

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister in charge of Cabinet Affairs

Cabinet communiqué – 28/01/2020

On Tuesday, January 28th 2020, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired an extraordinary Cabinet meeting at Village Urugwiro.

1. The Cabinet meeting approved minutes of its previous meeting held on 28/11/2019.
2. Pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by the laws, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Rwanda informed the Cabinet meeting of pardon granted to 18 youth who were serving sentences in Nyagatare prison that displayed good conduct and scored highly on the national examinations.
3. The Cabinet meeting approved 42 applications for mineral and quarry licenses.
4. The Cabinet meeting approved the following draft laws:
 - Draft law modifying law n°014/2019 of 30/06/2019 determining State finances for the fiscal year 2019/2020;
 - Draft law approving ratification of the accession agreement between the Government of Rwanda and Africa Finance Corporation signed on June 20th 2019;
 - Draft law approving ratification of the agreement between the Government of Rwanda and the Government of the Russian Federation, signed at Sochi on October 24th 2019, to cooperate in the construction of the Center for Nuclear Science and Technology in Rwanda;
 - Draft law approving the ratification of the amended framework agreement on establishment of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) done in Kigali on October 7th 2019;
 - Draft law governing private security services.
5. The Cabinet meeting approved the following Presidential orders:
 - Presidential order determining fees levied on services and certificates delivered by decentralized entities;

- Presidential order granting leave of absence for a non-specific period to Dr. NYEMAZI Jean Pierre who was Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health;
 - Presidential order promoting 18 Commissioners, Senior Officers and Junior Officers of Rwanda Correctional Service (RCS);
 - Presidential order dismissing a Junior Officer from Rwanda Correctional Service (RCS).
6. The Cabinet meeting approved the following Prime Minister's orders:
- Prime Minister's order dismissing Mr. GAHUNGU Zacharie who was advisor to the Minister of Health for gross misconduct;
 - Prime Minister's order dismissing Dr. NDAYISABA Gilles François who was Division Manager for non-communicable diseases in Rwanda Biomedical Centre for gross misconduct.
7. The Cabinet meeting approved the following Ministerial orders:
- Ministerial order relating to labor inspection;
 - Ministerial order establishing the list of gross misconduct;
 - Ministerial order determining modalities for training of employees;
 - Ministerial order relating to employees' representatives;
 - Ministerial order determining essential services that must not be interrupted during a strike or lockout;
 - Ministerial order determining modalities for the implementation of working hours per week in the Private Sector;
 - Ministerial order determining funeral expenses and death allowances for an employee;
 - Ministerial order determining the core elements of a written employment contract;
 - Ministerial order determining the nature of apprenticeship and internship contracts;
 - Ministerial order granting the power of attorney to Mr. NEMEYE Alphonse and Ms. INGABIRE Nadia, both employees of Rwanda Revenue Authority;
 - Ministerial order granting the power of attorney to Ms. UWERA Pacifique and Mr. KIBOGO Ndahiro Joseph, both employees of National Bank of Rwanda;
 - Ministerial order promoting 74 Non-Commissioned Officers and Prison Warders of Rwanda Correctional Service (RCS);
 - Ministerial order dismissing 8 Non-Commissioned Officers and Prison Warders from Rwanda Correctional Service (RCS).
8. The Cabinet meeting approved the agrément for the following Ambassadors and Envoys designated to represent their respective countries/organization to the Republic of Rwanda:
- A. Ambassadors:
- **Mr. Amadou S.O. TAAL:** Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Gambia to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Abuja, Nigeria;

- **Mr. MBODOU Seid:** Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Chad to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo;
- **Ms. Elin Østebø Johansen:** Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Kampala, Uganda;
- **Ms. SAQLAIN Syedah:** High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Nairobi, Kenya.

B. International Organization:

Ms. Julianna LINDSEY: Country Representative of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to the Republic of Rwanda.

9. The Cabinet meeting made the following appointments:

- **Mr. NGABONZIZA Prime:** Director General of Rwanda Water Resources Board;
- **Dr. TWAGIRASHEMA Ivan:** Chief Operating Officer in Rwanda Mines, Petroleum and Gas Board.

10. AOBs.

- Minister of Gender and Family Promotion informed Cabinet that Rwanda will celebrate the International Women’s Day on March 8th 2020 under the theme: **“Transformational change: Women at the forefront”**. Celebrations will be organized at village level, as well as Gasabo District at national level.
- The Minister of Youth and Culture informed Cabinet the following:
 - National Heroes Day will be celebrated for the 26th time on February 1st 2020 at village level under the theme, **“Ubutwari mu Banyarwanda, agaciro kacu”**. Heroes’ week will be organized from January 24th to 31st, 2020.
 - The process of selecting 10 best youth performers for the 2019 YouthConnekt Champions and Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers (YCC&CYRWA) Awards began in November 2019 and the awarding ceremony is slated on 29th February 2020.
 - The 2nd edition of **“Rubyiruko Menya Amateka Yawe”**, a program aimed at nurturing youth values of patriotism, heroism, unity and tolerance is scheduled to take place from January 30th to February 27th 2020;
 - The 2nd edition of ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi program will be launched on February 25th 2020 to June 2020. National auditions for talent detection will be conducted in 6 selected sites namely: Kigali, Rubavu, Rusizi, Huye, Nyagatare and Musanze;
 - On February 21st 2020, the 17th International Mother Language Day shall be celebrated under the theme **“Dukoreshe Ikinyarwanda kinoze twese”**. At national level, celebrations will be organized in Kirehe District.

- The Minister of ICT and innovation informed Cabinet that the Connect Rwanda campaign launched on December 21st 2019 will last 3 months with the objective of collecting at least one million smartphones. Distribution of devices is planned to begin in the second week of February 2020.
- The Minister of Infrastructure informed Cabinet that the Africa Drone Forum is scheduled to take place in Kigali at Kigali Convention Center (KCC), from February 5th to 7th 2020. It will be followed by the Lake Kivu drone flying competition, scheduled from February 8th to 15th 2020 in Karongi District.

This communiqué is signed by

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