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Africa Regional Higher Education Summit

**STRENGTHENING AFRICA'S HUMAN
AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY FOR
PROSPERITY AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS**

LETTER OF WELCOME

*From Henrietta H. Fore, Administrator, USAID
and Director, U.S. Foreign Assistance*



Dear Distinguished Guests:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the **Africa Regional Higher Education Summit** in Kigali, Rwanda. The success of the initial Higher Education Summit for Global Development, April 29–30, 2008, at the U.S. Department of State, and especially the Africa Regional Workshop at Howard University demonstrated the value of bringing together university presidents, rectors and chancellors from around the African continent with

representatives from the private sector, foundations and government to discuss Africa's specific development challenges and devise potential solutions. This regional summit in Kigali will continue the important dialogue on the fundamental and transformational role that higher education plays in development.

The **Africa Regional Higher Education Summit** presents a venue to discuss how your university, business or foundation can provide expertise and resources to strengthen human and institutional capacity across the continent. The goal is for you—the participants of this Summit—to identify the key issues in your country and to engage with partners from the continent, from U.S. universities, from the private sector and from foundations, to collectively identify resources to strengthen the capacity to address them. Most importantly, this Summit presents an opportunity to engage in a new way of doing business. This model brings together and empowers the brightest minds in Africa—and the world—to collaborate across sectors to develop innovative ideas that utilize universities' assets to accelerate development and establish mutually beneficial partnerships. In these four days, it is my sincere hope that through working together we will identify new ways that higher education institutions can make a difference in solving Africa's most pressing challenges.

I hope that you will continue this dialogue beyond this Summit and share information through creating and expanding communities of practice in the thematic areas of education, health, agriculture and economic growth through the **Global Development Commons**.

I thank you for your attendance and proactive participation in this Summit.

Cordially,

HENRIETTA H. FORE
Administrator, USAID

LETTER OF WELCOME

From Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education



Dear Distinguished Guests:

Welcome to the **Africa Regional Higher Education Summit**. I look forward to continuing the important discussions we began earlier this year at the Higher Education Summit for Global Development in Washington, D.C.

The quality of education we deliver is a key determinant to the future we can expect. I believe that the advance of knowledge is our most powerful tool for meeting every great challenge of our time, whether poverty, hunger, energy, prosperity, or peace.

I have been proud to lead delegations of U.S. university presidents to nations around the world. Everywhere I go, I tout the benefits of higher education institutions and two-way exchange as a way to broaden one's perspective and experience new cultures.

In a similar way, this forum is an opportunity for all of us to learn from one another, to build relationships with colleagues around the globe, and to think strategically about how we can work together to meet our shared goals.

We are already witnessing the cascading benefits that higher education partnerships are yielding. Our challenge is to extend and amplify these benefits to reach more students from more backgrounds in more countries. I can't wait to see what we'll achieve.

Sincerely,

MARGARET SPELLINGS
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education

LETTER OF WELCOME

From Dr. Sarah Moten, Chief, Education, Bureau for Africa, USAID



Dear Colleagues:

Welcome! I am delighted that so many of you have joined us at the **African Regional Higher Education Summit**. The next few days will provide a unique opportunity to explore the theme, *“Strengthening Africa’s Human and Institutional Capacity for Prosperity and Global Competitiveness.”* We are hopeful that this gathering will provide networking opportunities to explore how we can best partner and collaborate to creatively address critical

development challenges in HIV/AIDS, food security, economic growth and linking basic and higher education.

As you may know, on April 29–30, 2008, USAID Administrator Henrietta Fore, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings convened the highly successful **Higher Education Summit for Global Development** at the U.S. Department of State. This initial Summit provided a tremendous opportunity for the 300 university presidents and chancellors from around the globe, along with representatives from the private sector and foundation community, and government to discuss the role of higher education institutions in addressing global challenges.

We are now prepared, thanks to the ground work that took place during the May 1st follow up meeting at Howard University, to collectively examine these critical challenges, share best practices and galvanize our collective thinking to identify innovative and promising strategies.

