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Rwandan High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba paying respect to the British, German and East African soldiers who died during the First World War, at the Commonwealth War Graves in Dar es Salaam on November 8, 2020.



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High Commissioner's Message

Welcome to the Rwanda High Commission to the United Republic of Tanzania Newsletter which will be covering our key activity engagements with different stakeholders in Rwanda, Tanzania and Seychelles.

The Mission's main objective is to strengthen and further enhance the already existing good diplomatic relations between Rwanda and the countries of our jurisdiction as well as contribute to the deepening and widening of EAC integration process.

We are always ready and open to engage all stakeholders within our reach such as the business players/privatesector, development partners, diplomatic missions and international organizations in Tanzania.

This is achieved by leveraging on the strategic orientation of our top leaders that forms a basis of cooperation at government level and promoting everything to do with



Rwandan High Commissioner to Tanzania, Major General Charles Karamba

business, trade and investment and cultural activities, among others.

To explore more about our activity engagements, you can also follow our Twitter handle @RwandainTZ (Rwanda in Tanzania).

Opening Hours for Visa and Consular Services

1. Monday to Thursday working hours are from 8:00am to to 4:00pm
2. Friday, working hours are from 8:00am to 3:00pm

NB: From Monday to Friday Consular Services provided include Visa, Emergency Travel Document, Certification/Notification of the Document and Passport application process.



His Excellency Tanzania's President Dr. John Pombe Magufuli receiving credential letter from Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania Major General Charles Karamba at the State House in Dar es Salaam

High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba attends the inauguration of the 12th Parliament in Dodoma



It was great privilege for the Rwandan High Commissioner, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba to join Tanzania top Leaders at the inaugural ceremony of the 12th Parliament in Dodoma on November 13, 2020 Presided over by President John Magufuli.

On November 13, 2020 Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania, Major General Charles Karamba had a privilege to attend the inauguration of the 12th Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania at the National Assembly premises in the country's capital, Dodoma.

Presided over by President John Magufuli, the inauguration ceremony was among others attended by Tanzania senior government officials such as the Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Zanzibar's President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi and his Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdalla, Premier Kassim Majaliwa, former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi and several Diplomats representing their countries in Tanzania.



International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Chief of Mission Dr. Qasim SUFI paid a courtesy call on the Rwandan High Commissioner Major General Charles Karamba on 16th November 2020. They discussed issues relating to the international cooperation on contemporary migration challenges.

Rwandan High Commissioner joins other Diplomats in remembering First World War fallen soldiers in Dar es Salaam



Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania Major General Charles Karamba with US Ambassador to Tanzania Donald Wright laying the wreaths at the Commonwealth War Graves in Dar es Salaam in respect for the fallen Commonwealth and East African Soldiers.

Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania Major General Charles Karamba on November 8th 2020 joined other Diplomats in an annual remembrance memorial service that was held at the Commonwealth War Graves in Dar es Salaam Tanzania.

The High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba represented Rwanda in the laying of wreaths to pay respect for the fallen soldiers including the East African soldiers who died during the First World War.

The memorial service was attended by Ambassadors who represent their respective countries in Tanzania.

The Commonwealth countries Ambassadors who participated in the memorial service were Rwanda, Australia, Canada, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia.

When the Germans finally surrendered on 23 November 1918 twelve days after the European armistice, their numbers had been reduced to 155 European and 1, 168 African troops. Dar es Salaam was the Capital of the German East Africa.

Dar es Salaam War Cemetery was created in 1968 when the 660 First World War graves at Ocean Road Cemetery had to be moved to facilitate the construction of a new road. As the burial in the former African Christian, Non-Christian and Mohammedan plots had not been marked individually, they were reburied in collective graves, each marked by a screen wall memorial. (Memorial Garden B, C and D).

During the early 1970 a further 1,000 graves were brought into this site from cemeteries all over Tanzania, where maintenance could no longer be assured.

