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# African Forensic Sciences Academy (AFSA) & Rwanda Forensic Institute (RFI)

## Hosting IEOP visit to Kigali, Rwanda

Dr Antonel OLCKERS  
AFSA President

# IEOP visit to Rwanda



- African Forensic Sciences Academy (AFSA)
  - Hosted by Rwanda Forensic Institute (RFI)
  - In Kigali, Rwanda
  - Country of a thousand hills
- IEOP visit co-hosted
  - AFSA and RFI
- Recognising the ICRC as an incredible partner for AFSA in Africa
- With thanks to the Rwanda Convention Bureau

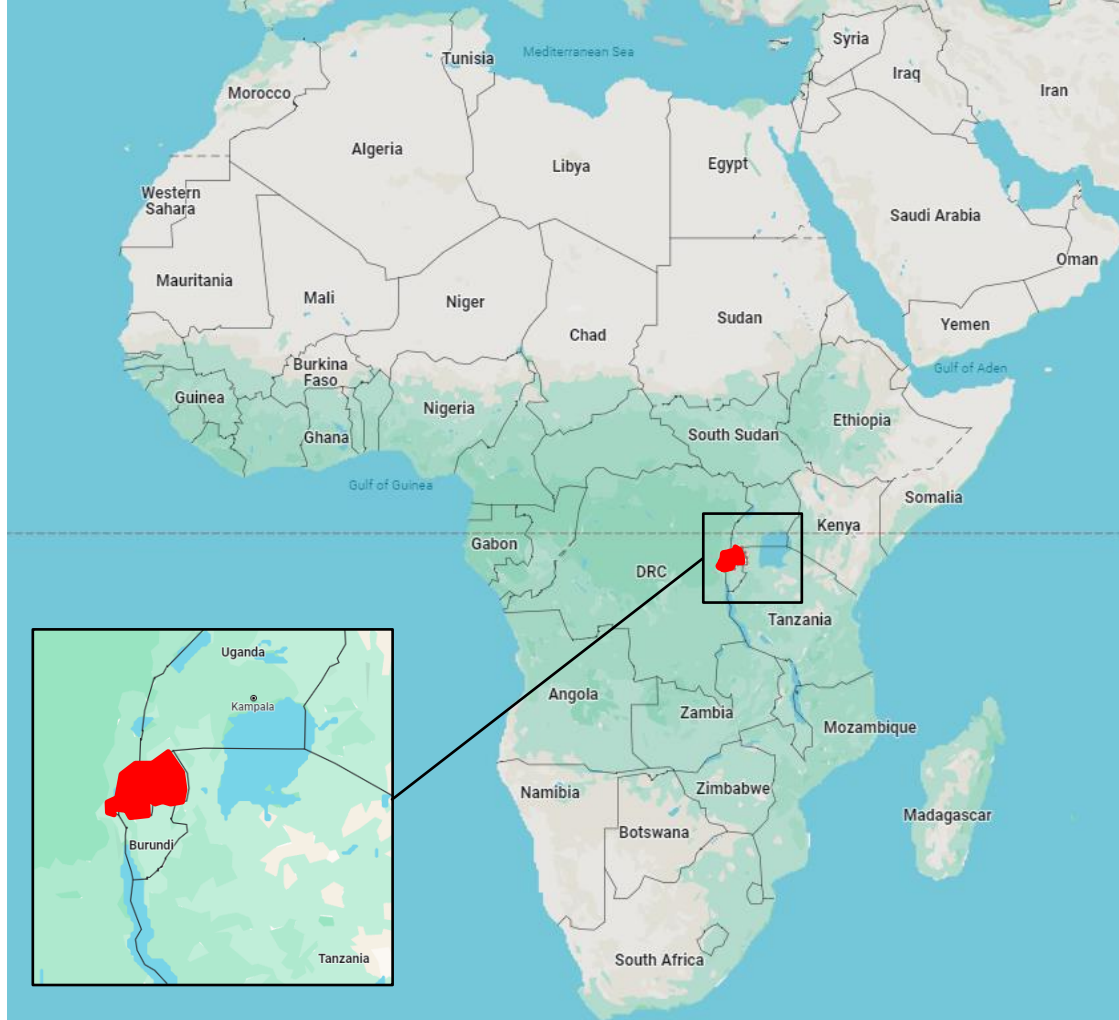


# Rwanda



Rwanda Population:  
12 million

Kigali Population:  
1.3 million







# Practical Information

**Capital City:** Kigali

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**Total area:** 26 338 sq m

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**Population:** 13,759,370 people.