I look forward to the exchange over the next few days and the many years of working together to ensure Africa’s continued prosperity and ability to successfully compete in the global arena.

Cordially,

SARAH E. MOTEN, Ed.D.
Chief, Education Division,
Bureau for Africa, Office of Sustainable Development,
USAID

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

STRENGTHENING AFRICA'S HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY FOR PROSPERITY AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

An interdisciplinary summit in Kigali, Rwanda

USAID Administrator Henrietta H. Fore, along with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings convened and hosted the Higher Education Summit for Global Development in Washington, D.C., April 29–30, 2008. Following the Summit, USAID, in collaboration with the Higher Education for Development (HED), the Partnership to Cut Poverty and Hunger in Africa, and NASULGC co-hosted a joint Africa Regional Post-Summit Workshop, held on May 1, 2008 at Howard University. This workshop offered a regionally focused forum for the exchange of knowledge and skills related to higher education in Africa.

The upcoming regional summit is a three-day event that will address innovative approaches to meet the challenges of the higher education community in Africa; to learn from each other by sharing best practices in partnering; and to foster mutually beneficial partnerships initiated before and during the summit. In this regionally focused forum, speakers and participants will discuss how higher education influences human and institutional capacity development, and plays a role in preparing Africa for economic growth and global competitiveness.

The summit is designed to focus on developing partnerships between higher education institutions, foundations and the private sector at the national and regional levels, although consideration will also be given to international and cross-continental levels. Summit participation will be limited to presidents, chancellors, and rectors representing African and American universities, and foundation and corporate leaders to ensure maximum interaction and sharing of perspectives between and among decision makers and authorized agents. The working sessions and organized breaks will be structured to maximize input and interactions between summit participants.

The summit aims to provide opportunities for participants to:

- Reinforce the goals of the initial Higher Education Summit for Global Development within the context of the African continent for the purpose of moving to concrete actions;
- Raise awareness about and generate interest in the objectives of the first World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Education Alliance (GEA) in Africa and the Global Development Commons (GDC);

- Highlight the importance of higher education in African development;
- Add to the body of knowledge and further the discussion about the link between higher education and development;
- Share successes and generate actual partnerships and alliances with universities, corporations, foundations and non-governmental organizations participating in the summit;
- Generate ideas and recommendations to share with universities, corporations, foundations and non-governmental organizations;
- Generate a progress report on the Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative and planning grants.

To this end, the participants will be expected to foster, develop and expand partnerships and alliances that strengthen Africa's higher education institutions.

Opportunities will be explored in five thematic areas:

- **ICT in Higher Education:** Cultivating Innovation and Expanding Access
- **Linking Basic and Higher Education:** Solutions for Sector-wide Issues
- **Food Security:** The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Meeting Regional Challenges
- **Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth:** Higher Education Institutions fostering competitiveness and galvanizing national and regional development
- **Health and Human Capacity Development:** The Role of Higher Education Institutions in meeting Africa's health workforce development and research needs: challenges, opportunities and innovative approaches

Summit outcomes will include:

- Innovative partnerships formed between participants to address key Summit themes
- A shared ongoing inter-university dialogue on the use of new technologies (REC, etc.) and their implications
- Increased understanding of the nature of the individual and institutional commitments required to develop human and institutional capacity
- Increased competitiveness for prosperity
- A shared understanding of external pressures and partnership opportunities and their implications for the African universities
- Recommendations for partnering initiatives to strengthen knowledge networks and support Africa's development through higher education
- A final report on new partnerships and alliances created as a result of preparing for and participating in the summit

