

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



THE PRIME MINISTER

Remarks by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister

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**At the Gala dinner in honour of Global Gender Summit
participants**

Kigali Cultural and Exhibition Village, November 25th, 2019

- **Honourable Ministers**
- **Dr. Adesina, President of the African Development Bank,**
- **Representatives of International Organisations,**
- **Development partners,**
- **Distinguished guests,**

- 1.** I am pleased to be with you this evening at this Gala Dinner. But first of all, allow me to express my gratitude to the African Development Bank and other development partners for their partnership with the Government of Rwanda to host the first Global Gender Summit held in Africa.
- 2.** I also take this opportunity to thank today's distinguished guest speakers who addressed the Summit and those who will be addressing the Summit in the next 2 days.
- 3.** The Global Gender Summit is taking place at a time when the world is implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. Gender equality is goal number five and is central in accelerating global sustainable development.
- 4.** The African agenda 2063 calls for the removal of all forms of gender discrimination in the social, cultural, economic and political domains. To achieve this, countries need to put in place strong regulatory and policy frameworks to ensure equal rights and opportunities for all.

Distinguished guests,

- 5.** The Government of Rwanda has committed to building a society that promotes equality and respect for human rights. Our National Strategy for Transformation 2017-2024 aims among others, at strengthening gender promotion and ensuring equal opportunities for all Rwandans men and women.
- 6.** The Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda has set a minimum of at least 30% of women in all decisions making organs. As said this morning, we have gone above this constitutional requirement in various sectors.
- 7.** To ensure compliance and effective implementation of the various national, regional and international commitments, the Government of Rwanda established the Gender Monitoring Office. This body has a clear mandate to monitor the respect of gender equality principles, promote gender accountability at all levels and fight against Gender-Based Violence and related injustices.

Distinguished guests,

- 8.** We have spent decades talking about the importance of gender equality. However, gender inequality remains in various parts of the world. We believe this Summit will enable us leverage the power of our partnerships with a strong commitment to translate gender equality promises into actions for the benefit of our people and the next generations.

9. As I conclude, I wish to thank again the African Development Bank Leadership for their partnership with the Government of Rwanda in organising this important Summit.

10. I also do extend, on behalf of the Government of Rwanda, our sincere appreciation for your participation in the 2019 Global Gender Summit. I wish you a good evening and an enjoyable stay in Rwanda.

I thank you so much!