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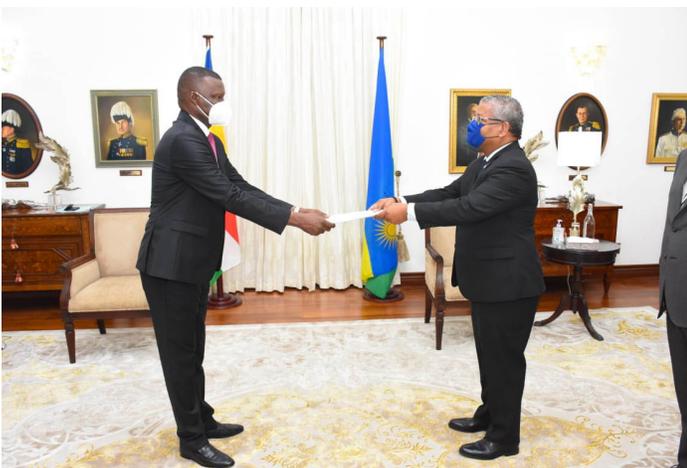
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*The Rwanda High Commissioner to Seychelles with residence in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Major General Charles Karamba presented his credentials to the President of Seychelles H.E. Rev. Wavel Ramkalawan at the State House in Victoria.*

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## **The High Commissioner attends Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan's first inaugural address to the parliament.**

The Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania Major General Charles Karamba on April 22, 2021 attended President Samia Suluhu Hassan's first inaugural address to the Parliament in the country's Capital Dodoma, a month after she was sworn in as the President of the United Republic of Tanzania following the death of her predecessor, the Late President John Joseph Pombe Magufuli in March this year.

The High Commissioner joined other members of the Diplomatic Corp at the Tanzania National Assembly grounds as the President delivered her maiden speech to the country's Parliament during which she outlined a raft of measures her government plans to take in the next four years to stimulate economic growth, which has been adversely affected by the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.

During the same event which was live broadcasted by all media houses, President Samia Suluhu Hassan stressed among other issues, the need for the improvement of business and investment environment in the country by easing the issuance of business permits and licenses in order to attract more investors into Tanzania and profitably boost the economy.



***The Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba joined other envoys in a group photo with the President of Tanzania Samia Suluhu Hassan after her first inaugural address to the Parliament in Dodoma.***



***The High Commissioner Major General Charles Karamba with other Ambassadors who represents their countries in Tanzania, following up the President Samia Suluhu Hassan's inaugural address to the Parliament on April 22, 2021, in Dodoma, Tanzania***

## Rwandans in Tanzania commemorate the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

On Sunday, April 18, 2021, the Rwanda High Commission in Tanzania joined Rwandans living in the country to commemorate the 27th anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The ceremony was presided over by the High Commissioner of Rwanda to the United Republic of Tanzania Major General Charles KARAMBA.

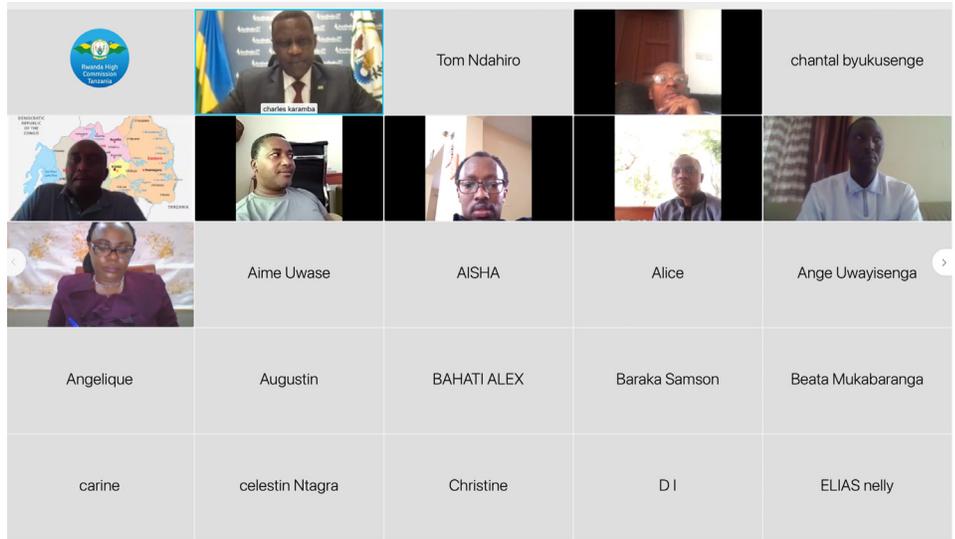
The Rwanda High Commission had also invited Mr. Tom NDAHIRO, a Genocide Researcher as the main discussant during the event and discussion zeroed on the topic: "UNDERSTANDING HOW GENOCIDE DENIAL AND TRIVIALIZATION IS DONE"