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Time	Tuesday 10/21	Wednesday 10/22
Morning Sessions	Arrival	<p><i>OPENING CEREMONY</i> 8:30 –10:00 a.m. Franklin Moore (MC) Keynote: Secretary Spellings Auditorium</p>
Break		<p>Break 10:00–10:30 a.m.</p>
Morning Sessions		<p>10:30–11:00 a.m. Purpose of the Summit, Sarah Moten Auditorium</p>
Morning Sessions		<p><i>PLENARY</i> 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Strengthening Africa’s Human and Institutional Capacity for Prosperity and Global Competitiveness Auditorium</p>
Lunch		<p>Lunch 1:00–2:30 p.m. Investing in Science, Technology: Michael Curtis (MC) Keynote: Sibry Tapsoba Outside tent near conference center</p>
Afternoon Sessions	<p>Check-In 2:00–5:00 p.m. Meeting Room</p>	<p><i>PLENARY</i> 2:30–4:00 p.m. Linking Higher Education Assets to Private Sector Needs Ballroom</p>
Evening Activity	<p>Welcome Reception 6:00–8:30 p.m. Sarah Moten (MC) Dennis Weller, Secretary Spellings & Minister Gahakwa Outside tent near conf. area*</p>	<p>4:00–5:00 p.m. Structured Networking Break Ballroom</p>
		<p>Dinner 6:00–8:00 p.m. Gender & Higher Education Keynote: Salina Sanou Auditorium</p>

* In case of rain, the Welcome Reception will be held in the Auditorium.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Thursday 10/23	Friday 10/24	Time
<p>PLENARY 8:30–10:00 a.m.</p> <p>ICT in Higher Education: Cultivating Innovation & Expanding Access: Keynote: <i>Minister Murenzi</i> Auditorium</p>	<p>PLENARY 8:30–10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Expanding Partnerships to Strengthen Africa’s Higher Education Institutions Auditorium</p>	Morning Sessions
Networking Break 10:00–10:30 a.m.	Networking Break 10:30–11:00 a.m.	Break
<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS I 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme I: Linking Basic & Higher Education • Theme II: Health & Human Capacity Development • Theme III: Food Security • Theme IV: Economic Growth <p>Ballroom, Meeting Room, & Tent</p>	<p>NETWORKING BY THEME 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme I: Linking Basic & Higher Education • Theme II: Health & Human Capacity Development • Theme III: Food Security • Theme IV: Economic Growth <p>Ballroom, Meeting Room, & Tent</p>	Morning Sessions
<p>Lunch 12:30–2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Outside tent near conference center</p>	<p>CLOSING LUNCHEON CEREMONY 1:00–3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Presentation of Innovative Ideas: <i>Sarah Moten (MC)</i> <i>Minister Gahakwa</i> <i>Minister Murenzi</i> <i>Narciso Matos</i> Keynote: <i>Administrator Fore</i> Auditorium</p>	Lunch
<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2 2:00–4:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme I: Linking Basic & Higher Education • Theme II: Health & Human Capacity Development • Theme III: Food Security • Theme IV: Economic Growth <p>Ballroom, Meeting Room, & Tent</p>		Afternoon Sessions
Break 4:00–4:30 p.m.		
<p><i>Africa–U.S. Higher Education Initiative</i> 4:30–6:00 p.m. Auditorium</p>		Evening Activity

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Opening Day

Tuesday, October 21

**2:00–
5:00 p.m.** **Check-In** (Meeting Room)

**6:00–
8:30 p.m.** **Welcome Reception** (Outside tent near conference center)
MC: Sarah Moten, Chief, Education Division, Bureau for Africa, USAID

Dennis Weller, Mission Director, USAID/Rwanda

The Honorable Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education

The Honorable Daphrose Gahakwa, Minister of Education, Republic of Rwanda

Cultural Performance by Forum for African Women
Educationalists (FAWE)/Rwanda

Wednesday, October 22

**8:30–
10:00 a.m.** **Opening Ceremony** (Auditorium)
MC: Franklin Moore, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, USAID

Welcome:

Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai, Secretary General, Association of African Universities (AAU)

Iqbal Noor Ali, CEO, Aga Khan Foundation USA

Peter McPherson, President, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC)

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: **Cheryl Sim**, *Chargé d’Affairs, U.S. Embassy, Rwanda*

Keynote Presenter: **The Honorable Margaret Spellings**, *U.S. Secretary of Education*

Remarks: **The Honorable Daphrose Gahakwa**, *Minister of Education, Republic of Rwanda*

**10:00–
10:30 a.m.** **Break**



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10:30– **Purpose of the Summit (Auditorium)**

11:00 a.m.– **Sarah Moten, USAID**

Presentation of the Global Development Commons Video

11:00 a.m.– **Plenary (Auditorium)**

1:00 p.m. *Strengthening Africa's Human and Institutional Capacity for Prosperity and Global Competitiveness*

Reflections on the theme, followed by tangible examples of how multiple stakeholders collaborated toward this end. The presentations will be followed by a discussion and Q&A period.

