

**REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**



**THE PRIME MINISTER**

**Keynote address by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister**

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**At the Joint Celebration of 75<sup>th</sup> United Nations Anniversary and the  
Official Launch of the Integrated National Financing Framework  
(INFF)**

**Kigali Marriot Hotel, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

- **Honourable Ministers,**
- **Mayor of the City of Kigali**
- **UN Resident Coordinator in Rwanda,**
- **Head of European Union Delegation to Rwanda,**
- **Heads of United Nations agencies,**
- **Members of the Diplomatic Corps,**
- **Development Partners,**
- **Distinguished participants,**

1. I am pleased to take part in this joint celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations.
2. I would like to thank the United Nations and the European Union in Rwanda for co-organizing this event.
3. This anniversary is not only an occasion to collectively reflect on the achievements of the United Nations; but also an opportunity to renew our commitments, as Members, to meeting today's and future global challenges.
4. Indeed, 75 years ago, the Charter of the United Nations was signed and one of its key principles was to promote a multilateral order based on international law.
5. And as it has been mentioned, this year's theme is: *The future We Want; the UN We Need: Reaffirming our Commitment to Multilateralism*. This theme is very pertinent.
6. Therefore, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN should be a real occasion to renew our commitment to its values and take action to strengthen our international cooperation to address future global challenges.

- 7.** Without this international cooperation and global solidarity, we cannot confront the challenges of our time and those coming tomorrow. These common threats will require us to come together as nations in order to find sustainable and inclusive solutions.
- 8.** In Rwanda, our partnership with the UN has been successful, and keeps improving as we make it more aligned with our plans and results oriented.
- 9.** We are celebrating this anniversary during challenging times of COVID-19. And one of the key lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic is the importance of international cooperation and solidarity to overcome any global crisis.
- 10.** The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that global risks are interconnected. Therefore, strong and committed institutions are crucial in solving these interlinked challenges. They are also important in mobilizing resources and coordinating response in the interest of the international community.
- 11.** As we continue to advance our partnership towards delivering on the UN SDGs, I would like to mention that we are left with ten years to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 12.** This pandemic will definitely threaten the progress made so far in achieving these goals. It may even reverse them if we do not act fast and find ways to step up our efforts to deliver on a sustainable and equitable recovery.

**Distinguished guests,**

**13.** The Government of Rwanda is fully committed to building cooperation and partnership as a key to accelerating progress towards sustainable development.

**14.** Rwanda is already collaborating with UN through a very clear cooperation framework that contributes to Rwanda's progress towards delivering on the UN SDGs.

**15.** In this regard, Rwanda has integrated and domesticated these global goals in national development strategies such as NST1 (2017-2024) and our new Vision 2050.

**Distinguished guests,**

**16.** As you all know, In September 2019, Government of Rwanda started the process of conducting an Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF).

**17.** This mechanism will strengthen our capacities to mobilise resources required for the implementation of our National priorities and the 2030 Agenda.

**18.** I would therefore like to take this opportunity to commend the United Nations and the European Union for partnering with the Government of Rwanda in designing and implementing this important initiative.

**19.** On this note, I have the pleasure to officially launch the "Rwanda's Integrated National Financing Framework".

**I thank you so much.**