In his keynote address, the High Commissioner appreciated the participants for turning up in big number and informed them that the 27th commemoration was organized in conjunction with the leadership of the Rwandese Diaspora in Tanzania in the wake of the Corona Virus pandemic, and that it was important to take precautionary measures including maintaining social distance between people in order to curb the spread of the pandemic.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, as well as on behalf of the staff of the Rwanda High Commission in Tanzania, the High Commissioner thanked all the Rwandans living in Tanzania for their continued solidarity with other Rwandans in these difficult times of commemorating the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, and for joining forces in the process of rebuilding Rwanda at all levels, said the High Commissioner.



**Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania Major General Charles Karamba presiding over the virtual meeting with Rwandan Community Abroad in the commemoration of the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda.**



He further said that Rwandans are in the third week after April 7, the day when His Excellency the President of the Republic of Rwanda, Paul KAGAME presided over the opening ceremony of the week of mourning marking the 27<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

The commemoration will last for a

hundred days until 3rd July as lasted the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

The High Commissioner explained that during this time, Rwandans will continue to remember and pay tribute to the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi as they reflect on the process of building the nation, under the theme: "Remember-Unite-Renew".

The High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba said the Genocide suspects still at large include educated masterminds of the most heinous crimes currently enjoying protection in all continents but mostly in Africa, Europe and the Americas.

He added that, a big number of these fugitives are on African Continent, and several of them continue to hide in the EAC region.

The government of Rwanda indeed calls on governments especially in the East African sub region and great Lakes to:

Cooperate and bring to book any genocide suspect and deniers of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi within their jurisdiction.

Pass laws that punish Genocide perpetrators to ensure that Rwandans suspected of committing any crimes against Humanity are brought to justice.

Respond to the indictments shared by extraditing Genocide suspects to Rwanda or face justice in the host countries.

The High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba insisted that “The denial trend is going to be there for long and it is the calling for all of us to fight it with all the means available. It hurts the survivors; it targets our government.

However, he added that “The good thing is that survivors understand that fighting genocide denial is part of surviving even though that is not where our energy should be going instead of focusing on our development, but it is a war imposed on us by the



***Prime Minister Édouard Ngirente joined other senior officials at the Rebero Genocide Memorial Site, in memory of politicians killed during the Genocide against the Tutsi in 1994; and the closing of the week-long National Mourning for the 27<sup>th</sup> commemoration. #Kwibuka27***

same group which perpetrated the genocide and later defeated. We need to work together and defeat this phase of Genocide.”

During his presentation, Mr. Tom NDAHIRO, enumerated the history of divisionism in Rwanda even before 1994, stating that the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi did not begin in 1994, but that the massacre of Tutsis dates far back in 1959, 1996, 1973, 1992 and then culminated into a big spillover in 1994 when the evil plot to exterminate the Tutsis was realized.

The presenter said that the denial of genocide begins with the perpetrators giving hateful speeches, dehumanizing people by calling them animals, insects, snakes and many other evils; they used to say that the Tutsis are not human beings!