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**President:** Paul Kagame

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**Official Languages:** Kinyarwanda, English, French and Swahili 

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**Time Zone:** Central African Time (CAT) UTC+2

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**Telephone Country Code:** +250  
(Telecommunication is among the best in Africa)

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**Local Currency:** Rwandan Franc 

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**Visa info:** Visa upon/on arrival  
<https://www.migration.gov.rw> 

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75.2 °F to 80.6 °F

**Climate:** Temperate all year round (24° – 27° C) making Rwanda an ideal destination year-round.

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**ICT:** High speed 4G LTE wireless broadband in major cities

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**Electricity:** Voltage 230V at 50Hz 

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**Foreign Currencies:** All major currencies are accepted 

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**Major economic Sectors:** Tourism, mining and agriculture

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**Airlines:** RwandAir, Kenya Airways, Ethiopian Airlines, SN Brussels Airlines, KLM, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines 

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# Country highlights



**Visa on arrival for all visitors**  
Free 30 Days for African Union,  
Commonwealth & Francophonie  
countries



**High level of safety and security**



**Kigali is the cleanest city in Africa**  
Among the **top 15 Greenest** place in  
the world and



**Best place to be a woman in Africa**  
9<sup>th</sup> Best place to be a woman globally



**Excellent & reliable Infrastructure**  
Conference venues/ Internet/ roads/  
Hotels /Cleanliness



**2nd in Africa** on the International  
Congress and Convention  
Association (ICCA) **preferred destination**  
ranking



**Zero Tolerance to Corruption**



**Ease of doing business in Africa**





# Rwanda Facts



- Safe to travel (even individually)
- Ease of getting around
  - Move App (similar to Uber) & safe
- No corruption
- Cleanest city in Africa
- Banned plastic c.a. 30 years ago
  - Cannot travel with it into RW
- Law abiding is key
- More than 50% of parliament is women

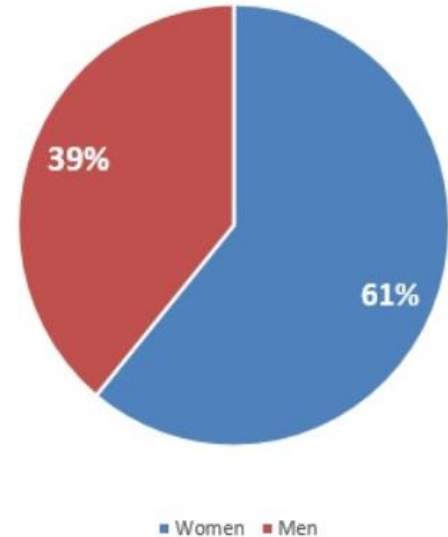
# Women representation

Rwanda is the first country in the world with female majority in parliament with 61.3% in the Chamber of Deputies.

Women count for roughly half the world's population yet they occupy less than a quarter of political seats. Rwanda is an outlier, with more women in power, proportionally than any other country. Rwanda is the first country in the world with female majority in parliament, with 61.3% in the Chamber of Deputies and 37.4% in the Senate.

“... first country in the world with female majority in parliament, with 61.3% ...”

Women Representation in The Chamber of Deputies





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# The United States and Rwanda: Strategic Partners

**FACT SHEET**

**OFFICE OF THE SPOKESPERSON**

AUGUST 10, 2022

## Google CIA fact files prior to travel

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## Rwanda Travel Advisory

Travel Advisory  
July 31, 2023

Rwanda - Level 1: Exercise Normal Precautions

*Reissued with obsolete COVID-19 page links removed.*

Exercise normal precautions in Rwanda. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

Exercise Increased Caution in:

- The Rwanda-Burundi border due to **armed conflict**.
- The Rwanda-Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) border due to **armed conflict**.

Read the [country information page](#) for additional information on travel to Rwanda.

