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*The High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba with the French Ambassador Frédéric Clavier and Japan Ambassador GOTO Shinichi in Dar es Salaam*

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## Rwanda and Tanzania's ICT Ministers commit to improve Communications infrastructure and services

On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 the Rwanda's Minister of Information Communication Technology and Innovation, Hon. Paula Ingabire had a two-day working visit in Tanzania where she paid a courtesy call to her counterpart, Hon. Faustine Ndugulile, the Minister of Information and Communications Technology and also visited various ICT infrastructure facilities and establishments in Dar es Salaam such as connectivity to submarine cables that also serve the Republic of Rwanda.

During his key note address after the Tanzania and Rwanda Communications Ministers' bilateral discussion, Dr. Faustine Ndugulile said that as a Hub of Communications Services for East and Central Africa, Tanzania and Rwanda have agreed to collaborate on improvement of communications infrastructures in order to deliver quality and reliable communications services especially to the seven neighboring countries currently served by Tanzania communications infrastructures and that the government of Tanzania has set Sh45billion to be spent on improving communications infrastructure at the country's border regions which will also cover mobile phones and Radio technology

Dr. Ndugulile also noted that Rwanda and Tanzania will collaborate on human resource capacity building and exchange programs for the technical experts that will complement the long cherished bilateral relations between the two countries.

He also listed other areas of bilateral relations and partnership such as coordination on improvement of FM and TV Frequency Spectrum Planning and preparation.



***Tanzania's Minister of Information Communication Technology (ICT) Dr. Faustine Ndugulile handling a gift to Rwanda's Minister of Information Communications Technology and Innovation Paula Ingabire***



On her part, Hon. Paula Ingabire thanked Tanzania for the cordial welcome noting that Rwanda and Tanzania are determined to build a reliable digital economy that would accelerate development in the two countries.

She added that ICT sector has cross-cutting benefits to people from all walks of life and to almost all sectors of an economy, contributing to improved living standards of people with sustainable development.

She further stressed noted that “we want our private sectors to be able to build partnerships whether it's for the established companies or startup companies that can join and collaborate together so that the challenges in health care that can be solved through digital solution in Tanzania can also be solved in Rwanda, and also make sure our children have better learning experience through technology”.

## Photo Gallery: Rwanda ICT Minister Paula Ingabire visit to Tanzania



*Rwanda delegation led by the Minister of Information Communication Technology and Innovation, Paula Ingabire with her Tanzanian counter part Minister of Information Communication Technology Dr. Faustine Ndagulile and his team when they visited Tanzania's National Internet Data Center in Dar es Salaam*



*Rwanda delegation led by the Minister of Information Communication Technology and Innovation, Paula Ingabire with her Tanzanian counter part Minister of Information Communication Technology Dr. Faustine Ndagulile and his officials from Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation (TTCL) in Dar es Salaam when they visited the country's telecom company.*

## Photo Gallery: Rwanda ICT Minister Paula Ingabire visit to Tanzania



*Rwanda delegation led by the Minister of Information Communication Technology and Innovation, Paula Ingabire with her Tanzanian counterpart Minister Dr. Faustine Ndugulile at the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority's (TCRA) office in Dar es Salaam*



*The Minister of ICT and Innovation, Paula Ingabire with her Tanzanian counterpart Minister Dr. Faustine Ndugulile, TTCL Director General Waziri Kindamba and the High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba in a discussion when they visited at the National Internet Data Center in Dar es Salaam.*



## Rwanda's High Commissioner joins other Ambassadors in a meeting on Partnership and Strategies in Tanzania's FY2021/2022 Budget



**Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba joined other Ambassadors discussing partnership and strategy in 2021/2022 budget implementation and right approach to improve relations.**

On July 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 the High Commissioner Major General Charles Karamba joined other Ambassadors and Heads of International Organizations in Tanzania in a meeting with several Ministers led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Amb. Liberata Mulamula in a discussion on partnership and strategy on 2021/2022 budget implementation and the right approach to improve relations.

Other Ministers who participated in the meeting include, Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Dorothy Gwajima, Minister of Health Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, Minister for Investment, Geoffrey Mwambe, Minister of Industry and Trade and Dr. Damas Ndumbaro, Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism.

The envoys expressed their satisfaction over the transparency exhibited by Tanzania's sixth government and pledged their moral and financial support amounting to Sh2.9Trillion equivalent to 4 per cent of the country's FY2021/2022 total National Budget of Sh36.2Trillion.

Speaking at the meeting, Finance and Planning Minister, Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba said the government intends to collect Sh33.3tril/- in this financial year from various internal sources, which is equivalent to 92 percent of the total budget, and the remaining Sh2.9tril/- about 4 percent, from the development partners.

Dr.Nchemba further noted that the meeting with the ambassadors and international organizations was a success since it would bring efficiency in implementing the budget.



**Tanzania Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Amb. Liberata Mulamula**

Other issues discussed include the country's strategy and efforts to combat the Covid-19 pandemic, where the Envoys were informed that Tanzania was in talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to secure 570 million US dollars to support them in the fight against the pandemic.



## Photo Gallery: A meeting on Partnership and Strategies in Tanzania's FY2021/2022 Budget



*The meeting was held at the Bank of Tanzania (BOT) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.*



*Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba giving his address during the meeting.*



*The High Commissioner Maj.Gen. Charles Karamba joined with other Ambassadors in exchanging ideas shortly before the meeting*



*Tanzanian Ministers joined with Ambassadors to Tanzania in discussing partnership and strategy in Tanzania's FY2021/2022 Budget*



*Tanzania Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr. Dorothy Gwajima giving her address*

## Tanzania Ports Authority leadership visit the Rwanda High Commission in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



***Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) Director General Eric Hamissi with his team joined in a group photo with the Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba and Second Counsellor Ms. Epiphanie Buzizi***

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Director General of the Tanzania Ports Authority, Mr. Eric Hamissi paid a courtesy call on the Rwanda High Commissioner, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba at the Chancellery in Dar es Salaam.

