

***Kigali, Rwanda, October 26 (Infosplusgabon) - The outcome of the Russia-Africa summit which brought together earlier this week several African heads of state and government, Russian government officials as well as business leaders from the two parties in Sochi, Russian , dominated front pages of Rwandan newspapers this week.***

The papers are questioning if win-win cooperation was really the option in this new era of cooperation and partnership between the two parties.

Under the headline, “Kagame calls for mutually beneficial Russia-Africa ties”, the English daily - The New Times - wrote that during his speech on the sidelines of the summit, Rwandan President Paul Kagame said that the cooperation and partnership between the two parties should be keen on achieving mutual benefits and lead to building an equitable international order.

Kagame said the moment was favorable for cooperation and engagement as Africa was at a turning point in multiple ways with regard to both trade and technology.

For instance, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) will create a market and opportunities for Africans and partners from across the world with Russia among them.

The New Times added that, with countries on the African continent having ambitious development plans which required adopting and embracing technology and new sources of energy, Russia was an ideal partner as they had expertise on the subjects.

In another article, another English daily - KT Press - echoed the outcomes of the Russia-Africa summit reporting that Rwandan President Kagame met with President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa and participated in a Working Lunch with Russian President Vladimir Putin in his capacity as the Chair of the East African Community (EAC).

The summit brought together more than 3,000 delegates from across Africa and Russia to discuss politics and business.

“The ties between Russia and Africa are long-standing as mentioned by many, including with my country, Rwanda,” Kagame told delegates

“This moment is particularly favourable because Africa is at a turning point in many ways,

including in terms of both trade and technology.”

For the newspaper, trade partnership which Russia would need to bring in, as AfCFTA takes the momentum, is in area of information technology, scientific research, and new sources of energy where Russia enjoys a reputation for excellence.

Under the current partnership, Kagame also stressed the need to maintain a conducive and predictable overall governance environment, with equal rights and opportunities for all players that would further foster the partnership and ties.

Rwanda has had diplomatic relations with Russia since 1963 with cooperation revolving around political, military, education, human resource development and training, cultural ties as well as nuclear energy.

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