

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

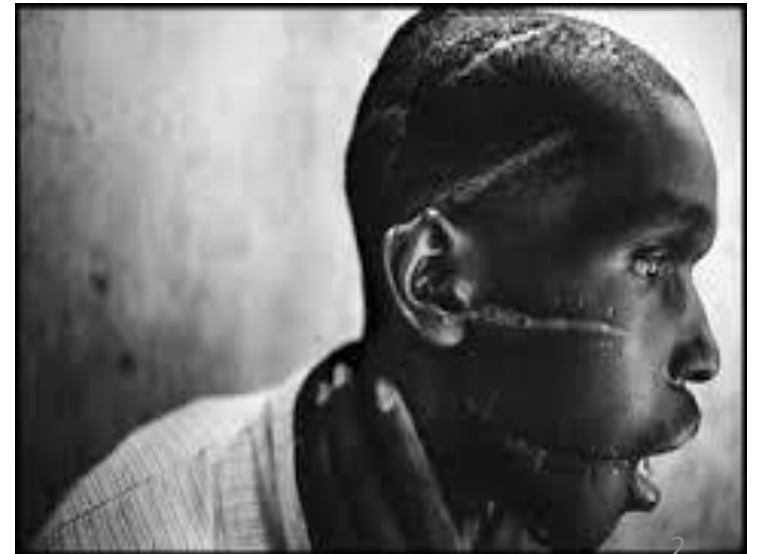


**HIGH COMMISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA
COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENT
(Case of Rwanda)**

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INTRODUCTION

- Rwanda is a small landlocked country between Central and East African blocs.
- Rwanda history since colonial era was characterised by the divide and rule, segregation and ethnic violence that led to massive exile movements in 1959, 1963, 1990 and to the genocide in 1994.
- The most horrendous crime of our century.



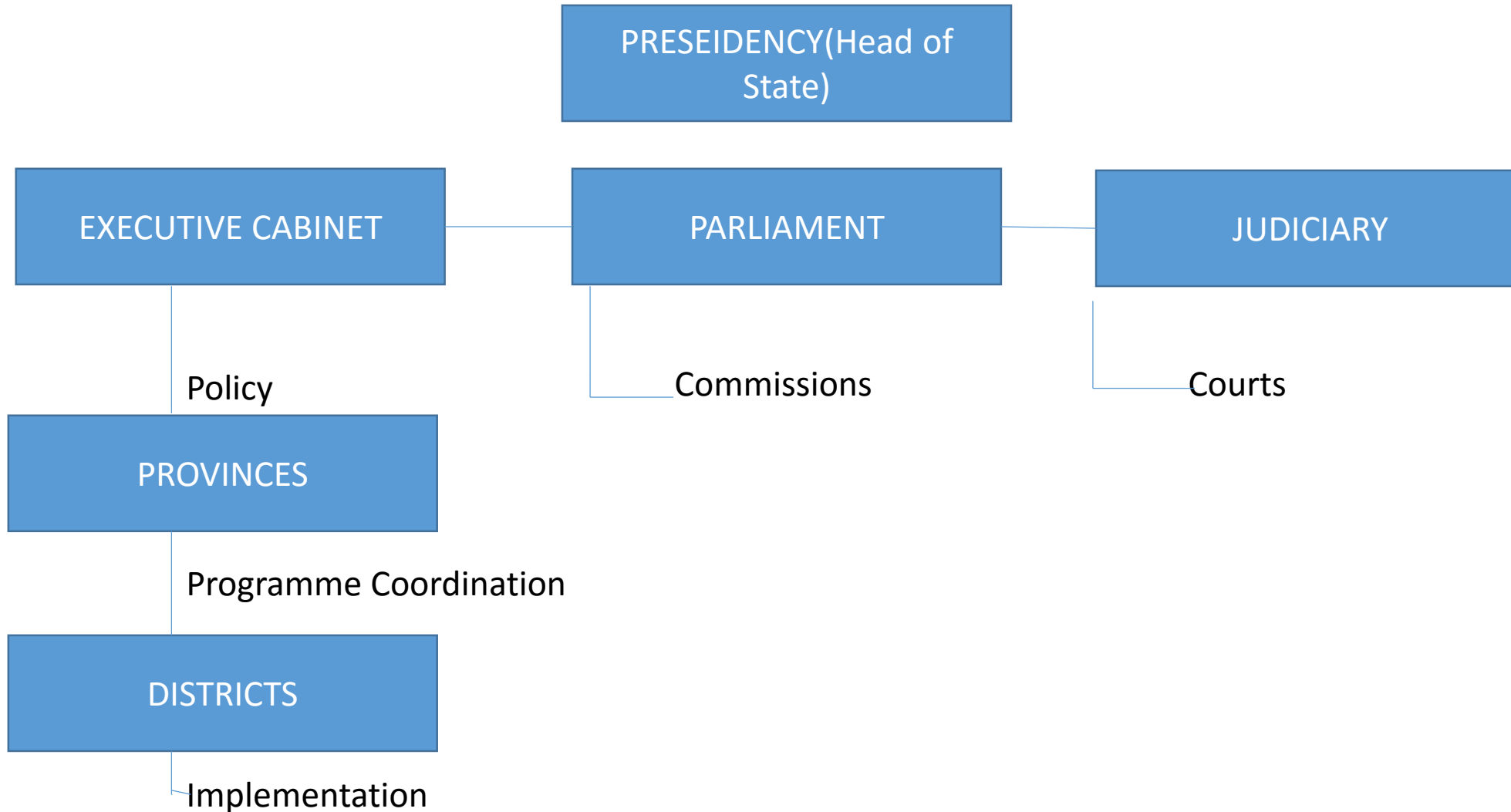
- Since 21 years the Rwandan Patriotic Front liberated the country from the genocide forces.
- Successful Unity and Reconciliation, Peace and Security have been achieved. The country is stable, the people are working together and advancing a common cause: A BETTER RWANDA.