He added that in the present day 2021, there are people who deny that there was genocide in Rwanda some saying it was just a war, others denigrating that it was genocide against the Hutus

as well or that talking too much about genocide is an exaggeration or a tool for making money.

Reiterating President Kagame’s Speech of 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, Mr. Tom NDAHIRO challenged participants that if those who deny the genocide against the Tutsis are doing so without fear and shame, what would make one afraid to stand up against the genocide and its ideology using every possible effort/ means!

After the presentation, the participants were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions, and here the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), Mr. Martin Ngoga gave his complements, saying that during the past three years there have been extraordinary incidents of trivializing the Genocide against the Tutsi and it is done in a very organized way, whereby the deniers are mostly the descendants of the perpetrators of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, the superpowers who have come together



***Mr. Tom Ndahiro, presenter during the virtual meeting organized by Rwanda High Commission to commemorate the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda.***

to humiliate our efforts/attempt to erase our history and the journalists who publish lies about Rwanda; asserting that all these need to be confronted in an equally organized manner.

Other participating Rwandans living in Tanzania expressed their different views on how to fight the genocide ideology and denial of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi including enforcing the existing anti-discrimination strategies, as well as providing feedback on strategies to be taken by everyone to combat/dismiss the genocidal ideology and denial rhetoric posted on social media platforms.

In his closing remarks the High Commissioner of Rwanda to the United Republic of Tanzania thanked participants and Mr. Tom NDAHIRO for the good presentation that clearly explained the genesis of the Genocide against the Tutsi and how its denial

and trivialization is taking shape. He called upon members of the Rwanda Community to brace and stand up against genocide denial to defeat the perpetrators of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi and to continue supporting the survivors of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

Meanwhile, on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 there was Commemoration of the 1994 against the Tutsi which took place in Arusha, Tanzania whereby in adherence to the “Kwibuka 27” guidelines from the Government of Rwanda and Covid-19 containment measures by the East African Community (EAC), a new commemoration mode was devised like last year where a group of few representatives from International Organizations and other partners in Arusha met in a social-distanced manner and laid wreaths of flowers at the Genocide Monument plaqued at the EAC Headquarters.

The event was presided over by the Arusha Regional Commissioner, Hon. Iddi Hassan Kimanta and present was the UN IRMCT Registrar, Mr. Aboubacar Tambadou, Justice Ore Sylvain, the President of ACPHR, representative of EALA Speaker, Rwanda High Commission, the Rwanda Diaspora Chairperson among other dignitaries.



***The Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), Mr. Martin Ngoga who was among the speakers during the Virtual meeting.***

## Rwandans and Friends of Rwanda in Tanzania commemorate the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda.



*RCA Arusha, Moshi representatives in a short Commemorative event remembered the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi; laid wreaths of flowers at the Genocide Monument plaqued by Heads of State at the EAC HQs alongside the current Covid-19 Protocols*



*The National commemoration event at Kigali Arena where several speeches were made to remind the history of the Genocide and the resilience of Rwanda in the aftermath of the tragedy.*



