

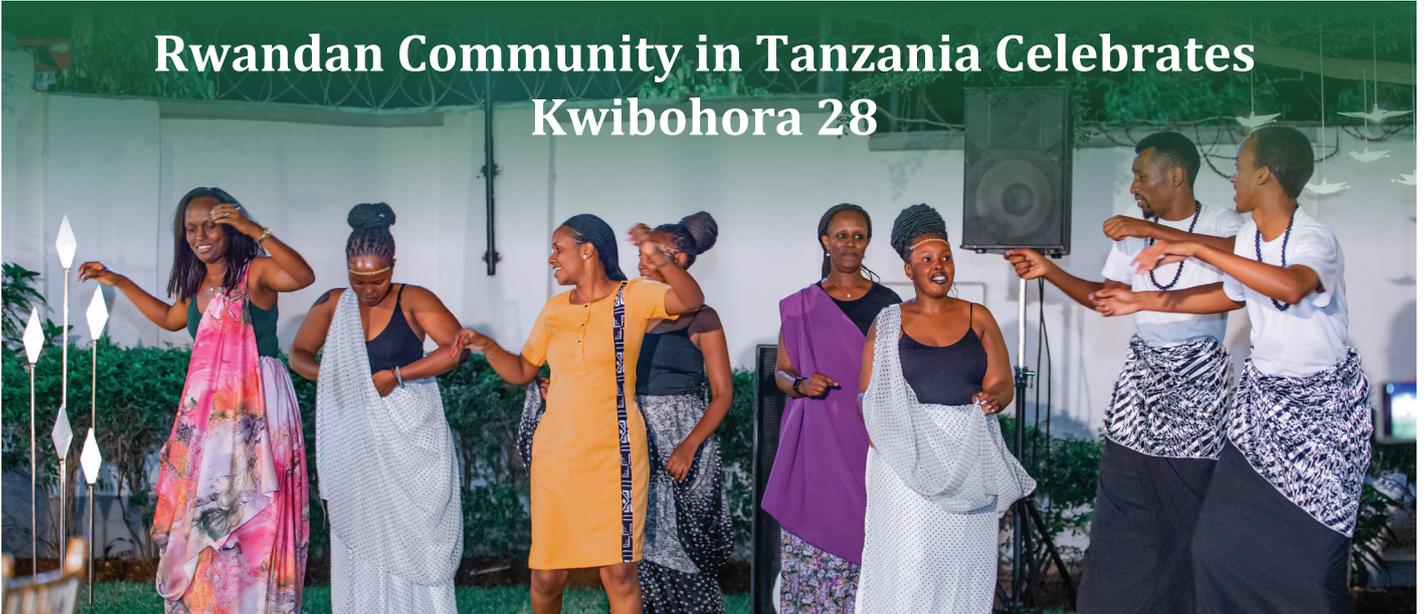


# NEWSLETTER

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## Rwandan Community in Tanzania Celebrates Kwibohora 28



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# 01. The East African Community Heads of State convene in Arusha for a 22nd Ordinary Summit.

The Right Honorable Prime Minister of Rwanda, Edouard Ngirente represented His Excellency President Paul Kagame at the summit.

The main agenda was to specifically assess the execution of The East African Common Market Protocol enforced twelve years ago but not entirely successful. The Protocol envisions free movement of goods, persons, labour, services and capital.

The Summit received progress reports on the implementation of various programmes and projects of the community, decisions and directives.

The EAC Heads of State also officially launched the 42.4 km EAC Arusha Bypass that is part of the multinational Arusha-Holili/Taveta-Voi road that links Northern Tanzania to the Kenyan port city of Mombasa. The Arusha bypass is the first phase of a project that was constructed to decongest traffic in Arusha and Moshi towns in addition to promoting intra-regional trade.

The summit was the first to be attended physically by the Heads of State in three years since the outbreak of Covid 19 pandemic.



*EAC Heads of State at the 22nd Ordinary Summit held in Arusha, Tanzania*



*EAC Heads of State during the launch of the 42.4km EAC Arusha Bypass Road*

## 02. Rwandan Community in Tanzania Celebrates Kwibohora 28

The celebration to mark 28 years of Rwanda's Liberation was held in the United Republic of Tanzania at the premises of the Rwanda High Commission in Dar es Salaam, the Commercial capital of Tanzania.

The Guest of honour and host of the celebrations, Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba speaking on the occasion begun by welcoming

He quoted what was recently said by H.E Paul Kagame, that Rwanda was a country whose people have engaged spiritually, physically and in their thinking.

The Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania said Rwanda was a country open for its people to enter or exit whenever they wish, adding that Rwanda was no longer a small country and that it was open to all investors.

