

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Office of the Prime Minister

Communiqué

On Tuesday, September 21st 2021, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired a Cabinet meeting at Urugwiro Village.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on September 1st 2021.
2. The Cabinet reviewed existing health measures to contain spread of COVID -19.

The following measures will take effect nationwide, starting September 23rd through October 13th, 2021.

- a. **Movements in the city of Kigali are prohibited between 11 PM – 4 AM. All businesses must close by 10 PM.**
- b. **Movements are prohibited between 9 PM – 4 AM in the rest of the country (with businesses closing by 8 PM). However, the districts of Gicumbi, Karongi, Kirehe, Ngoma and Nyagatare with high COVID – 19 incidence, curfew will apply between 8 PM – 4 AM (with businesses closing by 7 PM).**
- c. Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 75% capacity while other employees continue working from home on rotational basis.
- d. Private businesses will continue with essential staff at no more than 75% capacity while other employees continue working from home on rotational basis.
- e. Physical conferences and meetings will continue at 50% occupancy. All participants must present a negative COVID – 19 test result taken within 72 hours prior to the meeting.
- f. Public transport (buses) should not exceed 75% of seating capacity. Bus operators must ensure windows are open for proper ventilation and passengers maintain social distancing.
- g. Motos and bicycles are permitted to carry passengers and must comply with COVID – 19 preventive measures.
- h. Restaurants shall continue to operate with a 50% occupancy limit. Restaurants with outdoor seating service may operate at 75% of venue capacity.
- i. **Bars shall resume gradually. The Ministry of Trade Industry/RDB will provide detailed guidelines.**

- j. All services held at places of worship should not exceed 30% maximum occupancy.
- k. Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International airport must present a negative COVID – 19 PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure and should comply with health guidelines.
- l. Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence with COVID – 19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators and transport services facilitating guests.
- m. Individual and non-contact outdoor sports activities are permitted. The Ministry of Sports will provide detailed guidelines.
- n. Gyms and fitness centers will continue to re-open progressively.
- o. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 30 persons at any one time. Funeral gatherings at gravesides should not exceed 50 persons.
- p. Civil, religious and traditional marriage ceremonies are permitted. All events conducted in homes should not exceed 50 persons and local authorities must be informed. Guests must test negative for COVID – 19, 72 hours prior to the event and must comply with COVID – 19 preventive measures. The Ministry of Local Government will provide detailed guidelines.
- q. Events held in designated/approved venues including outdoor tents should not exceed 50% of venue capacity. All guests must possess negative COVID – 19 test results taken within 72 hours before an event, and should comply with COVID – 19 preventive measures (social distancing, hand washing, wearing face masks.)
- r. Other events and gatherings (concerts, festivals, exhibitions, etc) shall continue for vaccinated and tested participants according to RDB guidelines.
- s. Gaming activities shall resume gradually. The Ministry of Trade Industry will provide detailed guidelines.

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

- 3. The Cabinet was briefed on the following:
 - The upcoming agriculture season 2022 A.
 - Land values and prices.
- 4. The Cabinet approved the following policies, programmes and strategies:
 - Consolidated Financial Statements for the 2020/2021 financial year.
 - Host Country Agreement with Wildlife Conservation Society.
 - Concession on a State land in its private domain for investment purposes (Gatare Tea Company Private Limited.)
 - Concession on a State land in its private domain for investment purposes (Rugabano Tea Company Private Limited.)

- Lease of State land in its private domain for investment purposes (Kivu Water Front Ltd.)

5. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:

- Draft law amending the law establishing taxes on income.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the grant agreement between the Government of Rwanda and the International Development Association for the COVID-19 emergency response project.
- Draft law approving a ratification of the air services agreement between the Government of Rwanda and the Government of the Republic of Korea.
- Draft law repealing the National Commission for the fight against Genocide. (CNLG.)
- Draft law repealing the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC.)
- Draft law repealing the law establishing the National Itorero Commission (NIC.)
- Draft law repealing the law establishing the fund for support and assistance to the neediest survivors of the Genocide against the Tutsi (FARG.)

6. The Cabinet approved the following orders:

- Presidential Order ratifying the host country agreement between Government of Rwanda and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN.)
- Presidential order determining the organizational structure of the services of the Senate, salaries and fringe benefits for its personnel.
- Presidential order determining the organizational structure of the services of the Chamber of Deputies, salaries and fringe benefits for its personnel.
- Prime Minister's order determining mission, functions and organizational structure of the Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement.
- Prime Minister's order transferring land located in Butare cell, Ngoma Sector, Huye District from the state public domain to its private domain.
- Prime Minister's order transferring land located in Mpenge cell, Muhoza sector, Musanze district from State public domain to its private domain.

7. The Cabinet approved the agrément for the appointment of the following Ambassadors, Consuls and Country Representative of International Organisation to be accredited to Rwanda:

- **Mr. Yaya dit Dianguiné Doucoure:** Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Mali to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Mr. Michael Ian Upton:** High Commissioner of the Republic of New Zealand to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- **Mr. Mohamadou Musa Njie:** High Commissioner of the Republic of the Gambia to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Abuja, Nigeria.

- **Mr. Ozonnia Matthew Ojielo:** Resident Coordinator of the United Nations system's operational activities for development in Rwanda, with residence in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Mr. Eric Manzi Kariningufu:** Honorary Consul of the Republic of Iceland to the Republic of Rwanda, with a consular seat in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Ms. Patience Mutesi:** Honorary Consul of the Republic of Finland to the Republic of Rwanda, with a consular seat in Kigali, Rwanda.

8. The Cabinet made the following appointments:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation:

Ms. Setti Solomon, Commercial Attaché, at the Embassy of Rwanda in Washington, D.C. USA

Ministry of ICT and Innovation:

- **Mr. Jean Baptiste Byiringiro,** Chief Digital Officer/MINISANTE
- **Ms. Celine Mucyo Kayitana,** Chief Digital Officer/MINECOFIN
- **Mr. Sylvere Mugumya,** Business Analyst/MINISANTE
- **Ms. Carlene Seconde Umutoni,** Business Analyst/MINEDUC
- **Mr. Jean Florent Kwizera,** Business Analyst/MINECOFIN
- **Mr. Ngenzi Jean-Paul Kirenga,** Business Analyst/MINICOM
- **Mr. Eric Ngabo,** Business Analyst/MINAFFET
- **Mr. Athanase Akumuntu,** Business Analyst/MoE/MINEMA
- **Mr. Emmanuel Amani Kayitaba,** Business Analyst/MININFRA
- **Mr. Patrick Dushimimana,** Senior Software Developer/MINEDUC
- **Mr. Leon Mwumvaneza,** Senior Software Developer/MINEDUC
- **Mr. Daniel Musengimana,** Senior Software Developer/MINICOM
- **Mr. Zigama Didier Uwantwali,** Senior Software Developer/MINIJUST
- **Mr. Andrew Muhire,** Senior Software Developer/MINISANTE

Kigali, September 21st, 2021.

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