## Rwanda's new High Commissioner to Seychelles accredited

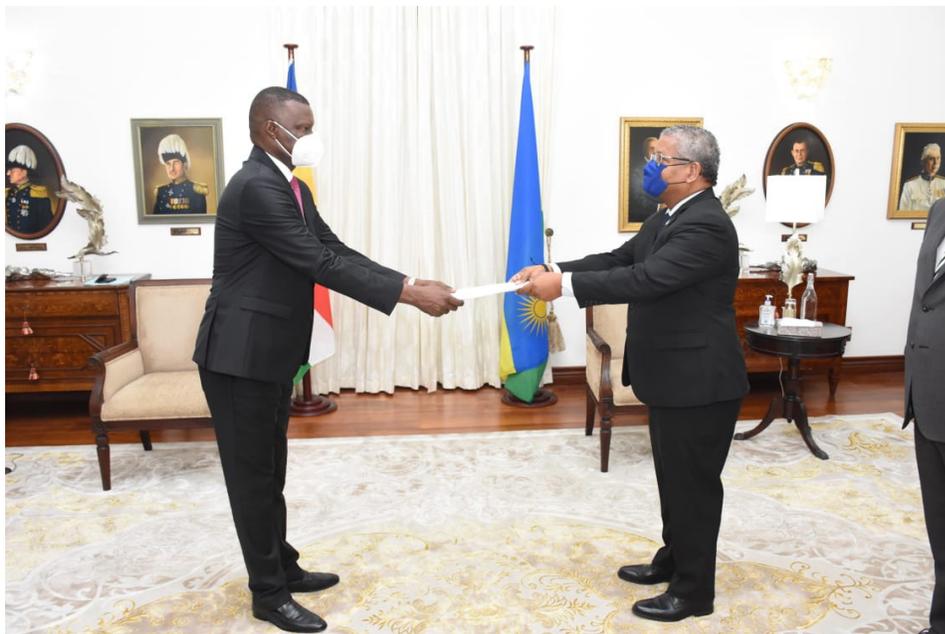
On April 27, 2021, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Rwanda to Tanzania and Seychelles with residence in Dar es Salaam, Major General Charles Karamba, presented his letters of credence to President Wavel Ramkalawan at State House in the country's capital, Victoria.

During the presentation, the High Commissioner conveyed the personal greetings and verbal congratulatory message of the President of the Republic of Rwanda, H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame to H.E. President Ramkalawan, six months after his election as Seychelles President and relayed Rwanda's commitment towards enhancing current ties and furthering cooperation based on mutual interests of the two peoples.

President Wavel Ramkalawan welcomed Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba to Seychelles, congratulated him up-on his accreditation and promised to work together in strengthening further the cooperation in various sectors between the two countries.

The newly accredited High Commissioner also discussed with President Wavel Ramkalawan some specific avenues of cooperation between Rwanda and Seychelles in the areas of Education, Security, both on land and at sea, Environment, Agriculture and Tourism.

The High Commissioner also met with the Seychelles Vice-President Ahmed Afif and the two discussed the current situation of the COVID -19 pandemic, its impact and recovery process from the still prevalent pandemic situation that is adversely affecting world economies. After the accreditation ceremony, the



***The Rwanda High Commissioner to Seychelles with residence in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania presented his credential to the President of Seychelles, His Excellency Reverend Wavel Ramkalawan at the State House in the country's Capital Victoria.***

High Commissioner addressed a press conference where he described the relationship between Rwanda and Seychelles as warm, cordial and that he is happy to represent his country in Seychelles.