If you decide to travel to Rwanda:

- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for Rwanda.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) related to your travel.

### Rwanda-Burundi Border—Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution

The Nyungwe Forest National Park abuts the border with Burundi. Borders may not be clearly marked. It is required to obtain permits from the Rwanda Development Board prior to entry. Relations between Burundi and Rwanda are tense and there have been cross-border incursions and armed clashes.

### Rwanda-Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Border – Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution

Armed rebel and militia groups operate in DRC's North and South Kivu provinces and Virunga Park. Borders may not be clearly

### Travel Advisory Levels

- 1** Exercise normal precautions
- 2** Exercise increased caution
- 3** Reconsider travel
- 4** Do not travel

### Assistance for U.S. Citizens

#### U.S. Embassy Kigali

2657 Avenue de la Gendarmerie (Kacyiru),  
Kigali

**Telephone** 250-252-596-400-7000 (Monday through Thursday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

**Emergency** 250-252-596-400, and dial 1

**Fax** 250-252-596-591

**Email** [ACSKigali@state.gov](mailto:ACSKigali@state.gov)

**Website** <https://rw.usembassy.gov/>

# Languages of Rwanda

- English
  - Tourism language
  - Business language
- French
- Kinyarwanda
  
- Entire trip will be with English speaking guides or drivers



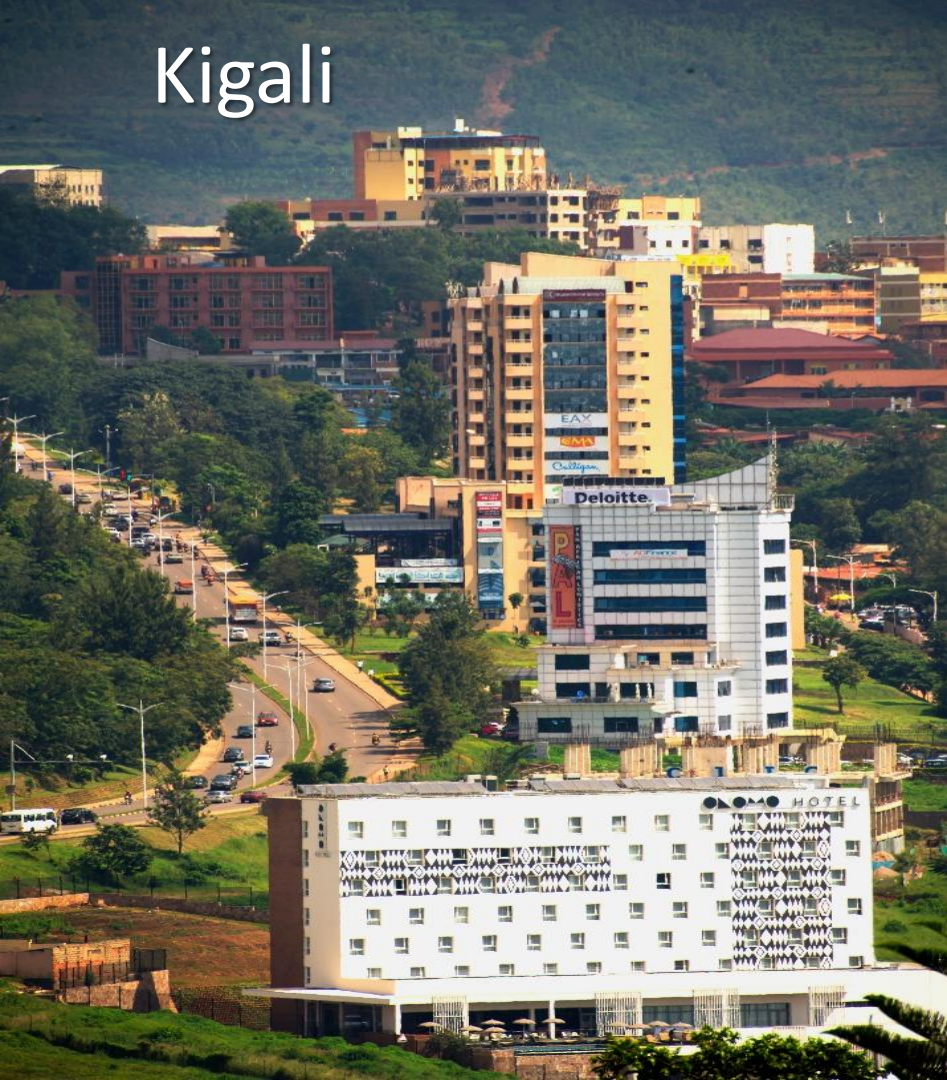


# Kigali





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# Key Conference Infrastructure