Moderator: Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai, Secretary General, AAU

Co-Presenters:

Ike Ehie, Associate Professor, Kansas State University

Myra Gordon, Associate Provost, Kansas State University

Presenter: Timothy Schilling, Texas A&M University, Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture

Partner Members:

Olusola Fajana, Professor, University of Lagos

Dan Clay, Director of the Institute of International Agriculture, Michigan State University

William Bazeyo, Deputy Dean, Makerere University, School of Public Health

Nancy Mock, Director, Tulane University, Center for International Resource Development

1:00– **Lunch (Outside tent near conference center)**

2:30 p.m. *Investing in Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustained Growth*

MC: Michael Curtis, Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Development, Bureau for Africa, USAID

Keynote Presenter: Sibry Tapsoba, Manager, Education, Science and Technology Division, African Development Bank (ADB) and Chair, Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA), Working Group on Higher Education

2:30– **Plenary (Ballroom)**

4:00 p.m. *Linking Higher Education Assets to Private Sector Needs*

This panel will facilitate the learning and idea generation of collaboration modalities between higher education institutions and private sector partners. The panelists will share stories of actual implementations of public-private partnerships that leverage the assets of educational institutions as research centers and incubators for social entrepreneurial development. The panelists will also

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communicate particular interests in potential partnerships with higher education institutions that focus on agriculture, health or financial/micro-credit areas in Africa.

Moderator: K. David Boyer, Jr., *Senior Advisor to the Administrator on Public-Private Partnerships, USAID (moderator)*

Presenters:

Charlie Feezel, *Director for Education, World Cocoa Foundation*

Greg Butler, *Senior Director, Microsoft Corporation*

Joseph Mucheru, *Office Lead East Africa, Google.org*

Martin Gilmore, *Senior Cocoa Research Manager, Mars Inc.*

Joyce Cacho, *Director, Agribusiness Initiatives, Corporate Council on Africa*

Terri Hasdorff, *Director, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, USAID*

4:00– **Structured Networking Break (Ballroom)**

5:00 p.m.

Following the GDA panel there will be a one-hour marketplace that will allow attendees to continue networking in a structured environment.

Facilitator: Tony Richard

6:00– **Dinner (Auditorium)**

8:00 p.m.

Gender and Higher Education

MC: Aleta Williams, *Senior Education Advisor, USAID*

Keynote Presenter: Salina Sanou, *Senior Program Coordinator, Forum for African Women Educationalists*

Thursday, October 23

8:30– **Plenary (Auditorium)**

10:00 a.m.

ICT in Higher Education: Cultivating Innovation and Expanding Access

Moderator: Arleen Seed, *Senior eGovernment Specialist GICT, The World Bank*

Keynote Presenter: The Honorable Romain Murenzi, *Minister of Science and Technology, Republic of Rwanda*

Presenters:

F.F. Tusubira, *Makerere University, CEO UbuntuNet Alliance*

Joseph Nsengimana, *Corporate Affairs Relations Manager, Africa, Intel Corporation*

Moses Mbangwana, *PanAf Observatory, Educational Research Network for West and Central Africa (ERNWACA)*

10:00– **Networking Break**

10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.– **Concurrent Sessions I** (*Ballroom, Meeting Room, and Tent*)

12:30 p.m.

In facilitator-driven interactive break-out sessions, participants will brainstorm to identify and discuss key issues, challenges and priorities in each theme. The role of higher education institutions and how the private sector can support solving these challenges will be explored.