Dar es Salaam War Cemetery now contain 1, 770 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Background

At the outbreak of the First World War, Tanzania was the core of German East Africa. Commonwealth forces fought a protracted and difficult campaign against a relatively small but highly skilled German force under the command of General von Lettow -Vorbeck



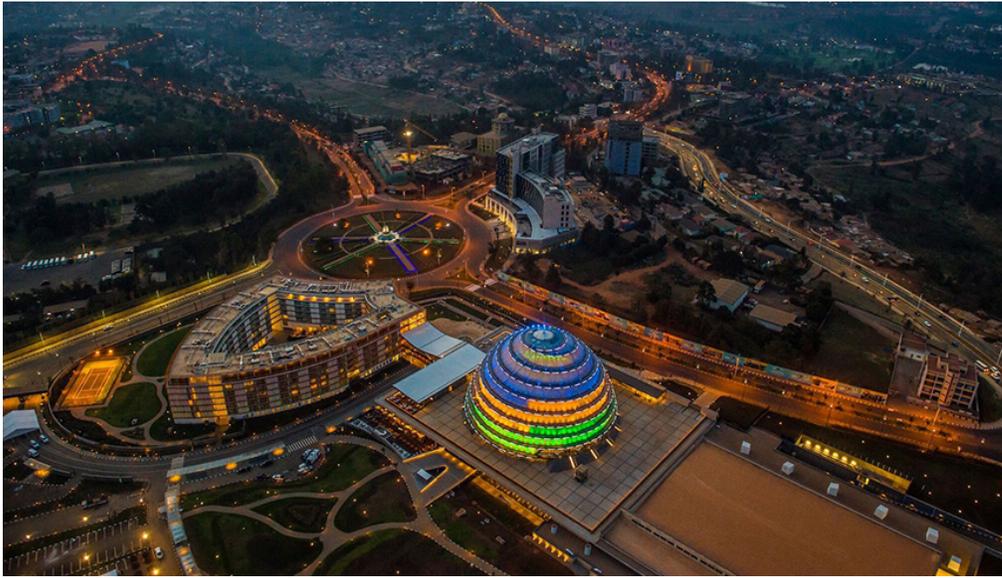
Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania Major General Charles Karamba going through an order of service at the memorial services for the fallen Commonwealth and East African Soldiers

Rwandan High Commissioner joins other Diplomats in remembering First World War fallen soldiers in Dar es Salaam (Photos)



Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania Major General Charles Karamba on November 8, 2020 joined other Diplomats to lay wreaths in an annual remembrance memorial service that was held at the Commonwealth War Graves in Dar es Salaam Tanzania.

Why has Rwanda registered tremendous achievements in socio-economic development ?



An aerial view of the Radisson Blu Hotel & Kigali Convention Centre (KCC) in Kigali Rwanda.

Rwanda is one of the fastest growing countries in East Africa and Africa at large in social and economic aspects; and the factors that have made this landlocked country in the Great Rift Valley where the African Great Lakes region and East Africa converge, was explained by the High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania, Major General Charles Karamba in a recent exclusive interview with one of the local Radio stations in Tanzania, Clouds FM on the program named Power Breakfast.

While speaking to the Radio presenter who sought to establish why Rwanda has always been listed among Africa's fastest growing economies, The High Commissioner cited major sectors where tremendous strides have been made and key economic factors attracting investors and tourists from abroad.

Health Sector

The High Commissioner intimated that Rwanda provides health insurance cover to every citizen (Universal Health Insurance) where every citizen contributes a small amount and the

government tops it up, this has helped to improve the health condition of many people in the country.

“We have improved the maternal health



of many women by establishing health centers in every village-cell and this has led to the decline of maternal and child mortality rate; citizens have got good family planning and improved health schemes”, revealed Amb. Maj. Gen Charles Karamba.



Rwanda High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania, Major General Charles Karamba

Education Sector

Rwanda has given priority to Education as the backbone for the development of various sectors.

The High Commissioner said Rwanda has been providing free of charge Education to students of Primary and Secondary schools for many years, emphasizing that no child has failed to be registered at school in the country for lacking school fees.

The Ministry of Education makes regular follow up to ensure all children who have reached the appropriate age of school enrollment are registered accordingly.

Information and Communications Technology is also one of the crucial aspects supporting learning process for the young generation whereby Rwanda



Rwanda's pupils learning with laptops at school



Rwanda's Coffee farmers

has a one laptop per child program which has helped children to study in a modern technology that motivates their desire to learn.

Infrastructure

Rwanda has made effective utilization of the Internet technology whose use is reported to have increased in all modernized societies in Africa and worldwide as it facilitates development activities to the communities.

To this effect, the Government of Rwanda distributed fiber optic internet connection nationwide; this has improved the use of internet at offices, schools and to the society in general.

In terms of Roads infrastructure, all districts in Rwanda are connected by good quality tarmac roads. We also have installed lights at the streets to increase security; but also, to decorate our country.

This appeases tourists who visit Rwanda for their vacations, noted the High Commissioner Maj Gen Karamba.