▶ **Kigali Convention Centre**  
Capacity : 5,000 persons



▶ **Intare Conference Arena**  
Capacity : 3,000 persons



▶ **BK Arena**  
Capacity : 10,000 persons






# Rwanda is increasingly OPEN & CONNECTED to the world



 **25**

The number of current **RwandAir destinations** in Africa, the UK, Belgium, France, Dubai, India, coming up (incl. USA, China)



- 1h25 to Nairobi
- 3h50 to Johannesburg
- 6h40 to Doha
- 7h00 to Mumbai
- 8h 30 to Paris
- 10h05 to London

— Existing direct connections to Kigali      — Planned direct connections to Kigali

Source: Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority, Expedia

#MeetInRwanda



# Programme for AAFS IEOP

Date	Day	Event
21	Sat	Arrival in Kigali
22	Sun	Visit in & around Kigali City
23	Mon	AFSA2024 Workshops @ University of Rwanda
24	Tue	
25	Wed	AFSA conference: forensic science programme (submit abstracts & present research: platform and poster presentations)
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	Umuganda: social responsibility programme **
29	Sun	Cultural visits, including Kigali Genocide Museum
30	Mon	Visit Rwanda Forensic Institute (RFI) *
01	Tue	Social programme
02	Wed	Depart Kigali



# \*\* Umuganda - Social Responsibility

➤ Last Saturday of each month

- 3 hours
- Community service
  - Cleaning up or
  - Volunteering your time





# Rwanda Forensic Institute

Science For Justice



## Biology / DNA Forensic Service

The Biology scientists conduct several types of serological examinations on evidentiary materials, including the identification of blood, semen,...



## Drug & Chemistry Service

The Drugs and Chemistry is one among the units belong to Chemistry Division. Its responsibility is to chemically examine either qualitatively or...



## Forensic Toxicology Service

Forensic toxicology and Blood alcohol services refer to the use of scientific methods to detect and analyze drugs, chemicals, alcohols and other...



# \* RFI visit



- Director General
  - Dr Charles KARANGWA
  - Welcome and introduction to RFI
- Introduction to all Division Managers (DM)
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physical evidence
    - Questioned documents
    - Fingerprints
    - Ballistics and toolmarks
    - Digital forensics
  - Forensic Medicine
- Tour of RFI - all divisions
- Discussion with DMs / DM panel

# RFI LEADERSHIP



**Dr Charles KARANGWA**  
Director General (DG)



**Mr. Rdephose Tlabyrimana**  
Corporate Services Division Manager



**Ms. Karolina Uwanje**  
Policy Division Manager



**Dr. Erasmus Malingadire**  
Physical Evidence Division Manager

## DMs



**Dr. Justin Kabera**  
Forensic Division Manager



**Dr. Innocent Nkurunziza**  
Research, Medicine Division Manager

## SERVICES OFFERED IN RWANDA FORENSIC INSTITUTE

### DNA Testing Services



### FORENSIC MEDICINE SERVICES



### QUALITY ASSURANCE



### FORENSIC MICROBIOLOGY SERVICES



### DIGITAL FORENSICS SERVICES



### QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS AND FINGERPRINTS SERVICES



### FORENSIC CHEMISTRY & DRUGS SERVICES



### FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY AND BLOOD ALCOHOL SERVICES



### BALLISTICS AND TOOLMARKS SERVICES



# Forensic Science in Rwanda



- Rwanda Forensic Institute (RFI)
  - Resorts under the Ministry of Justice
- Official launch of AFSA
  - Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Rwanda
    - Dr Emmanuel UGIRASHEBUJA
  - Vice President of AFSA
    - Prof Mehdi BEN KHELIL





# Costs (approximate)



- Return ticket US to Kigali
  - 900+ USD
- Hotel accommodation
  - Radison BLU at convention centre: from 270 USD for twin sharing
  - Marriott Kigali: from 367 USD for twin sharing
  - Breakfast included at both hotels
- Other costs to follow
  - Transport
  - Dinner
  - Etc.