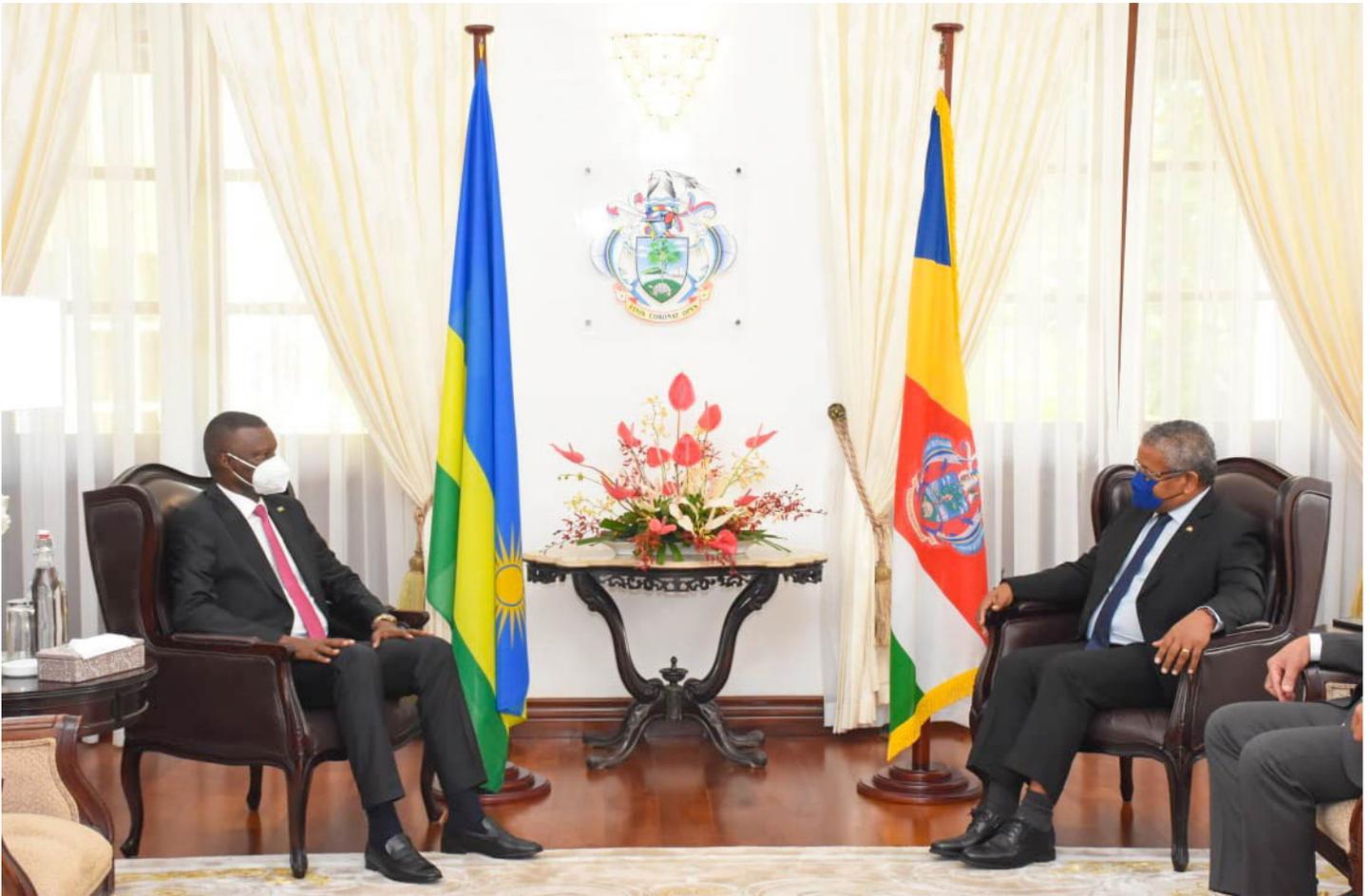
The accreditation ceremony was also attended by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Mr. Sylvestre Radeconde, the Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Marina Confait, Director-Bilateral Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Patsy Moustache and Third Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Ingrid Labrosse.

During the same official visit, Amb. Maj.Gen. Charles Karamba also paid a Courtesy Call on Rt. Hon. Roger

Mancienne, Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles, in which He welcomed and congratulated the High Commissioner on his accreditation.

The two exchanged on a few possible avenues of cooperation between Seychelles and Rwanda in areas of common interest such as Environment, Agricultural and Tourism Industries.

The Speaker was accompanied by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gervais Henrie, the Clerk, Mrs. Tania Isaac and the Deputy Clerk, Ms. Alexandria Faure.



***The Rwanda High Commissioner to Seychelles with residence in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Major General Charles Karamba after he presented his credentials to the President of Seychelles His Excellency Reverend Wavel Ramkalawan at the State House in the country's Capital Victoria. He is the fourth Rwanda's High Commissioner to be accredited to Seychelles.***



***The Rwanda High Commissioner to Seychelles with residence in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania with the President of Seychelles His Excellency Reverend Wavel Ramkalawan at the State House in the country's Capital Victoria shortly after presentation of credentials.***



***Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba met and held talks with Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Chairperson of Seychelles Chamber of Commerce***

**PHOTO GALLERY: Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba presenting his credential to the President of Seychelles H.E. Wavel Ramkalawan**



