr. KAYIJUKA Frank, Second Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ms. BUZIZI, Epiphanie, Second Counsellor in the High Commission of Rwanda to the United Republic of Tanzania
- Mr. RUBAGUMYA Vianney, Second Counsellor in the High Commission of Rwanda to the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Mr. KAYOGE RUTONI Eric, Second Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Arab Republic of Egypt
- Mr. GAKUMBA Douglas, Second Counsellor in the High Commission of Rwanda to the Republic of Zambia
- Mr. TUBANAMBAZI Edmond, Second Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to Switzerland/ Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations in Geneva
- Ms. KAZE Ornella, Second Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to France
- Mr. NTAGERUKA Charles, Second Counsellor in the Embassy of Rwanda to the United States of America
- Mr. IRAKOZE Prosper, Second Counsellor in the High Commission of Rwanda to the Republic of India
- Ms. MUKAYIRANGA Beata, First Secretary in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Republic of Congo
- Ms. MUTESI Stella, First Secretary in the High Commission of Rwanda to the Republic of Mozambique
- Ms. NIKUZE NKUSI Euphrasie, First Secretary in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Republic of Zimbabwe
- Mr. MUKAMA Jean Hugues, First Secretary in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Netherlands
- Mr. MURENZI Lucas, Commercial Attaché in the Embassy of Rwanda to the Republic of Turkey
- Ms. KAYITESI Ornella, First Secretary in the High Commission of Rwanda to the Republic of Singapore

- Mr. RUTISHISHA Mucyo, Director, North and West Africa Unit in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rwanda Development Board

- Mr. NSENGIYUMVA Joseph Cedrick, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. TUYISHIME Pacific, Acting Chief Investment Officer
- Mr. LUCKY Philip, Head Investment Marketing Department

Kigali, September 25th 2020



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Prime Minister