# AFSA2024 Conference Registration Fee



- International delegates
- Members of AFSA: 490 USD
- Non-members of AFSA: 550 USD
- Guest (e.g. spouse): 175 USD
- Students: 150 USD
- Included for all
  - Academic Sessions
- Excluded
  - Workshops
  - Social events e.g. gala dinner

# Hospitality at glance



**10,000** ROOMS  
CAPACITY



**1,533**

Upper range rooms



**3,500**

Middle range rooms



**4,967**

Lower range rooms

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## Hospitality at glance...



SERENA HOTELS  
HOTELS • RESORTS • SAFARI LODGES • CAMPS

2004



2016



2016



2016



2018



2019



2019



2021

From **2017** to **2022**, we have seen **19 new hotels** opening up

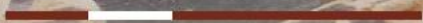


# Cultural Programme

# Everything starts with remembrance

This is the final resting-place for 250,000 victims of the  
Genocide against the Tutsi

[Learn More](#)





**The Kigali Genocide Memorial has five primary objectives:**



## **Commemoration**

To provide a dignified place of burial for victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi



## **Education**

To inform and educate visitors about the causes, implementation and consequences of the genocide, and other genocides throughout history.



## **Prevention**

To teach visitors about what we can do to prevent future genocides.



## **Documentation**

To provide a documentation centre to record evidence of the genocide, testimonies of genocide survivors and details of genocide victims.



## **Survivor Support**

To provide support for survivors, in particular orphans and widows.

+ **Exhibition: 'Jenoside'**

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+ **Exhibition: Wasted Lives**

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+ **Exhibition: Tomorrow Lost**

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+ **New exhibition content**

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+ **Mass Graves**

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+ **Wall of Names**

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+ **Memorial Gardens**

+ **Flame of Remembrance**

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+ **Amphitheatre**

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+ **Kigali Community Peace Centre**

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+ **Genocide Archive of Rwanda**

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+ **Café**

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+ **Gift Shop**

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+ **Events**

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## Gift Shop

Purchase books and unique mementos in the Kigali Genocide Memorial's Gift Shop before you leave. The shop offers an excellent selection of books about Rwanda's recent history. It also includes high quality 'Imigongo' – traditional Rwandan wall art – and jewellery featuring the 'Ubumuntu' symbol; a celebration and expression of the wearer's commitment to champion humanity. The income generated from this social enterprise helps to support all aspects of the Memorial's work.



# Kandt House Museum



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## RCHA

Rwanda Cultural Heritage Academy



**Language and Culture  
Preservation Division**



**Museum and Heritages Sites  
Management Division**



**National Archives Services Unit**



# Rwanda Cultural Safaris

The cultural visits are so important since people are also significant part of the park like the primates. In case of the best **Rwanda cultural tours** or the cultural safaris, you can opt to visit any of the cultural centres with in Rwanda, and you can visit one of more like the **Iby'iwacu Cultural village** and is a non-profit making organisation that helps the reformed poachers.

These help in providing a good life through the activities like providing clean water, the health advisory, they offer Agricultural support as



well as providing Education facilities to the kid's that acquire Education.