*The Rwanda High Commissioner Maj.Gen. Charles Karamba inspecting an honor guard as he arrived to present his credential to the President of Seychelles, His Excellency Reverend Wavel Ramkalawan at the State House in the country's Capital Victoria.*



*Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania and Seychelles, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba continued engagements in Victoria, Seychelles by meeting with Minister of Investment, Entrepreneurship and Industry, Ms. Devika Vidot.*



*The Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania also accredited to Seychelles Maj.Gen. Charles Karamba on April 26, 2021 met and held talks with the Seychelles Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Mr. Sylvestre Radegonde at Maison Quéau de Quinssy, Mont Fleuri Rd.*

## Photo Gallery: The High Commissioner's visit to Seychelles



*Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania and Seychelles with residence in DaresSalaam, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba on April 28, 2021 met the Speaker of Seychelles National Assembly, Hon. Roger Mancienne in Victoria, they exchanged on what the Parliaments of the two countries can do together for the benefits of their citizens.*



*The High Commissioner Major General Charles Karamba with the Seychelles Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Roger Mancienne who was accompanied by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gervais Henrie, the Clerk, Mrs Tania Isaac and the Deputy Clerk, Ms. Alexandria Faure.*

## Rwanda High Commission congratulates Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki upon assumption of office of EAC Secretary General

The 21<sup>st</sup> Hybrid Meeting of the EAC Heads of State Summit that sat on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 appointed Kenya's Peter Mutuku Mathuki to head the Secretariat of the Regional Bloc that brings the six East African countries of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania under one umbrella.

He replaces Burundi's Liberat Mfumukeko, whose five-year tenure ended on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021; the position is held for a five year non-renewable term on a rotational basis among Partner States.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021, the High Commissioner of Rwanda to Tanzania Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba participated in the hand-over ceremonies between the Incoming and Outgoing Secretaries General of the East African Community that took place at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania.

The official hand-over ceremony was attended by high level dignitaries from EAC Organs and Partner States including among others: H.E Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, Kenya's former Vice President; Rt. Hon. Kenneth Lusaka, the Speaker for Kenya's Senate; Rt. Hon. Martin Ngoga, the Speaker for the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA); Justice Yohane Bakobora Masara, Principal Judge for the East African Community Court of Justice (EACJ); Hon. Adan Mohamed, Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for East African Community & Regional Development; Hon. Prof. Nshuti Manasseh, Rwanda's Minister of State in Charge of EAC Affairs; Hon. Sabine Ntakirutimana, Burundi's Minister of Health and Amb. John Simbachawene, High



***Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki EAC Secretary General***

Commissioner of Tanzania to Kenya.

While addressing the audience, the outgoing Secretary General highlighted modest achievements recorded amidst unprecedented challenges including outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in his final year and thanked the Summit Members, Council Members, heads of EAC Organs and Institutions, and Staff of the community for their support during his 5 years term.

He further urged the Council to think of a governance structure that allows the Secretariat to take quick decisions on urgent matters like staff recruitment.

In his remarks, whilst recognizing the out-going Secretary General's accomplishments, Prof. Nshuti Manasseh urged the new Secretary General to address financial challenges and poor working relations between EAC organs and Institutions; resolve human resource constraints due to

delayed staff recruitments; and ensure gender balance in the appointment of Heads of EAC Organs and Institutions.