Foreign Trade

Rwanda adds value to her grown commercial crops such as Coffee and Tea to meet international quality standards for export.

This has expanded market base and the

number of local Coffee and Tea farmers has increased drastically.

Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables

In the Horticulture industry, Rwanda has empowered a great number of small farmers who deal with cultivation of flowers, vegetables and fruits to improve their agricultural methods.

The introduction of modern methods of farming and improved skills has helped increase crop yields for export to the global market as well as improve farmers' livelihoods.

Economic growth and investment climate

Before the Covid-19 outbreak, Rwanda's economy had been growing by over 8.5 per cent achieved through setting up the easiest environment of doing business.

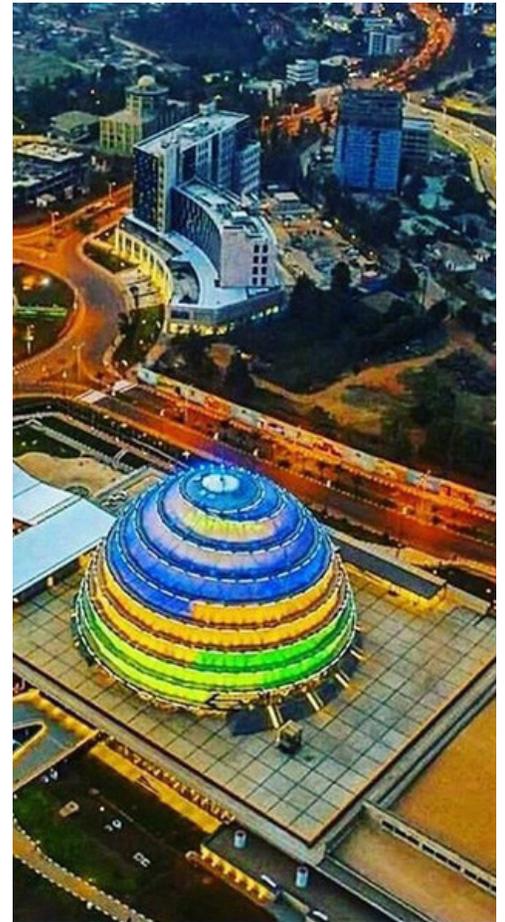
Rwanda has a good investment code and is currently ranked the second country in Africa and the first in East Africa for setting a conducive environment for investment.

“The country accomplished the good and friendly environment for investment by ensuring there is availability of electricity energy, favorable conditions for starting business and construction and giving tax incentives to startup

companies within the first two years of their startup operation”, emphasized the High Commissioner.

Corruption

Rwanda has been successful in the fight against corruption through its policy of zero tolerance to corruption, which has assured many investors to have faith and invest in the country.



Rwanda High Commission in Tanzania receives a New Second Counsellor



Ms. Rose Marimbo (Left) the Administrator at the Rwanda High Commission to the United Republic of Tanzania welcoming a new Second Counsellor Epiphanie Buzizi (Right) at the administrator's office.



On November 12, 2020 Rwanda High Commission to the United Republic of Tanzania received a new Second Counsellor Epiphanie Buzizi who came from the Rwanda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Minister Kabudi Rwanda envoy talk CHOGM transit trade

The Rwandan government has expressed satisfaction with transit freight improvement, promising to continue using Dar es Salaam port for shipping a large portion of the country's inbound and outward-bound cargo.

Rwanda transport over 80 per cent of its cargo through the port, on the basis remarks by Major General Charles Karamba, the resident Rwandan ambassador, at a meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Prof Palamagamba Kabudi.

Tanzania and Rwanda are not only neighbors, we are relatives” he said noting further that Rwanda considers the port of Dar es Salaam as its own harbor, in the talks held in the capital.

The envoy's focus was on the coming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) scheduled for June 2021, where he highlighted opportunities for business interactions between the two countries.

CHOGM was to be held in Kigali in June this year but was postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic, a biennial get together serving as a high consultative and policy orientation gathering.

Commonwealth leaders selected Rwanda as host for the next summit when they met in London in 2018.

Prof Kabudi assured the envoy that Tanzania continues to create a conducive business and investment environment. We have put in place a good environment that allows neighboring countries to export and import their commodities with ease” he said



Rwanda High Commissioner Maj Gen Charles Karamba met and held talks with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Eastern African Cooperation, Prof Paramagamba Kabudi in December 17, 2020 , the discussion covered several bilateral issues of mutual interest.

Noting also that Tanzania exports fresh fish and fillets using Rwandan planes, with plans underway purchase cargo planes that will be exporting the products directly from Tanzania.