Theme I: Linking Basic and Higher Education

Facilitator: Alice Lamptey, Coordinator, ADEA Working Group on Higher Education, Association of African Universities

Theme II: Health and Human Capacity Development

Facilitator: Pat Scheid, Director, Strategic Partnerships, Aga Khan Foundation USA

Theme III: Food Security

Facilitator: Ken Shapiro, Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Theme IV: Economic Growth

Facilitator: Emmanuel Oritsejafor, North Carolina Central University

12:30– **Lunch** (*Outside tent near conference center*)

2:00 p.m.

2:00 – **Concurrent Sessions 2** (*Ballroom, Meeting Room, and Tent*)

4:00 p.m.

The session will include small group discussions focused on developing innovative ideas, identifying targets of opportunity, and the assets and resources needed to bring these ideas to fruition. Groups will select one innovative idea to present during the closing luncheon ceremony.

Theme I: Linking Basic and Higher Education

Theme II: Health and Human Capacity Development

Theme III: Food Security

Theme IV: Economic Growth

4:00– **Break**

4:30 p.m.

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4:30–

6:00 p.m.

Africa–U.S. Higher Education Initiative (Auditorium)

The Africa–U.S. Higher Education Initiative is working to enhance the capacity of higher education institutions in Africa and the U.S. to contribute more effectively to African development and transformation by supporting Africa–U.S. institutional partnerships. The purpose of this session is to answer questions about the Initiative and the forthcoming RFA for planning grants to be released in November 2008. Feedback obtained in this session may serve to inform the RFA and long-term Initiative plans.

Presenters:

Peter McPherson, *President, NASULGC*

Silas Lwakabamba, *Co-Chair, Africa–U.S. Higher Education Initiative, and Rector, National University of Rwanda*

Terry Hartle, *Chair of the Board, Higher Education for Development (HED)*

Anne-Claire Hervy, *Chief Operating Officer, Africa–U.S. Higher Education Initiative*

Montague Demment, *Associate Vice President, International Development, NASULGC*

Friday, October 24

8:30–

10:30 a.m.

Plenary (Auditorium)

Expanding Partnerships to Strengthen Africa's Higher Education Institutions

This session will have three primary objectives: provide foundation, private sector and university representatives the opportunity to share lessons learned and promising practices related to the development and implementation of partnerships that strengthen higher education institutions in Africa; highlight existing initiatives that offer partnership opportunities; and explore ideas regarding what new regional initiatives and approaches might warrant support. Discussion to follow.

Moderator: Joyce Moock

Presenters:

Suzanne Grant-Lewis, *Coordinator, Partnership for Higher Education in Africa*

Terry Hartle, *Chair of the Board, Higher Education for Development*

Khalid Bomba, *Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*

Narciso Matos, *Executive Director, Foundation for Community Development*

**10:30–
11:00 a.m.** **Networking Break**

**11:00 a.m.–
1:00 p.m.** **Networking by Theme** (*Ballroom, Meeting Room, and Tent*)
This session will provide the opportunity for participants to discuss ways in which their institution or organization can work together to address the priority issues.

Theme I: Linking Basic and Higher Education

Theme II: Health and Human Capacity Development

Theme III: Food Security

Theme IV: Economic Growth

**1:00–
3:00 p.m.** **Closing Luncheon Ceremony** (*Auditorium*)
MC: Sarah Moten, USAID

Presentation of Innovative Ideas—Representative of Each Theme

Remarks:

The Honorable Daphrose Gahakwa, *Minister of Education, Republic of Rwanda*

The Honorable Romain Murenzi, *Minister of Science and Technology, Republic of Rwanda*

Narciso Matos, *Executive Director, Foundation for Community Development*

Keynote Presenter: **The Honorable Henrietta H. Fore**, *Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance and USAID Administrator*
The Global Development Commons

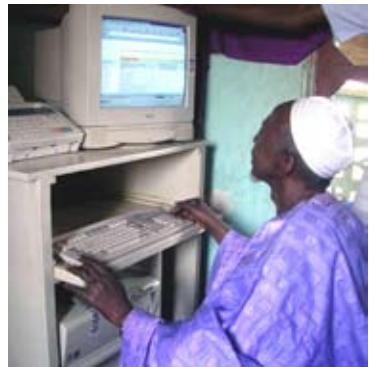


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INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP EXAMPLES