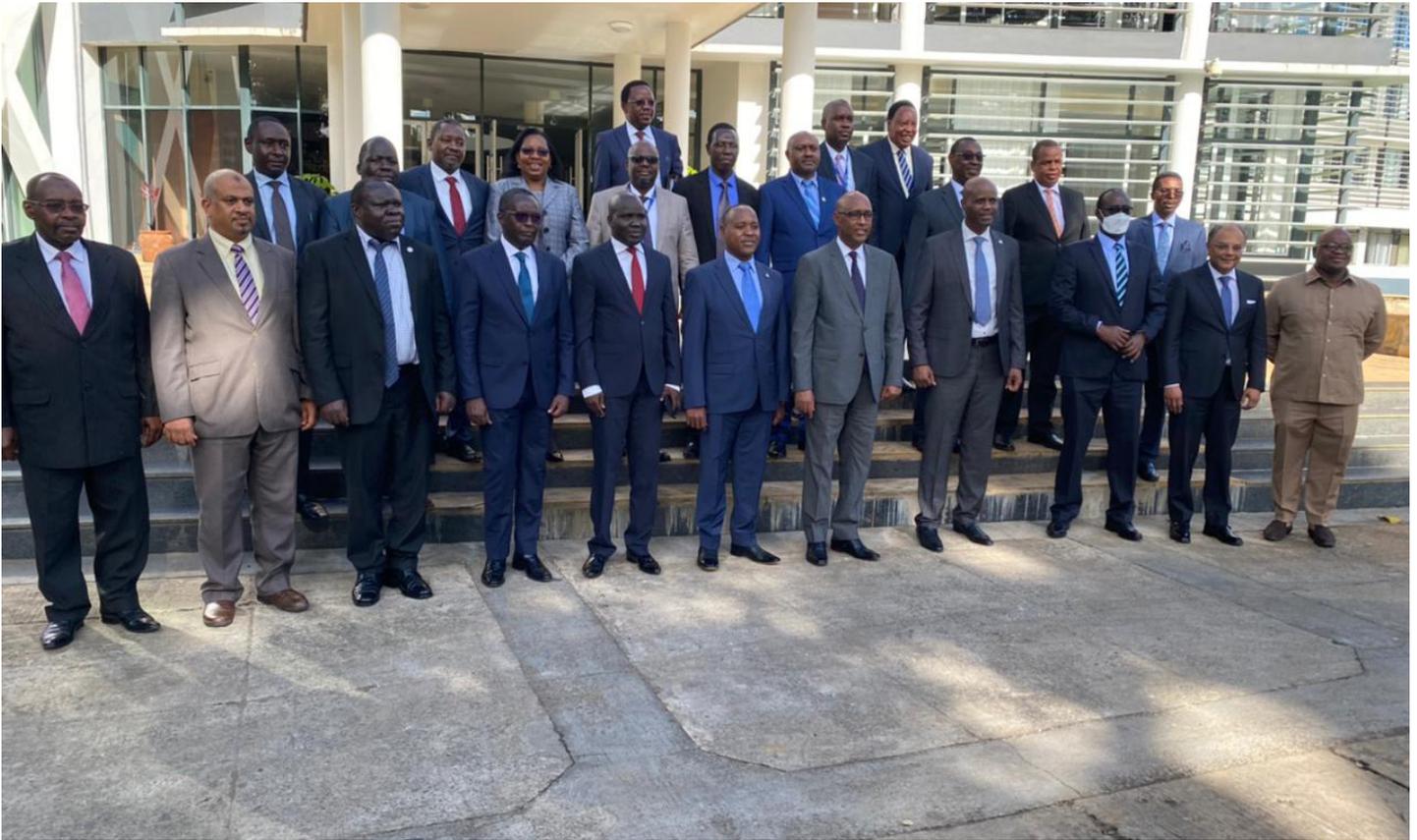
During his acceptance speech, the new Secretary General thanked the EAC Heads of State Summit for trusting and appointing him to serve the Community.

He committed to work closely with other Heads of EAC Organs and Institutions in advancing regional integration agenda.

As Secretary-General of the regional bloc, his key tasks include resource mobilization, regional development, increasing inter-regional trade and enhancing investment potentials from both internal and external players.

The High Commission of Rwanda in Tanzania congratulates Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki upon his assumption of office of the EAC Secretary General and wishes him well in execution of his assignment.

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*Hon. Prof. Nshuti Manasseh, Rwanda's Minister of State in Charge of EAC Affairs and the High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba; were among the leaders who attended The official hand-over ceremony*