- A shift from chaos, extreme poverty, anger, trauma and despair towards hope, happiness, production and productivity, poverty reduction and prosperity creation is so amazing, some speak of a “MIRACLE”.
- The secret is Leadership: Vision-Institutions-Plans-Discipline and Accountability at all levels.



II. RWANDA STATE ORGANISATION



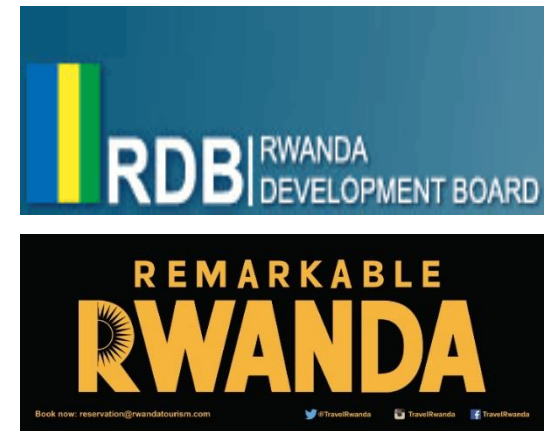
- Rwanda is guided since 2000 after Emergency and Recovery programmes by a plan called VISION 2020. It is not a Manifesto of any party but a consensual plan by all key stakeholders in the country: Government-Academia-Technocrats-Civil Society-The elderly/The wise.
- This vision is implemented in five years plans with priority and cross cutting sectors all costed and defined with performance indicators.
- Ministry in consultation with experts, representatives of society, international bodies, chart policies and goals to achieve.



- Local governments design plans to implement policies using sector transfer funds and fiscal collections from their entities. All local governments sign annual performance contracts based on plans.
- Local councils monitor local implementations.
- A multi-Sector task team from Prime Minister's Office carry physically in all 30 districts monitoring and evaluation surveys that is debated between Ministries and Local Governments for improvement.



- To ensure speedy effective and value for money results institutions of tendering, accounting and auditing are regularly undergoing capacity building and reforms.
- Success is rewarded and failure punished without delays (Administrative or Penal) depending on the magnitude of the mistake.
- The good coordination and enhanced transparency are yielding high growth rates and poverty reduction in Rwanda leading to sustainable development.



ENTERING RWANDA

- **VISAS AND WORK PERMITS IN RWANDA**
- Rwanda issues visas upon arrival to all African Nationals travelling or transiting through Rwanda at any entry point.
- Foreign Nationals wishing to obtain Rwandan Visas, submit their applications to Rwandan Diplomatic Missions of their country of residence for processing.
- Alternatively visa application can be made online by visiting this link
- <http://www.migration.gov.rw>
- Citizens from the East African Community partner states (**UGANDA, KENYA, TANZANIA and BURUNDI**) are issued with a 6 months visitors pass (renewable) upon arrival with no fee. Nationals of **HONG KONG, PHILIPPINES, MAURITIUS, SINGAPORE and the ISRAEL, NEW ZEALAND, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM, and UNITED OF AMERICA** are issued with entry visa valid for a period up to 30 days and pay for a visa(\$30) upon arrival without prior application.

ABOUT INVESTOR AND INVESTMENT IN RWANDA

Who is a foreign investor in Rwanda?

A foreign investor in Rwanda (referring to the Investment Code) is any legal entity investing a minimum start up capital of \$250,000USD for overseas citizens and \$100,000 for locals and members from the East African Community and COMESA states. This enables the investor to apply for an investment certificate

Are investors treated the same as local investors in Rwanda?

Yes, overseas investors are offered the same opportunities and services. Overseas investors are particularly welcomed to participate in the continued growth of the Rwandan economy.

What are some of the investment opportunities available in Rwanda?

Rwanda has a wide range of investment opportunities to offer to investors. Our major focus has majorly relied on key priority sectors of investment that include; infrastructure, agriculture, energy, tourism, business services, ICT, real estate and construction, Financial Services, Mining, Education, Health and General Manufacturing. To find out more, please contact us by telephone or by email on info@rdb.rw and we will be delighted to respond quickly to your enquiry.

