

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Communiqué

On Wednesday, July 14th, 2021, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired a virtual Cabinet meeting.

1. **A Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement has been created. The new Ministry will focus on national unity, historical memory and citizenship education.**
2. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on June 21st, 2021.
3. The Cabinet reviewed the existing health measures to contain the spread of the Covid - 19.

Given the rapid spike in Covid – 19 cases, the emergence of new variants, and increase of Covid - 19 related deaths, the Government has decided to further tighten the existing control measures.

- **The surge in cases has necessitated a lockdown in the City of Kigali and the following districts: Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana and, Rutsiro; starting July 17th till July 26th 2021. Citizens are urged to significantly reduce social interactions and limit movements only to essential services.**
- **The following measures will take effect in the City of Kigali, Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana and, Rutsiro:**
 - a. **Movements and visits outside the home are not permitted except for essential services such as healthcare, food shopping, or banking, and for personnel performing such services.**
 - b. **Outdoor sports and recreational activities are prohibited.**
 - c. **Public transport is prohibited; however, transportation of personnel carrying out the above mentioned activities will continue to function. Motos and bicycles are not permitted to carry passengers but may offer delivery services.**

- d. **Offices (public and private) are closed except for those providing essential services.**
 - e. **Businesses are closed, except those selling food (markets), medicine (pharmacies), fuel and other approved essential items but will operate at 30% capacity. Businesses permitted to operate must close at 5 pm.**
 - f. **Schools and higher education institutions are closed. Provisions for students sitting national exams in July - August 2021 will be communicated by the Ministry of Education.**
 - g. Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative Covid-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours before departure and must comply with other health guidelines.
 - h. Tourism activities will continue in strict adherence to Covid-19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators, and transport services assisting guests.
 - i. Farming activity will continue in observance of Covid - 19 control measures.
 - j. All swimming pools and spas will remain closed except for those at hotels hosting tested guests.
 - k. Funeral gathering should not exceed 15 persons.
- **Measures in the remaining part of the country**
- l. Movements are prohibited between 6 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 5 PM.
 - m. Movements between districts are not allowed, except for medical reasons and other essential services. Vehicles transporting goods will continue to operate with no more than two people on board.
 - n. Physical meetings may continue but must not exceed 30% of venue capacity. Negative Covid-19 results will be required for all participants.
 - o. All social gatherings including celebrations of all kinds are prohibited, both in public and private settings.
 - p. Traditional, civil, and religious weddings remain suspended.
 - q. Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 15% of all employees, while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis.
 - r. Private businesses will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity, while other employees continue working from home on a rotational

basis. Markets and malls will continue for essential workers and must not exceed 50% of registered traders.

- s. Restaurants and cafés shall operate at 30% capacity and shall receive clients until 5 PM.
- t. Places of worship adhering to health guidelines will continue to operate at 30% capacity.
- u. All bars remain closed.
- v. Attendance at wakes or vigils (ikiriyo) must not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings must not exceed 15 persons.
- w. Gaming activities are prohibited.

Citizens are reminded of the critical importance of complying with health measures including physical distancing, wearing face masks, and hand hygiene. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.

4. The Cabinet approved the following agreements:

- Host Country Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Rwanda and the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE).
- Host Country Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Rwanda and AKADEMIYA 2063.
- Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the 15mw Gishoma Peat Power Plant.

5. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:

- Draft law approving a ratification of the protocol of agreement between Government of Rwanda and the African Development Fund relating to the grant of UA 33,650,000 for the transmission system reinforcement and last mile connectivity project.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the loan agreement between Government of Rwanda and the African Development Fund relating to the loan of UA 26,080,000 for the transmission system reinforcement and last mile connectivity project.
- Draft law approving a ratification of a grant agreement, between Government of Rwanda and the International Development Association acting as administrator of the Global Risk Financing Facility relating to the grant of USD 7,500,000 for the access to finance for recovery and resilience project.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the financing agreement, between Government of Rwanda and the International Development Association relating to the credit of JPY 2,721,900,000 and to the grant of USD 17,500,000 Special Drawing Rights, for the access to finance for recovery and resilience project.