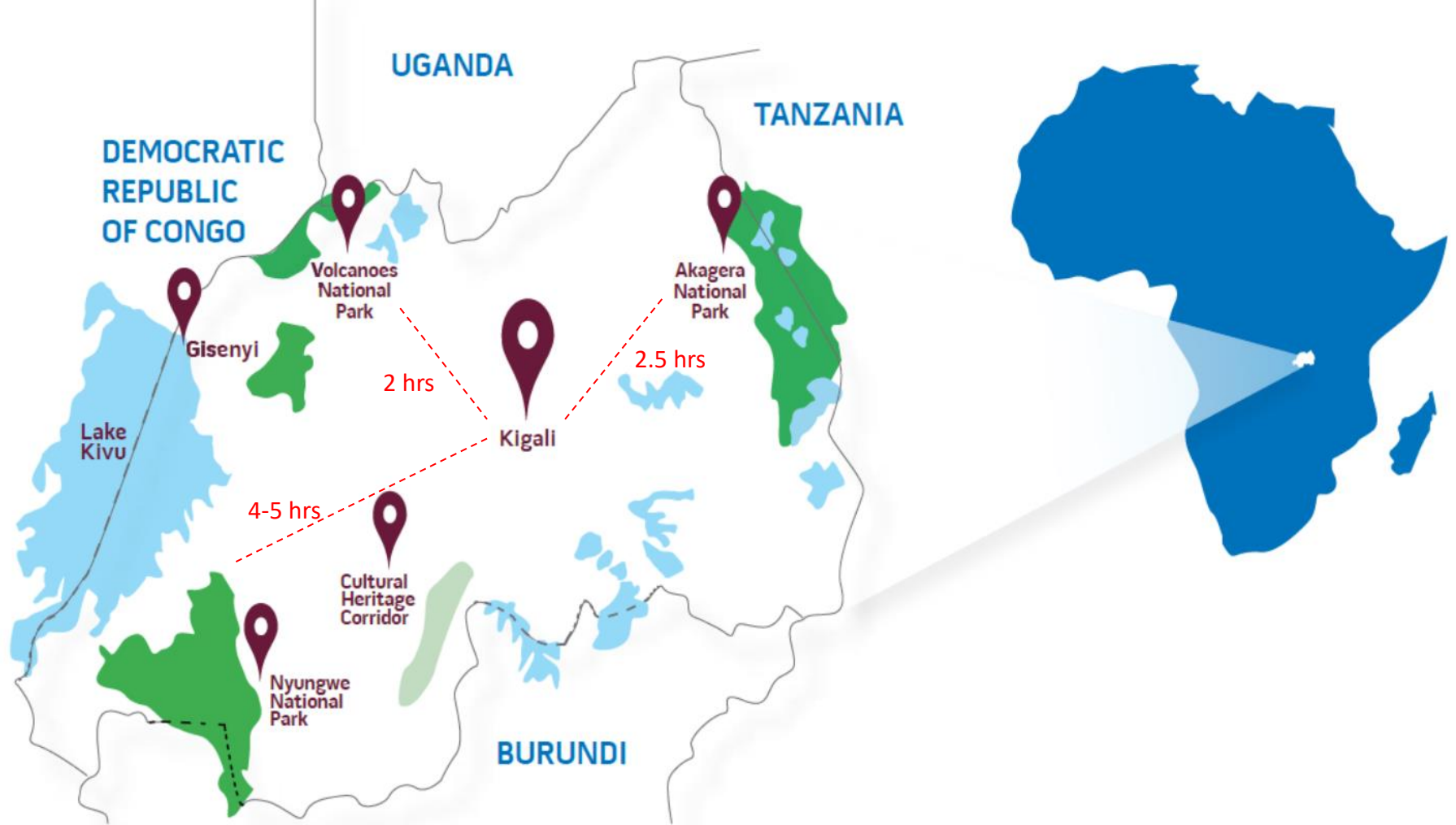
There are also many enterprise projects that have been developed to act as a source of income to the families like these do arts as well as craft work, engage in community tourism, do basket weaving and after they sell these to the tourists to take home as token.

# Social Programme

A scenic outdoor lounge area at dusk. The scene features a wooden deck with several wicker sofas and armchairs arranged around a central stone fire pit where a fire is burning. A guitar is leaning against one of the sofas. In the background, there are rolling green hills and mountains under a starry night sky. The overall atmosphere is cozy and inviting.

