

RESOLUTIONS

The 18th National Umushyikirano Council was convened on 27th -28th February 2023, presided over by His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda. Umushyikirano convened Rwandans across the country, Government officials, Rwandan community abroad, Diplomatic community, Development partners as well as Regional and International media. It was an opportunity to reflect on Government programs and re-organize efforts to fast-track their implementation.

This year's Umushyikirano also held the signing and awarding of Imihigo. Discussions focused on:

- 1) Lessons from the 5th population and housing census;
- 2) Status of unity and reconciliation;
- 3) Building strong families and communities.

Subsequent to discussions, the following resolutions were adopted:

Economy

1. Boost agricultural and livestock productivity focusing on:

- Access to finance for farmers;
- Facilitating farmers in increasing milk production;
- Sensitizing farmers to employ Agriculture Insurance Scheme;
- Responding to crop pests and diseases.

2. Improve public transport in the City of Kigali by increasing the fleet of vehicles and modernizing main bus parks. Inter-city buses will also be increased to meet the growing demand.

3. Improve and integrate other required services at RDB One Stop Centre, including services needed by exporters.

4. Urgently solve the issues of inconsistent internet connectivity and affordability.

5. Ameliorate and introduce additional services delivered through Irembo.

6. Support the Rwandan Community Abroad in scaling up their contribution to national development.

7. Continue to implement measures to curb inflation.

Education

8. Improve the quality of education across all levels, and ensure it responds to market needs by:
- Increasing the number of students joining Technical, Vocational Educational and Training schools;
 - Partnering with the private sector in organizing and delivering internships that improve the quality of graduates entering the workforce;
 - Advancing quality research for education.

Health

9. Implementation of a targeted two-year plan to respond to the stalled fight against stunting. This one includes a more focused use of CHWs for monitoring and the provision of needed essential nutrients.
10. Reinforce preventative actions to deal with non-communicable diseases including early screening efforts for cancer, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, and increased participation in physical activities. Sensitize citizens to practice overall hygiene and proper oral care to prevent hygiene related diseases.
11. Improve infrastructure, workforce availability, cleanliness and customer care services at health facilities. A special focus will be provided to healthcare workforce welfare.

Citizen Welfare

12. Build strong and secure families with the focus on:
- Prevent family conflicts;
 - Reinforcing training of caregivers in home-based ECDs;
 - Campaigns to raise awareness against alcohol and drug abuse;
 - Enforce laws to prevent illegal consumption of alcohol and drugs for minors;
 - Establish more recreational facilities for the youth;
 - Emphasize the need for timely reporting of child defilement cases. This includes increasing public awareness of available forensic services to help in obtaining evidence for prosecution.

Civic Education

13. Put more emphasis on unity and reconciliation, education about the history of Rwanda, the values of Rwandan culture, and National Itorero programs, in Rwanda and abroad.