He pointed out that Rwanda has a

where its interests laid. The past he said, pointed to a lesson of resilience from 1994 to the present in 2022. Rwanda has demonstrated that it is a country of unity, reconciliation and reconstruction in many sectors.

Rwanda's Chief Diplomat to the United Republic of Tanzania went on to say that in politics, Rwanda has demonstrated good governance, power sharing, gender equality, women empowerment, the role of the citizen in his/her



*Maj. Gen Charles Karamba delivering a speech during the celebration of Kwibohora 28*

those present to the 28th Liberations celebration.

He said that it was fitting for Rwandans to take time and celebrate Rwanda's Liberation under the Leadership of H.E Paul Kagame, the President of Rwanda under whose leadership Rwandans embarked on the route of reconstruction of Rwanda in Unity and Reconciliation.

Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba added that it was good for Rwandans in Tanzania to take time and remember as well as appreciated their liberation.



wide vision and was aware of



liberation and building of the Country.

Our leadership, he noted, has stressed home grown solutions including Gacaca courts, Imihigo-performance contracts, Ingando, Girinka, Umushyikirano and many others.

The High Commissioner pointed out that all those initiatives have made big impacts which are now shared with friendly countries to cement relations and diplomacy. Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba said the good governance has increased

confidence among the people who contribute to their effort to speed up development.

In the field of education, he noted that education is for all children while in the health sector mutual health insurance has reached almost a 100%.

On the economic sphere, Rwanda's High Commissioner to Tanzania noted that the development of Rwanda keeps progressing and that everybody plays their role whether inside the country or in the Diaspora.

He commended efforts and commitment that has always been demonstrated by the Rwandan Community in Tanzania to support the One-dollar campaign, the assistance to the needy during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, Connect Rwanda as well as Cana#challenge programme.

The High Commissioner used the opportunity to once again thank Rwandan Community in Tanzania for their tireless efforts and support towards National programmes.

The High Commissioner highlighted that Rwandans are happy to belong to a country which promotes the wellbeing and freedom of all citizens, adding that collaboration among the Rwandans and the culture of working together to solve problems has enabled Rwandans to overcome the effects of the Covid -19 pandemic in the near past.

The High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba used the opportunity to commend the relations between Rwanda and Tanzania, saying that cooperation between the two countries were very good even at international level, and that the aim was to expand more efforts

to better the relations even further. It was noted that the TPDF Brass Band that entertained in the celebrations was proof of the good relations between the two countries. The High Commissioner ended his speech by thanking all present for participating in the 28th Anniversary of Liberation of Rwanda.

Meanwhile in Rwanda, the Prime Minister Edouard Ngirente acknowledged the country's armed forces for going beyond their primary responsibility to ensure people's welfare, applauding their role in providing an atmosphere and protection that has enabled the country to develop.

He made the remarks on Monday, July 4, in Nyaruguru District as he presided over the 28th national liberation celebrations.

"July 4, carries a strong significance in Rwanda's history. It's a day we celebrate the liberation of our country and what we have achieved in the last 28 years," said the Prime Minister.

In Nyaruguru, the Premier inaugurated a Rwf15.7 billion Munini Integrated Model Village, that



**One of the blocks that will accommodate 48 families at a Rwf15.7 billion Munini Integrated Model Village. Photo by Dan Nsengiyumva**

accommodates 48 families and was constructed by the Rwanda



**The Right Honorable Prime Minister of Rwanda, Edouard Ngirente**



Defence Force (RDF) and their partners, as part of the activities that marked Rwanda's liberation.

The Model Village consists of residential houses, Groupe Scolaire Munini that includes Primary and Secondary school as well as ECD and other welfare support facilities. Prime Minister Ngirente also inaugurated Munini Hospital in Nyaruguru District as well as the newly constructed asphalt road Huye-Kibeho-Munini.

While addressing residents, Prime Minister Edouard Ngirente emphasised that Rwanda's achievements in the last 28 years were visible in different sectors including socio-economic, unity, leadership and security; thanks to the great effort and collaboration between citizens and their leaders at different levels.

There are more than 70 infrastructure projects undertaken as part of marking the liberation day and are being inaugurated under the theme, 'Together We Prosper.' All the projects were completed at the tune of Rwf191 billion.

## 03. The World celebrates the first World Kiswahili Language Day

In 2021, UNESCO adopted a resolution that proclaimed July 7 as World Kiswahili Language Day. The world and most African countries marked Thursday, 7 July 2022, as the first World Kiswahili Language Day.

