

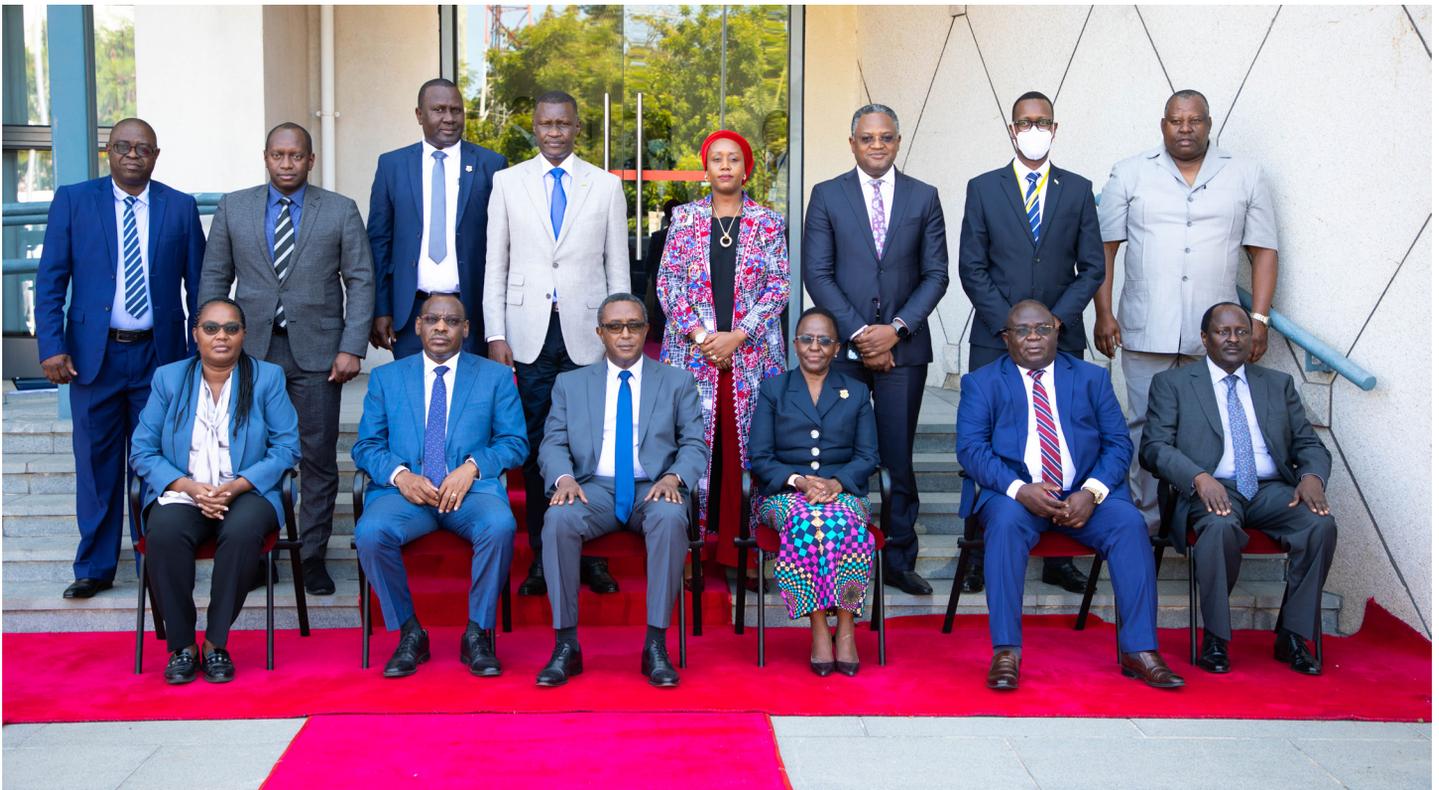


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Rwanda and Tanzania hold 15th Session of Joint Permanent Commission

The 15th Session of Rwanda - Tanzania Joint Permanent Commission (JPC) was held in Dar es Salaam from 25th to 28th November 2021 to discuss bilateral cooperation matters between the two sister countries.

Both delegations were led by the respective Ministers of Foreign Affairs who were accompanied by their other colleagues from other sectors and other Senior Government Officials.