# Remarkable Pre & Post Experience





## Rwanda offers unrivalled Incentive experiences



One & Only Gorilla's Nest



Kwitonda Lodge by Singita



Bisate Lodge by Wilderness Safaris



One & Only Nyungwe House



Magashi by Wilderness Safaris



Akagera Game Lodge by Mantis





# Akagera National Park

Home to the **Big 5**

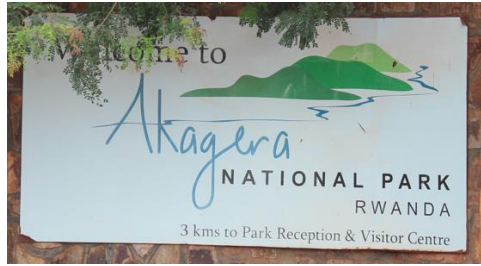


▶ **500 birds species**





# Ruzizi Tented Lodge





# Volcanoes National Park

Gateway to Gorillas



Meet the Mountain Gorillas



Meet the Golden Monkeys









- Rwanda Gorilla Trekking
- 1,500 USD per person per trek
- 30% discount if visiting national parks e.g. Nyungwe & Akagera
- Permits to be bought well in advance
  - Group booking is possible
- Access to a gorilla group is limited per day

## Lake Kivu



Perfect weather through out the year

## Cultural Heritage

Experience our rich culture





# Lake Kivu





# Nyungwe National Park

Primate & Hiking Paradise



- ▶ 300 bird's species
- ▶ 13 primate's species
- ▶ Canopy walk  
(reaching 70m above the forest)







Nyungwe National Park













# Social Programme



- Question Coffee
  - Women owned
  - Beans sourced from 40,000 women farmers
- The perfect coffee for a forensic scientist
- Offers
  - Coffee tastings
  - Coffee farm tours
  - Etc.









# Kigali Lady

EAU DE PARFUM



a new fragrance by  
AQUA RWANDA





# Assistance during the trip

- Whatsapp number will be available 24/7
  - Emergencies
  - Assistance
  
- Who will attend from AFSA executive
  - All IE members at the conference





# Save the Date

## AFSA Inaugural Conference

### 23-28 September 2024

Stay informed: Scan QR code



CONVENTION CENTRE

## Venue: Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda



## Kigali City in the Country of a Thousand Hills




## Enjoy the Nature & Wildlife of Rwanda



# AFSA

African Forensic Sciences Academy




# AFSA

*Together for Excellence, Integrity, and Innovation in Forensic Sciences in Africa*

#### History of AFSA

- Founded in December 2022 & Launched on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Kigali, Rwanda
- Registered as International NGO in Kigali, Rwanda
- Hosted by Rwanda Forensic Institute (RFI) in Kigali, Rwanda

#### Core Values of AFSA

- Excellence
- Transparency
- Integrity and Ethical Practice
- Independence and Impartiality
- Inclusion, Diversity, and Equality

#### Vision of AFSA

To be the leader in promoting excellence and integrity in forensic science in Africa

#### Mission of AFSA

- Promote evidence based, innovative and multi-disciplinary forensic sciences practice;
- Promote relevant and impactful research;
- Disseminate forensic science knowledge among the practitioners and institutions in Africa;
- Develop appropriate standards and guidelines;
- Promote collaboration, partnership, and training in forensic sciences.

Stay up to date with AFSA news & upcoming CONFERENCE information (use QR code)

#### Website & Social Media

Website: [AfricanFSA.org](http://AfricanFSA.org)      Twitter: [@AFSA\\_African](https://twitter.com/AFSA_African)  
 LinkedIn: [African Forensic Sciences Academy](https://www.linkedin.com/company/African-Forensic-Sciences-Academy)      Hashtag: [#AFSA\\_African](https://twitter.com/AFSA_African) on all platforms

#### Interim Executive of AFSA

- Dr Antonel OLCKERS, President
- Mr Peter Ogbolo PAUL, Treasurer
- Ms Karolina Uwantege KABAYIZA, General Secretary
- Prof Mehdi BEN KHELIL, Vice President
- Dr Liam ROBINSON, Communication Secretary

#### Fields represented by AFSA

AFSA represents forensic science practitioners ALL fields of forensic science. Visit our website to see the field and additional subfields that AFSA defined.

#### Membership Categories in AFSA - Sign up via our Website

- Full member
- Student member
- Associate member
- Affiliate member
- Honorary member
- Founding member





Kigali  
International Airport

(6km)

Kacyiru



Kigali  
Convention Center  
*Radisson* BLU

(350m)

We look forward to welcoming you to Rwanda







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