The East African Kiswahili Commission extended an invitation to Rwanda to participate in the cele-

the Republic of Rwanda was represented by The Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba. He told distinguished delegates from all EAC Partner States, government officials and other invited guests, that the Government of Rwanda approved the use of Kiswahili as the fourth official language in Rwanda.

context to Kiswahili Language being officially adopted as the Lingua Franca of the Community Alongside French and English which shall be the official languages spoken by EAC Partner States.

The High Commissioner articulated as well that Kiswahili language is also taught in the University of Rwanda, College of Education and faculty of arts and social sciences at Bachelors, Masters and PhD levels.

In conclusion, the High Commissioner of Rwanda to the United Republic of Tanzania Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba informed the attendants of the celebrations of the World Kiswahili Day that acquiring Kiswahili language as a fourth official language in Rwanda has not only immensely contributed to regional integration and trade, but also established a common understanding by easing communication and networking amongst East Africans irrespective of their different nationalities.



brations that were held in Unguja, Zanzibar, from sixth to seventh July, under the theme **“Kiswahili for Peace, Prosperity and Regional Integration”**.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of

Moreover, he stated that Rwanda has adopted Kiswahili to be taught in schools in order to create the ability to communicate in Kiswahili, and provide access to the world's marketplaces, especially in the Great Lakes region and the East Africa in particular. This is in



## 04. Rwanda High Commissioner To The United Republic Of Tanzania Participates In The Mkapa Legacy Symposium

Rwanda High Commissioner to The United Republic of Tanzania Maj. Gen Charles Karamba, attended the second Mkapa Legacy Symposium held in Zanzibar from thirteenth to fourteenth of July 2022. The symposium aimed to commemorate the second anniversary of the death of H.E Benjamin William Mkapa, the former President of The United Republic of Tanzania from 1995-2005.



*The 3rd President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the late Benjamin Mkapa*

The symposium was honored by the presence of Presidents Samia Suluhu Hassan of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hussein Mwinyi of Zanzibar, former president of Mozambique Joaquim Chissano, ambassadors, government officials and other dignitaries.

Mkapa is credited for making crucial policy decisions that laid down the groundwork for Tanzania's economic growth. For example, he established dialogue between the public and private



*Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba (6th from L) at the second Mkapa Legacy Symposium held in Zanzibar*



*Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba (2nd L) with other ambassadors at the second Mkapa Legacy Symposium held in Zanzibar*

sectors. He is also well remembered for economic recovery plans, constructive policies as well as

implementation of the privatization policy that was set in motion by his predecessor.

# 05. RwandAir and Qatar Airways agree to offer travellers more choices

RwandAir and Qatar Airways have signed a comprehensive codeshare agreement to offer travelers more choice, enhanced service, and greater connectivity to more than 65 destinations across Africa and the rest of the world.

As part of the deal, the Rwandan flag carrier will also launch new non-stop flights between their Kigali hub and Doha in December. The agreement benefits travelers from across the globe who fly with both airlines, which expands each carrier’s route network.

Customers can enjoy the simplicity of buying connecting flights on both airlines using one

reservation, with a seamless ticketing, check-in, boarding and baggage-check experience that encompasses the entire journey.