University of Lagos

Kansas State University (KSU) is working with the University of Lagos (UNILAG) to bolster UNILAG's capacity to provide high-quality, private and public sector-relevant courses for undergraduate and graduate students in the Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) and the Department of Computer Sciences. This Higher Education for Development (HED) partnership is a component of and a complement to a broader Global Development Alliance supported by USAID/Nigeria. The program evolved out of Nigerian, Microsoft, Cadbury, and Nestlé interest in building the capacity of local business schools. By working with these schools, USAID is strengthening struggling MBA programs, realigning curriculum with private sector needs, and linking graduates with attractive employment opportunities.

Sustaining Partnerships to Enhance Rural Enterprise and Agribusiness Development

USAID Rwanda invested \$12 million in two HED partnership projects to increase the incomes of small holder farmers. The projects, known as the Partnership to Enhance Agriculture through Linkages (PEARL) and *Sustaining Partnerships to Enhance Rural Enterprise and Agribusiness Development (SPREAD)* formed development alliances between the National University in Rwanda, Michigan State University, Texas A&M University, Rwandan farmer groups and the Food and Beverage industry. The projects built specialized capacity at the National University of Rwanda and other Rwandan Agriculture Institutions to develop high value commodity chains like specialty coffee and gourmet chilies. These chains are now generating millions of dollars to small holder farmers. This was accomplished through professionalizing the Rwandan entrepreneurial operations at each link in the value chain and linking the producer groups directly to international

markets. The impact has been great. In coffee, Rwandan coffee farmers are now making over four times what they made in 2001 and Rwanda has grown from an unknown specialty coffee origin to a sought-after specialty coffee destination for scores of international coffee companies like Starbucks and Green Mountain.



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In processed foods, Rwandan “Bon Foufou” is sold throughout Europe in large grocery chains and small ethnic food shops. For more information, see www.spreadproject.org.

Leadership Initiative for Public Health in East Africa

Leadership Initiative for Public Health in East Africa (LIPHEA) Project works with U.S. and East Africa schools of public health and associated schools of business and development communication, to design and develop a major leadership training program. The HED initiative has an in-country program management structure and has become an Alliance of Schools of Public Health in 8 countries in the East African region that have agreed to work cooperatively to share faculty, materials and expertise and to offer courses in each others' countries via the web. The consortium includes: The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, the College of Health Sciences at Muhimbili University in Tanzania, the Institute of Public Health at Makerere University in Uganda, the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, the Tulane University School of Business, the George Washington University School of Public Policy and Public Administration, the World Bank Institute, the Uganda Management Institute, the East and Southern Africa Management Institute, and the London School of Economics.

❶ Serena Hotel Kigali (conference venue)
250 597100
<http://www.serenahotels.com/rwanda/kigali/home.asp>

❷ Hotel Novotel Kigali Umubano
Boulevard de l' Umuganda, Kacyiru
250 585816
<http://www.novotel.com/>

❸ Hotel Gorillas
Rue des Parcs, Kiyovu
250 501817
<http://www.hotelgorillas.com/>

Stipp Hotels/Kiyovu
250 08306419
<http://www.stipphotelrwanda.com/>

Chez Lando Hotel
Remera
250 582050
<http://www.chezlando.com/inside.php>

Top Tower Hotel
Kacyiru
250 573540



GETTING AROUND KIGALI GUIDE

There are many taxis in Kigali. Taxis are available in front Serena and Novotel. Other hotels helpful staff can hail or call a taxi.

Sights:

- **Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre** (<http://www.kigalimemorialcentre.org/>) opened in April 2004, on the 10th anniversary of the genocides. Entrance is free; however donations are expected.
- **Hotel des Mille Collines** is the site where the actual events took place for the movie Hotel Rwanda. The hotel is currently being renovated, though you may want to view its exterior.
- **Muslim Quarter** lets you get a sense of Islam's influence in Rwanda.
- **Nyabugogo Marche** (market) great tourist shopping area that offers a good selection of crafted artifacts.
- **Avenue du Commerce** is the main shopping area in Kigali; offers good selection of crafted artifacts.
- **Dancing Pots Pottery Centre** a project and shop designed to promote economic empowerment and to sustain Twa (one of the indigenous people of Rwanda) and Rwandan culture.
- **Rwanda National Museum** in Butare a must see for anyone interested in African culture. 50 acres with gardens of indigenous vegetation and a traditional craft training center. Artifact collection is historical, ethnographic, artistic and archeological. The museum is located 81 miles south of Kigali so you should/might consider taking a taxi or minibus.

