

## **RESOLUTIONS OF THE 16<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL UMUSHYIKIRANO COUNCIL**

**DECEMBER 13-14, 2018**

As provided for by the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 2003 amended in 2015 in its article 140, the National Umushyikirano Council was convened in Kigali *Convention Center* from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and presided over by His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda.

The Council began with an annual State of the Nation Address delivered by His Excellency President of the Republic of Rwanda.

His Excellency President of the Republic noted that the National Umushyikirano Council is a unique Rwandan home-grown initiative that provides a platform through which all Rwandans review and reflect on the State of the Nation and adopt strategies for further development.

The President of the Republic noted that all sectors of the economy are performing well and the country has strengthened its international cooperation and regional integration. He also noted that Rwandans will continue to preserve unity, thinking big and improving delivery and accountability.

After a presentation of the report on the implementation of the resolutions of the 15<sup>th</sup> National Umushyikirano Council by the Right Honorable Prime Minister, the following topics were discussed:

- a) Connected Communities: Partnering for Growth;
- b) Preserving Memory: Upholding our Values;
- c) Building a Rwandan Savings Culture.

**After the discussions, the following resolutions were adopted:**

1. Review how funds meant to support vulnerable people managed by Umurenge SACCO as loans could be managed and loan absorption improved.
2. Improve the overall functioning of Umurenge-SACCO for the better fulfilment of its mission and take adequate measures for quick recovery of loans from defaulters.
3. Improve strategies aimed at promoting the population's welfare and review the process of allowing those in the second category of Ubudehe to work again in remunerated activities within the framework of the VUP program.
4. Increase the number of post-harvest infrastructure and the variety of commodities for food storage in strategic reserves, as well as improve the functioning of the commodity exchange.
5. Coordinate the planning and implementation, in all relevant institutions, to fast-track elimination of malnutrition and stunting among children.

- 6.** Adopt strategies to remove all challenges impeding the quality of education at all levels, from Primary, Secondary schools, Higher Learning Institutions and Universities.
- 7.** Continue sensitizing Rwandans to appreciate and embrace the use of Made in Rwanda products, increase the quality and quantity of those products and adopt strategies to make their prices affordable and competitive compared to imported products.
- 8.** Put more emphasis on educating the youth about the history of Genocide against Tutsi in inculcating them the values of Rwandan culture (students and youth in diaspora, etc).
- 9.** Preservation of Genocide memorial sites and Genocide physical evidences and continue to address challenges encountered by Genocide survivors including trauma related ones.
- 10.** Fast-track the implementation of the National Long-Term Saving Scheme/ *Ejo Heza* and sensitize Rwandans from all walks of life to subscribe.