The meeting reviewed implementation status of decisions of the 14th JPC session which was held in Rubavu, Rwanda in 2016 clustered in three sectors of Political and Diplomatic consultations, Transport and Infrastructure development, Economic considerations of Trade, Investment and Industry, and other Productive sectors.

The meeting also laid strategies for fast tracking implementation of decisions of the two Heads of State and operationalizing the various MoUs that were signed on 2nd August 2021 during the visit of H. E President Samia Suluhu Hassan to Kigali.

During his opening remarks, Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr. Vincent Biruta said that the agreement reached had blessings from the two countries' Heads of State, and will be an effective way for enhancing and consolidating bilateral cooperation framework between the two countries.



Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Vincent Biruta exchanging document with Tanzania's Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Amb. Liberata Mulamula shortly after signing the memorandum of Understanding.

“When President Samia Suluhu Hassan paid a visit to Rwanda in August this year and met President Paul Kagame they discussed various issues that helped fast-track the agreements reached today.” Dr. Biruta said.

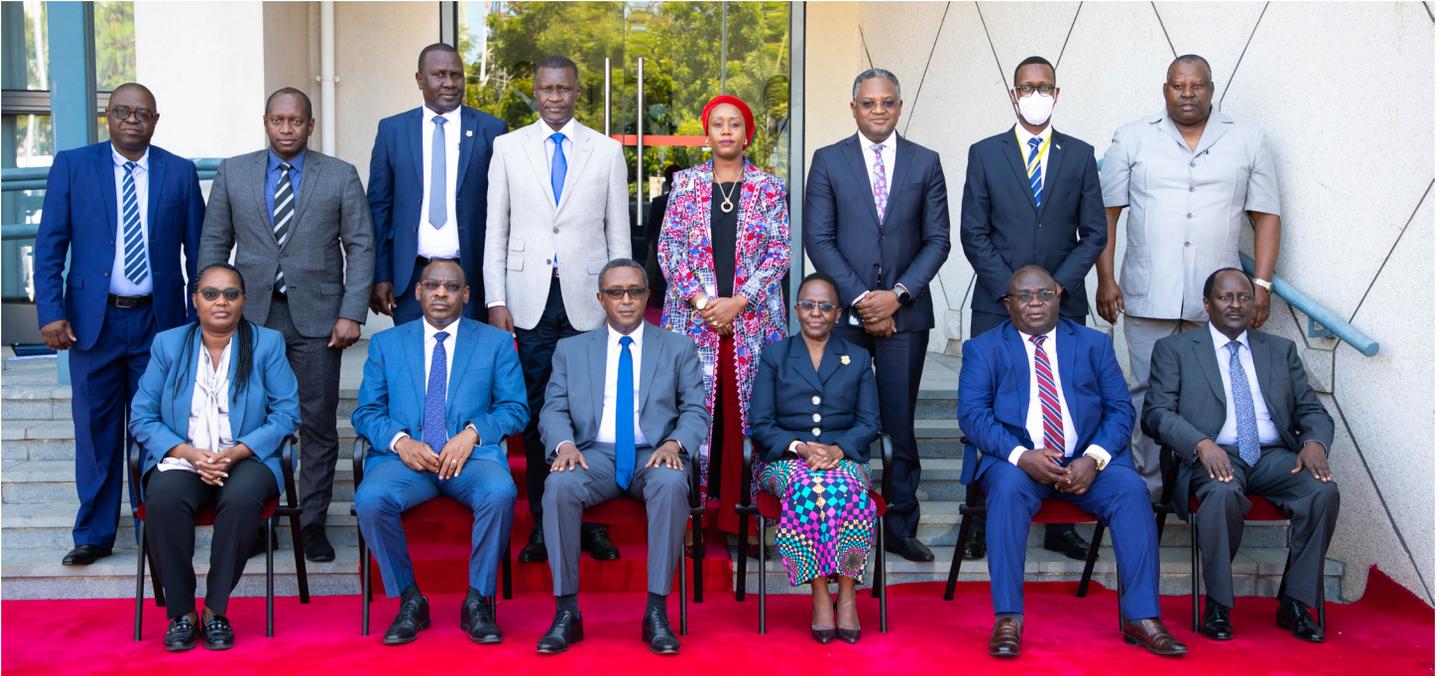
He expressed optimism that the agreement reached would be effected within the set timeframes.

