

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Communiqué

On Wednesday, 18 August 2021, His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired an extraordinary cabinet meeting, as the Cabinet goes into recess.

1. The Cabinet was briefed on ongoing COVID-19 testing and vaccination ongoing across Rwanda. It was noted that Rwanda was nearing 1 million vaccinations, including frontline workers and the most vulnerable. Appreciation was extended to partner states and organisations that have provided much-needed additional vaccines. Cabinet thanked Rwandans for their valuable contribution to the management of the pandemic, urged all those eligible to get vaccinated as vaccines become more available, and also test more frequently in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Citizens are reminded of the critical importance of complying with health measures including physical distancing, wearing face masks properly and hand hygiene.

2. The Cabinet was updated on the recent 10 year Eurobond where the Government raised \$ 620 million at a 5.5% interest rate. The bond was oversubscribed at \$1.6 billion, demonstrating investor confidence in Rwanda's economy and governance. The amount raised will continue spur the economic recovery and sustainable development.
3. The Cabinet was briefed on current regional dynamics, including deployment of Rwandan troops to Central African Republic and notably in Mozambique. It was noted the Rwandan forces alongside Mozambican forces had made good progress recently in dislodging insurgent forces in key areas of Cabo Delgado Province, which has led to increased security in the region. Also noted was that, in the spirit of African solidarity and South-South cooperation, the Government of Rwanda would continue to collaborate with the Government of Mozambique as well as other partners in the next phases of stabilization and development.

Cabinet is on recess until August 31st 2021.

Kigali, August 18th 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edouard Ngirente', written over a circular official stamp.

Dr. Edouard Ngirente
Prime Minister