The move will boost trade withing the East African region, he asserted.

Data by the International Association of Ports and Harbors show that Dar es Salaam port is the fourth largest port on the Indian Ocean coastline in Africa after Durban, Mombasa, Maputo.

The Port is also gateway for commerce and trade for landlocked states such as Malawi, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda



Rwanda High Commissioner attends the launching of an Electronic System of Self-Assessment of Hotel facilities.



Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba joined Tanzania's Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources Permanent Secretary, Dr. Aloyce Nzuki and Tourism Promotion Service (TPS) Executive Secretary, Richard Rugimbana in the official launch of an Electronic System of Self-Assessment of Accommodation / Hotel Facilities before grading, held in Dodoma on December 16, 2020.

The system was developed and accepted by EAC Member States and it is in accordance with the international standards.

RwandAir has resumed its reach for the skies



The impact of COVID-19 has reached into every sector of the global economy - and airlines have been far from immune. Widespread travel restrictions designed to curb the spread of coronavirus have dampened demand for flights and travel throughout 2020, forcing aviation to renavigate and adapt quickly to the changing situation.

But as restrictions relaxed, RwandAir has gradually returned to service and focused on rebuilding its African services first.

With flights to popular destinations such as Nairobi, Lagos, Cape Town and Harare back in the air, RwandAir is currently operating 19 of its 23 African routes.

On August 2, 2020 RwandAir resumed its services to Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro, customers from Tanzania can once again fly on the five weekly service from Dar es Salaam and three weekly service from Kilimanjaro - and enjoy smooth connections via its Kigali

hub to more than 20 destinations with short and medium-haul flights across Africa including Entebbe, Lusaka, Johannesburg and Accra as well as to long-haul destinations such as London, Brussels, Dubai and Mumbai.

The safety, security and health of its customers - and staff - remain and in the future. Following the temporary closure of Rwandan airspace in March 2020 to

counter COVID-19, RwandAir took the opportunity to deep clean aircraft to ensure every surface was thoroughly disinfected, particularly those which customers and crew would come into close contact with.

The airline worked very closely with the Rwandan government and applicable regulatory



authorities to introduce world-class, easy-to-understand hygiene and safety protocols, not only to make RwandAir experience COVID-safe as much as possible, but also to ensure customers can fly with confidence once again.

Passengers arriving, transiting or departing from Kigali are currently required to present a medical certificate of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result. Arriving passengers are subject to another PCR test upon arrival to Rwanda, where they must also quarantine for 24 hours until they receive their results.

As the pandemic took its unpredictable course, RwandAir met every challenge it has faced head on; it has adjusted its network and operations to take into account evolving travel restrictions and right-sized the business to ensure it meets the changes in market demand while streamlining it for future growth.

Like much of the world, RwandAir plans for expansion and the continued growth of the travel and tourism sector in Rwanda have been stalled unexpectedly by the coronavirus outbreak, but the airline remains optimistic about the months ahead.

The resumption of long-haul routes has been key to reinstating links between Africa and the rest of the world, enabling the return of essential trade as well as business and leisure travel.

However, there is a great deal of untapped potential in African markets which will enable RwandAir to focus, grow and expand the airline as it recovers from the pandemic.

Through external investment, RwandAir is also ramping up its onboard customer



service to focus on becoming a four-star airline, to offer a premium experience to its customers on the ground and in the air, which will help put RwandAir at a competitive advantage.

In doing so, the national carrier will never compromise on sustainability – it works daily to reduce waste, remove any unnecessary weight, constantly improve its fuel efficiency and help preserve Rwanda’s pristine environment.

Before the pandemic, its ambitious expansion enabled the airline to open up Rwanda to new markets for trade and successfully encouraged the growth of tourism, particularly for adventure and premium travellers.

As a high-profile ambassador for the country, the national carrier has helped put Rwanda firmly back on the tourist map, attracting discerning travellers seeking to experience Rwanda’s unspoilt rolling landscape, game reserves,

world-class hotels, its world-famous mountain gorillas - and its warm and welcoming people.

Nearly two decades after it first took to the skies, RwandAir continues to punch above its weight – much like Rwanda, the country whose flag it proudly carries.

From humble beginnings, the national carrier has stretched its wings with the ambition to become Africa’s premier airline.

This means RwandAir will continue to dream; to look for new markets, new opportunities, new growth and new levels of service once demand returns. With the support of its customers RwandAir will continue to be the beating heart of African aviation.

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