On her part, Tanzania's Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula appreciated the Republic of Rwanda for accepting the invitation to come and enhance the bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

She expressed Tanzania's readiness to implement all the recommendations from the 15th JPC meeting including cooperation in foreign affairs, infrastructure development like the Isaka-Kigali SGR project, trade and transport facilitation, cooperation in the fields of Tourism, among many other new areas of cooperation.

The Ministerial Session of the JPC was preceded by that of Permanent Secretaries and Senior Officials who discussed and agreed on the various matters and later submitted recommendations to the Ministers for endorsement. After the meeting, both parties penned the MoU on Cooperation in Defense in addition to the Agreed Minutes.

Photo Gallery: Joint Permanent Commission meeting in Dar es Salaam Tanzania



The Rwanda and Tanzania's Joint Permanent Commission delegation in a group photo shortly after concluding the ministerial level meeting.



Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Vincent Biruta giving his address during the Joint Permanent Commission (JPC) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

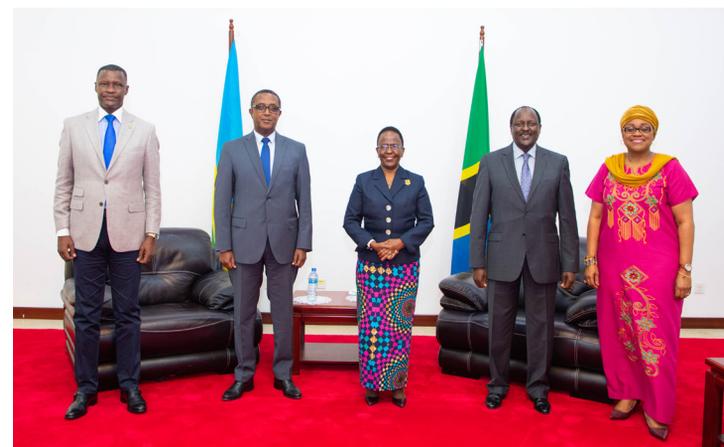
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Tanzania's Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Amb. Liberata Mulamula



Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Vincent Biruta



Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Vincent Biruta held a tête-à-tête meeting with Tanzania's Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Amb. Liberata Mulamula shortly before the Joint Permanent Commission (JPC) meeting in Dar es Salaam Tanzania.

Photo Gallery: Joint Permanent Commission meeting in Dar es Salaam Tanzania



Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Vincent Biruta and Tanzania's Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Amb. Liberata Mulamula signing the MoU to strengthen bilateral ties.



The Director General of Africa at Rwanda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Shakilla Umutoni during the JPC meeting in Dar es Salaam.



Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Vincent Biruta giving his address during the Joint Permanent Commission (JPC) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Joint Permanent Commission (JPC) members during the meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Photo Gallery: Joint Permanent Commission meeting in Dar es Salaam Tanzania, signing of the MoUs session.



Ministers of energy from Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania commit to completion of Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project by December 2021



The Council of Ministers (COM); Hon. Claver Gatete & CoM Chair (Middle), Hon. Ibrahim Uwizeye left (CoM Member) & Hon. Steven Byabato (right); Deputy Minister for energy in Tanzania representing Hon. January Makamba (CoM Member)

On 9th October 2021 the Project's Council of Ministers (COM) visited the 80 MW Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Power to take stock of the Power Plant construction progress, assess related issues and come up with strategies to accelerate its completion.

The overall Project implementation status is at 81.9 %, targeting commissioning and testing of 1st power (one unit) by December 2021.

The Council of Ministers is comprised of Ministers in charge of energy in Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania.

The COM Members are: Rwanda Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Claver Gatete (COM Chairman), Burundi Minister for Hydraulic, Energy, and Mines, Hon. Ibrahim Uwizeye, (COM Member) and Tanzania Minister of Energy, Hon. January Yusuf Makamba (COM Member) who was represented

by his deputy Hon. Steven Byabato. Before COM, the Board of Directors meeting was held on the 8th October 2021 and assessed all issues constraining the entire project varying from management and technical.

The board members were assigned to follow up on the construction activities so as to meet the deadline.

Minister Claver Gatete and COM chair, urged board members to always reach out to the council of ministers for quick decisions making.