How long does it take to register my company/ investment business in Rwanda?

It only takes six (6) hours to register your business in Rwanda. Starting a business in Rwanda requires 2 simple steps; First step: approval of a company name and submitting application . Second Step: Obtaining a Certificate of incorporation.



- **World Economic Forum 2015 ranked Rwanda 58th in Global competitiveness index and 3rd Economy in the 10 most competitive Sub-Saharan African economies;**
- **According to Gallup Inc. report 2015, RWANDA ranked 1st among the top 10 in Africa in safe places to live and 5th globally.**
- **RWANDA ranked 62 in Easy of Doing business globally and the 2nd out of 47 countries in Sub-Saharan Region.**
- **World Economic Forum, ranked RWANDA 6th globally in Global Gender Gap 2015, and 1st Worldwide that have more women in parliament.**
- **According to social progress index RWANDA is placed among a few over performing countries including Brazil, Costa Rica, Iceland, Nepal and New Zealand.**



GALLUP GLOBAL REPORT 2015 RANKED RWANDA AS THE SAFEST COUNTRY IN AFRICA TO WALK AT NIGHT AND 5TH IN THE WORLD.

Most Likely to Feel Safe

	YES, feel SAFE
Hong Kong	91%
Singapore	91%
Norway	81%
Indonesia	85%
Rwanda	85%



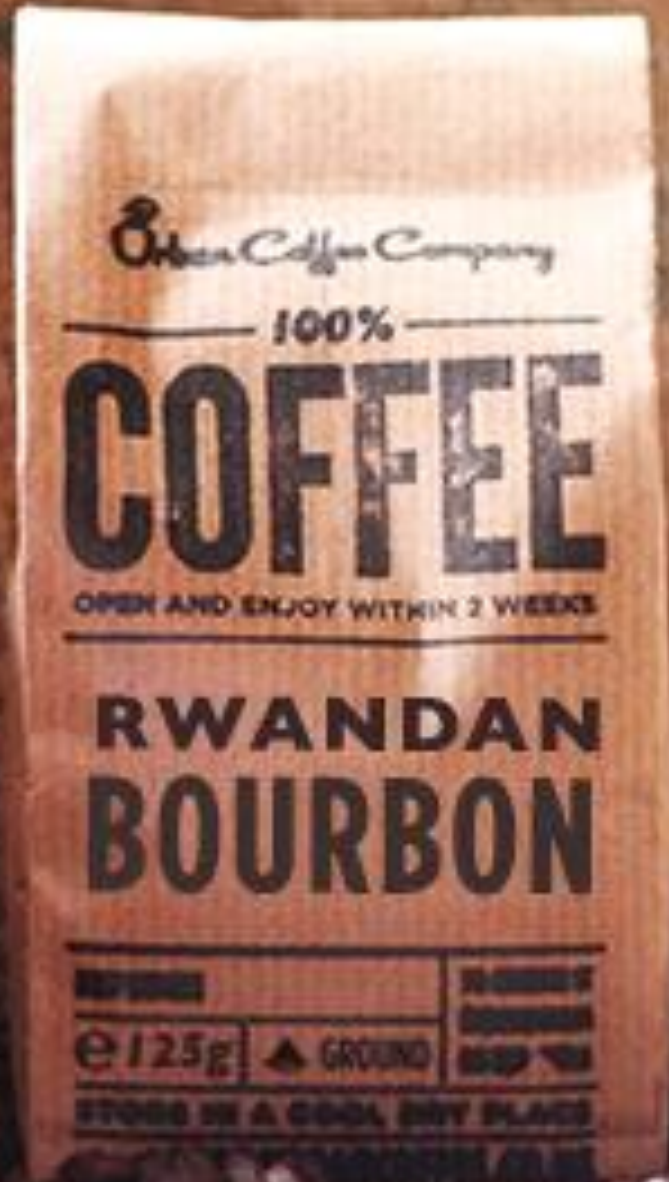
NYUNGWE
ADVENTURE TRAILS

CANOPY WALK IN NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK









RWANDA is among Five of the best known African coffee producing countries in Africa

III. CONCLUSION

- All tiers of State must work hand in hand. Criticism should be constructive not sabotage or delaying tactics: Common Vision.
- Regular internal checks to ensure work is smooth not impeded by legal complication or lacuna
- Readiness and speed to embrace reforms whenever and wherever needed to remain competitive.



- Leaders at all levels must visit and engage on regular basis the people to ensure they understand and buy in the policies and plans.
- Greater participation leads to greater ownership and positive attitude of hope and hard work from people.



- Institution building, People's mind set change and participation require a lot of work and ethics from the leaders.
- When people participate we achieve a lot with minimum budget.
- Government must inspire confidence and trust to people leading by example and discipline.



- Thank you for your attention.

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