During the meeting, the TPA Director General was accompanied by other officials from the Tanzania Ports Authority while the Rwanda High Commissioner was accompanied by Embassy Diplomats and the two sides discussed on how to enhance efficient service delivery for Rwandan business community using Tanga Port and also address current challenges thereof.

Tanga Port is the longest serving port in East Africa, a lighterage with two shallow water berths situated on the northern coast of Tanzania, close to the Kenyan border and is 354-km away from its sister port of Dar es Salaam in the South.



***Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba with the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)'s Director General Mr. Eric Hamissi***

## Rwanda delegation meets Tanzania Revenue Authority Top Leadership



*The Rwanda High Commission delegates and the TRA Commissioner General Mr. Alphayo Kidata*



*Rwanda High Commission delegation led by the High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba during the meeting.*



*Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) top leadership led by the Commissioner General Mr. Alphayo Kidata during the meeting.*

On July 6<sup>th</sup> 2021, a Rwanda delegation led by the High Commissioner, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba visited Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Head Office in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The delegation was received by the TRA Commissioner General, Mr. Alphayo Kidata and the two sides had a fruitful discussion where they exchanged on a number of issues such as implementation progress of the Single Customs Territory (SCT) along the Central Corridor and its impact on Tanzania and Rwandan business community.

The SCT initiative was launched in October, 2013 and first piloted in the Northern Corridor involving Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda, and following its successful implementation there, the SCT is now being implemented among Central Corridor Member States of Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda and TRA uses the same to clear goods destined to other EAC Partner States.

Under Single Customs Territory, all five EAC Partner States: Tanzania, Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, and Burundi are regarded as one Customs Territory which means only one Customs declaration is made in the Country at which goods are consigned.

This has replaced the old system where imports to Rwanda, Burundi or Uganda required multiple customs declarations; first in Tanzania as Transit Goods and then in Rwanda, Burundi or Uganda as Imports that ultimately involves two or more Customs Agents to clear the consignment.

The overall benefit of using the SCT system is time and cost saving.

## Photo Gallery: Rwanda delegation meets Tanzania Revenue Authority Top Leadership



*The Rwandan delegation lead by the High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) team led by the Commissioner General Mr. Alphayo Kidata shortly after the meeting*



*The TRA Commissioner General Mr. Alphayo Kidata*



*The High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba*



## RwandAir becomes first and only Sub-Saharan African airline in partnership with Qatar Airways Privilege Club

RwandAir has become the first - and only - Sub-Saharan African airline to launch a loyalty partnership with Qatar Airways.

The two carriers have joined forces to offer RwandAir Dream Miles and Qatar Airways Privilege Club loyalty members access to each other's destinations with the opportunity to 'earn and burn' points across their reciprocal route networks.

Under the new deal, RwandAir Dream Miles members will be able to fly to more than 140 Qatar Airways destinations using miles earned by flights bought through RwandAir.

Qatar Airways Privilege Club members will have the ability to earn miles on RwandAir's flights, both within Africa and on long-haul routes, to destinations such as New York and London.

Yvonne Manzi Makolo, CEO of RwandAir, said: "RwandAir is incredibly proud to be the first Sub-Saharan African airline to enter into partnership with Qatar Airways Privilege Club.

"Customer loyalty is of huge importance to both RwandAir and Qatar Airways. We both strive to put the customer experience first and give recognition to our most frequent fliers.

"Now RwandAir Dream Miles customers will be able to earn and burn points to give them access to flights across Qatar Airways' extensive route network, with the same reciprocal benefits to Qatar Airways Privilege Club members.

"We believe this initiative is a major step forward to greater cooperation between Africa's most ambitious airline and one of the world's most prestigious



international carriers, and we look forward to further enhancing the benefits of our Dream Miles members.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive H.E. Mr. Akbar Al Baker said: "Our partnership with RwandAir opens up a world of possibilities for the customers of both airlines, allowing them to discover exciting destinations.

Members of Privilege Club and Dream Miles can enjoy significant benefits including world class travel experiences on our strong complementary networks.

Since RwandAir launched its Dream Miles loyalty programme in 2011 it has grown in popularity and become a favourite of the airline's frequent fliers.

The Dream Miles programme has four tiers of membership, with Emerald forming the entry level, entitling members to a free ticket using award miles, eligibility for a flight upgrade, as well as last minute cabin upgrades and up to 40kgs excess baggage using award miles.

In addition, Silver tier members, who have earned 25,000 'Tier Miles' or taken

20 flights in a year, are entitled to an additional 10kg of checked-in baggage, can earn 25% bonus miles on all RwandAir flights and be given priority on the waitlist.

Gold tier members, who have earned 50,000 miles or taken 40 flights a year, enjoy a wide range of benefits, including 50% bonus miles on all RwandAir flights and 15kg extra checked baggage allowance.

They can also receive a free ticket and complimentary upgrade to the higher cabin using miles, as well as priority check-in, baggage tagging, Business Class lounge access and high priority on the waitlist.

RwandAir's most highly-valued frequent flyers can benefit from Diamond tier status in reward for earning 100,000 miles or taking 60 flights a year.

Benefits include 100% bonus miles on all RwandAir flights, an additional 23kg of checked baggage and one free upgrade to Business Class per year when travelling in the Economy cabin.

Following two years of consecutive Diamond status, their tier will be automatically extended for a further two years.