The transmission line infrastructures are towards completion. Once completed, they will extend to New Bugesera Airport and Shango in Rwanda, Gitega in Burundi, and Nyakanazi in Tanzania.

The project will develop renewable hydroelectric power as part of a broader program to support the sustainable management of the Kagera River Basin

and promote growth and poverty reduction. It will also impact the growing Town Centers while ensuring that environmental aspects are well managed and benefits of shared power are produced.

The project upon completion will facilitate increased economic activities, private sector development, and investments in social infrastructure and services through improved access to electricity.

The project is worth US\$340 million and US\$128million that have advanced to the countries as a loan from the World Bank and African Development Bank respectively.

The compensation of the affected persons by the project has been completed on both sides of Rwanda and Tanzania.

As part of bringing quick benefits to the community in the project site neighborhoods (in Ngoma and Kirehe districts), USD5million has been allocated to the people through the two District Councils to implement different community development projects (agriculture (irrigation) and livestock, construction of new health centers and road rehabilitation) through the Local Area Development Program delivering direct benefits to the people around the expected hydropower generation plan.

With regard to the livelihood restoration program for the affected people by the Rusumo project in the Kirehe District, a budget of USD302,862 has been approved for the activities and the first disbursement has been sent to Kirehe District to implement planned activities.

Photo Gallery: Ministers of energy from Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania visit to Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project



Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba with the Tanzania's Deputy Minister of Energy Steven Byabato

Rwanda High Commissioner meets Tanzania Railway Corporation's Director General



Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba with Mr. Masanja Kadogosa, the Director General of the Tanzania Railway Corporation

On October 5th, 2021 Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen Charles Karamba met the Director General of Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) Mr. Masanja Kadogosa and his team in Dar es Salaam to follow up on ongoing discussion on construction of Standard Gauge Railway from Isaka to Kigali.

The meeting was also attended by Chairman of the Tanzania Railway Corporation's Board of Directors Prof John Wajanga Kondoro and other officials from TRC.

Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba said, his visit to Tanzania Railway Corporation in Dar es Salaam, is a continuation of the discussion that was held during President Samia Suluhu Hassan's visit to Rwanda in August where she met her counterpart H.E Paul Kagame and agreed on several issues including the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway from Isaka to Kigali. The High Commissioner commended

Tanzania's progress in the construction of Standard Gauge Railway from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro.

He added that Rwanda has been intensively using the Dar es Salaam Port to import goods by approximately 90 per cent, the transportation of cargo from Dar es Salaam to Rwanda via roads affects roads infrastructure but also it causes the prices of goods to be higher, therefore the need for the Standard Gauge Railway is very crucial as part of facilitating development between the two countries.

The High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba asserted that, transportation of goods from Tanzania to Rwanda via railway will save time and also cut the cost which at the end will help the price of goods to be low.

In facilitating the sharing of technical knowledge on the construction of Standard Gauge Railway, he noted that Rwanda will be sending its

engineers to Tanzania and work with their Tanzanians counterparts and share the skills and knowledge.

Moreover, Rwanda will also be sending young students who will come to Tanzania's college in Tabora Region and obtain technical knowledge on Railway construction which will also be useful in the partnership between the two countries.

On his part, Tanzania Railway Corporation Director General Mr. Masanja Kadogosa said in enhancing the construction of Standard Gauge Railway so as to be more effective, some committees were formed for that purpose including engineers' committee, secretary general's committee and ministers' committee.

As part of training of experts from the two countries, Mr. Masanja Kadogosa hinted that Tanzania Railway Corporation officials had already paid a courtesy call to Rwanda three times, while Rwandan engineers have already visited Tanzania two times; and had held meeting on sharing technical knowledge for the two countries' experts.

The Isaka-Kigali Standard Gauge Railway line is planned to start at the inland container depot (ICD) at Isaka, in the Kahama Rural District of Shinyanga Region, in Tanzania.

The line would travel in a general northwesterly direction to the border town of Rusumo, Rwanda, in Kirehe District in the Eastern Province of Rwanda.

From there the line would continue westwards, through Rwanda, to end at Kigali, the capital. The total length of the railway line is estimated at about 571 kilometers.