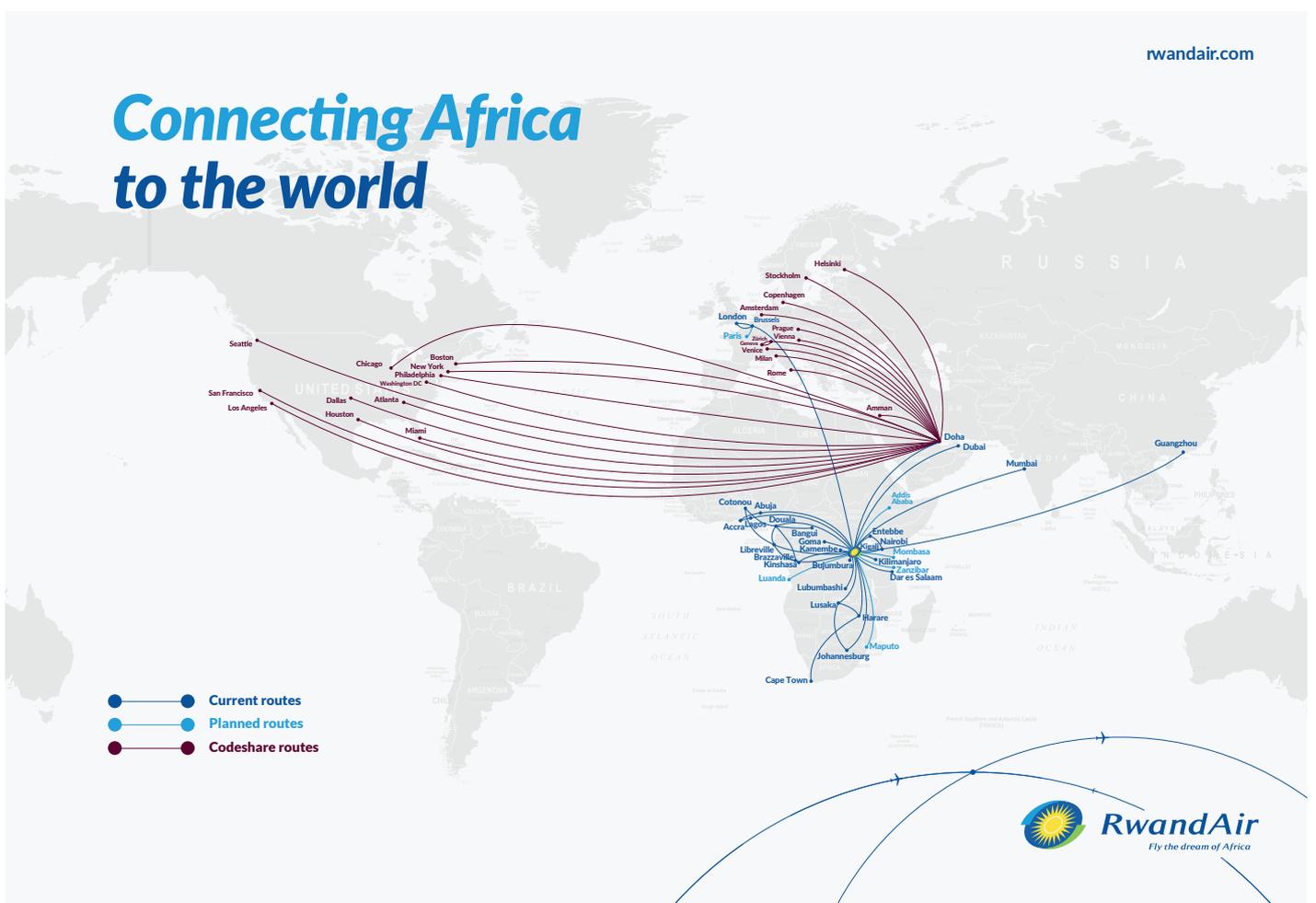
Yvonne Makolo, RwandAir CEO, said: This is a major milestone for RwandAir and marks the beginning of an exciting new journey with Qatar Airways. We are also immensely proud to welcome Doha to our route network, connecting customers with Qatar’s hub and further expanding their flight map.

“This codeshare agreement will give our customers significantly more choice and flexibility, allowing RwandAir to strengthen its global presence and build on its

strong and loyal African customer base.

As we continue to grow out of the pandemic, this partnership represents yet another extremely important step on our recovery runway, and we hope to deliver more commitments like this to our customers in the very near future.”

His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al-Baker, Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, said: “We share a very close and collaborative bond with Rwanda and welcome RwandAir’s new non-stop service between Kigali and our home in Doha.



“With this comprehensive codeshare agreement, we are committed to deliver greater choice and connectivity to our customers in Africa and around the world.

“The new partnership will help position Qatar Airways in the region and complement our African expansion strategy.

***“As we brace ourselves to meet pent-up demand for travel, I see dynamic partnerships like this one propel travel, tourism and trade firmly on the path to recovery.”***

The new codeshare will enable RwandAir customers to book attractive offers to popular destinations in the U.S, such as

New York, Washington D.C., Dallas and Los Angeles.

The partnership will also see these offers extend to key European cities, such as London, Zurich and Madrid, and points across Asia, such as Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok.

Those travelling on RwandAir will benefit from outstanding service, as the airline won the award for best airline staff in Africa at the 2021 Skytrax awards.

The agreement also increases Qatar Airways’ footprint in Africa, with access to destinations such as Bujumbura, Kinshasa and Lubumbashi.

Both airlines recently announced a loyalty partnership, giving RwandAir Dream Miles and Qatar Airways Privilege Club loyalty

members access to each other’s destinations.

This gives customers the opportunity to accrue and redeem miles across their reciprocal route networks and access the airlines’ airport lounges at both airline’s hub homes in Doha and Kigali.

RwandAir continues to rebuild its network, which currently stands at over 25 destinations, offering unrivalled (smooth or seamless) connectivity to customers and making it easy for them to change their travel dates or destination as required.

Earlier this year, RwandAir became the first African airline to achieve Diamond status in the APEX Health Safety audit powered by SimpliFlying