- Draft law approving a financing agreement, between Government of Rwanda and the International Development Association, relating to the credit of JPY 10,887,600,000 for the access to finance for recovery and resilience Project.
- Draft law approving a financing Agreement, between the Republic of Rwanda and the International Development Association, relating to the additional grant of fourteen million Special Drawing Rights (SDR 14,000,000) for socio-economic inclusion of refugees and host communities in Rwanda Project.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the Loan Agreement, between the Republic of Rwanda and Abu Dhabi Fund for Development, relating to the loan of fifty-five million ninety-five thousand Emirates Dirhams (AED 55,095,000) for Rubengera - Muhanga Road Project, Rambura – Nyange Section signed at Abu Dhabi, in United Arab Emirates.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the agreement between the Government of Rwanda and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo on the Promotion and Protection of Investments signed in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the convention between Government of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, signed in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Draft law establishing Rwanda Correctional Service.
- Draft law on Correctional Services.

6. The Cabinet approved the following orders:

- Prime Minister's order determining the organ responsible for providing necessary means for repatriation of the victim of crime of trafficking in persons and modalities of their allocation.
- Ministerial order providing for other particular means for support and services made available to the victim of crime of trafficking in persons.

7. The Cabinet approved the agrément for the appointment of **Major General Richard Mutayoba Makanzo** as High Commissioner of the United Republic of Tanzania to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Kigali.

8. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

Office of the President:

- **Irene Zirimwabagabo**, Principal Private Secretary
- **Keuria Sangwa**, Deputy Principal Private Secretary
- **Stephanie Nyombayire**, Deputy Principal Private Secretary in charge of Communications

- **Lt. Col. Regis R. Sankara**, Executive Office Security Liaison
- **Juliana Muganza**, Executive Office Policy Coordinator
- **Vivianne Mukakizima**, Director General of Communications

Ministry of Health/HRH Secretariat:

- **Dr. Yvan Butera**, Deputy Secretary General in Human Resources for Health Secretariat

Ministry of Trade and Industry:

- **Yves Bernard Ningabire**, Permanent Secretary
- **Alexis Kabayiza**, Chief Technical Advisor
- **Claire Mukeshimana**, Director General in charge of Corporate Affairs

Ministry of Education:

- **Charles Karakye**, Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Local Government:

- **Prosper Murindwa**, Director General for Local Government Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
- **Monique Huss**, Director General of Community Development and Social Affairs
- **Richard Kubana**, Director General in charge of Community Mobilization and Youth Volunteers Coordination in Community Policing
- **Bob Gakire**, Director General in charge of Governance and Decentralization
- **Angelo Semwaga**, Director General for Local Government Inspection
- **Peacemaker Mbungiramihigo**, Media Policy Analyst
- **Hassan Bahame**, Coordinator of Gitagata Rehabilitation Centre
- **Parfait Busabizwa**, Executive Secretary of Southern Province

National Council for Science and Technology:

- **Dr. Didacienne Mukanyiligira**, Technology Innovation and Intellectual Property Analyst
- **Felly Migambi Kalisa**, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Analyst
- **Dr. Marie Chantal Cyulinyana**, Science and Technology Foresight Analyst
- **Théogène Kayumba**, Data Mining Analyst
- **Dr. Japhet Niyobuhungiro**, Research and Development Analyst

Agaciro Development Fund: Members of Board of Directors:

- **Scott T. Ford**, Chairperson
- **Dr. Thierry Kalisa Mihigo**, Vice Chairperson
- **Aimé Ngarukiyintwali**, Member
- **Alysia Silberg**, Member
- **Jeanne F. Mubiligi**, Member
- **Andrew Rozanov**, Member
- **Doreen Karake**, Member

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- The Minister of Local Government informed Cabinet that from July 18th - 22nd 2021, Rwanda will host the 41st General Assembly of International Association of Francophonie Cities (AIMF) in Kigali.
- The Minister of Sports informed Cabinet of Rwanda's plan to host and participate in international championships scheduled July - September 2021.

Kigali, July 14th, 2021.

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Prime Minister