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Rwanda Tourism Stakeholders participate in EAC Regional Tourism EXPO in Arusha Tanzania



Zanzibar President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi speaking during the closing ceremony of the 1st EAC Regional Tourism Expo 2021 at the TGT Grounds in Arusha, Tanzania

From October 9th to 11th 2021 Rwanda Development Board along with 10 Tour Operators from the Rwanda Chamber of Tourism participated in the first East African Regional Tourism (EARTE) Expo which took place at the TGT Grounds in Arusha, Tanzania, under the theme “Promotion of Resilient Tourism for Inclusive Socio-economic Development.”

The three-day Expo was hosted by the United Republic of Tanzania in conjunction with the EAC Secretariat and was followed by a familiarization trip for hosted international buyers and media to some of the iconic tourist sites in Northern Tanzania region from 12th to 16th October, 2021.

The overarching objective of the EXPO was to promote EAC as a single tourism destination, provide a platform for tourism service providers’ business to

business (B2B) engagements, create awareness on tourism investment.

During his opening remarks, the EAC Secretary General, Hon. (Dr). Peter Mathuki said that the EAC region lost close to 70% of international tourist arrivals in 2020 coupled with massive losses in tourism earnings and tourism related jobs, and that, wildlife conservation in the region suffered a major blow from the pandemic through loss of conservation revenue most of which is generated through tourists visiting the protected areas and wildlife conservancies across the region.

In his key note address, the President and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of Zanzibar, H.E. Dr. Hussein Mwinyi, called upon EAC Partner States to develop a coordinated approach that will be instrumental in overcoming the

challenges facing the tourism sector occasioned by the outbreak of COVID-19.

Adding that Partner States should continuously refine national policies and devise new programmes to deliver responsible, inclusive and sustainable tourism products that will attract more visitors from all over the world.

The EXPO comprised exhibitions by the different tourism service providers, speed networking, meetings and seminars on tourism and wildlife sub-themes.

In respect to the tourism sector, these sub-themes revolved around aspects such as tourism resilience and crisis management, digital tourism marketing, development of multi-destination tourism packages and tourism investment opportunities and incentives.

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RwandAir and Qatar Airways seal milestone codeshare agreement

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.”



RwandAir CEO Yvonne Makolo with Mr. Akbar Al-Baker, Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive

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

Photo Gallery: High Commissioner's activities in October 2021



On October 4th 2021, Rwanda High Commissioner Maj.Gen. Charles Karamba paid a courtesy call on Tanzania Police Chief, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro in Dar es Salaam, they discussed the excellent relations between Rwanda and Tanzania specifically collaboration of Rwanda National Police and Tanzania Police Force in various areas of security and police work.



On October 1st 2021, Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba met Ambassador Naimi Aziz of the Tanzania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation in Dar es Salaam. They discussed matters of mutual interest between the two countries



On October 15th 2021, Mr. Nguyen Nam Tien, Vietnam High Commissioner to Tanzania paid a courtesy call on the Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba, they discussed issues related to work in Jurisdiction and other bilateral issues of the two countries.

Photo Gallery: Rwanda High Commissioner's activities in October 2021



On October 13, 2021 Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba paid a courtesy call on the Ambassador of Angola in Tanzania Sandro de Oliveira, they discussed issues related to mutual bilateral relations between the two countries



On 15th October 2021, Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba paid a courtesy call on the Nigeria High Commissioner to Tanzania Dr. Hamisu Umar Takalmawa in Dar es Salaam, the two discussed issues related to mutual bilateral relations between the two countries

Photo Gallery: Rwanda High Commissioner's activities in October 2021



On October 22, 2021 The Polish Ambassador to Rwanda with residence in Dar es Salaam Krzysztof Buzalski ahead of his travel to Kigali for African Union - European Union (AU-EU) ministerial meeting paid a courtesy call on Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba, they discussed bilateral issues.



EAC meeting of Chiefs of Immigration October 2021



The meeting of Chiefs of Immigration from East African Community (EAC) was held in Dar es salaam City Tanzania on 20th - 21st 2021 to deliberate various Immigration matters within the bloc.



Commissioner General of Immigration Tanzania (CGI) Dr. Anna Makakala (Left) exchanging views on Immigration issues with Rwanda's Chief of Immigration ACP Lynder Nkuranga, in Dar es Salaam during the East African Immigration Summit (EAC)