Restaurants:

(Check with hotel desk to ensure restaurants are still in business.)

Budget

- **Babas Café** at the Kigali Business Centre (slightly out of town). Great food. All you can eat for \$3 US.
- **Le Glacon**, an ice cream store.
- **LA SIERRA** on the Boulevard de la Revolution, small restaurant with small grocery store, samosas, sliced bread, butter, milk, wine, beer, coffee, etc. Tel. 75486.

Mid-range

- **Bourbon Café**, in Kiyovu, coffee shop at Union Trade Center shopping plaza.
- **Chez John**, in Kiyovu, Rwandan and African food.
- **Caiman**, in Nyarutarama, Rwandan food. Recommended for sunsets views. Could be long wait after ordering.
- **Comme Chez Moi**, in Kimihurura, delicious fresh mango juice, Thai and French cuisine, thoughtful service.
- **Flamingo**, in Kimihurura. Thai/Asian cuisine.
- **Havana a.k.a. Cabana**, popular pizza spot near Novotel. Will deliver. Tel. 510440. Closed Mondays.
- **Il Sol e Luna**, near Kisementi crossroads and Chez Lando, offers great pizza at cheaper prices than The New Cactus, calzones.

- **Lalibela**, Ethiopian cuisine, on the Mulindi Japan compound, behind the restaurant One Love, on the bypass road near to the RRA building. Indoor and outdoor seating. Popular bar at night, too.
- **La Republica**, great restaurant and great environment. Tel. 08300427, 08513007
- **New Cactus**, pizza, best lasagna; open air restaurant in Kiovyu, since 1996. View over the Rue Deputé. Tel. 572572. Closed Tuesdays.
- **Papyrus**, near the New Cadillac night club in Kimihurura is a restaurant/catering school that serves Italian cuisine. Popular evening lounge.

Splurge

- **Chez Robert**, nice dinner buffet; five minutes from Hotel des Mille Collines.
- **Restaurant Hellenique**, located just above the Kigali Night and Cadillac clubs. It opens for dinner at 7:00 p.m. and offers a large variety. Tel. 83731.
- **Diplomat Restaurant**, at the Serena, special themes menu, i.e. Wednesdays is Mongolian BBQ.
- **Heaven**, in Kiovyu. (One street up from Indian Khazana.) Artwork, provided by Ivuko Studios, for sale.
- **Indian Khazana**, very popular; serves Indian cuisine, in Kiovyu. Closed on Mondays.
- **La Fiesta**, American owned, has garden, playhouse, pool, basketball,

volleyball, billiards and darts at the upstairs bar. Pizza, Mexican (sizzling fajitas, burritos and quesadillas).

- **Novotel Cote Jardin Buffet**, at the Novotel lobby.
- **Serena Hotel Banana Jam Café**, Pricey buffet but with good, hard to find items.
- **Shanghai**, near Hotel des Mille Collines, Chinese cuisine.

Night Life:

- **New Cadillac** night club
- **Republica**
- **Planet Club** at the Kigali Business Center roundabout in Kimihurura (House music on one side and African and hip-hop on the other.)

FYI: Befriending Rwandans

Learn some local phrases!

- **muraho** – hello
- **murakoze** – thank you
- **imbabazi** – excuse me
- **amakuru?** – how are you?
- **mwiriwe** – good evening
- **yego** – yes
- **oya** – no

Despite their extraordinary recent history, Rwandans are ordinary people who, like people everywhere, respond positively to courtesy and a smile.

Ask permission before photographing daily scenes and be prepared to pay a small fee to your intended subject.

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