

## **Results of the business mission of Russian enterprises to the Republic of Rwanda**

Business mission of Russian enterprises to the Republic of Rwanda, organized by the National Guild of Producers and Importers, took place from June 3 to 7, 2019.

The Russian delegation was attended by the representatives of the Guild, the Rosselkhoz nadzor, the FSBI «Center for Assessing the Safety and Quality of Grain and its Processing Products», the FSBI National Medical Center for Obstetrics of Gynaecology and Perinatology named after Academician V.I. Kulakova the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, the FSBI of the Central Research Institute of Tuberculosis and other organizations.

As a part of the business mission, negotiations were held with the representatives of the Rwanda Development Board (RDB), the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Rwanda, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Rwanda, the Council for Rwanda Standards. In addition, a visit to the special economic zone of Kigali was organized.

The mission began with the visit of the memorial to the victims of genocide in Kigali.

### **Business mission of Russian enterprises to the Republic of Rwanda, organized by the National Guild of Producers and Importers, began with a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial Center on June 3, 2019.**

The Genocide Memorial Center (Gisozi) is dedicated to the tragic events happened in Rwanda in 1994. This year about one million people were brutally killed in just 100 days, and the total population of the country at that time was about eight million. The essence of the conflict was reduced to irreconcilable contradictions between two ethnic groups - Hutus and Tutsis. The genocide in Rwanda in 1994 has occurred without any intervention of the UN.

The Russian delegation got acquainted with the permanent exposition, which explains the mechanisms that led to the genocide in Rwanda, visited the Children's Memorial, where children's photographs are hung, some of which are enlarged several tens of times and each photo has a corresponding caption telling the fate of the child and the reason of death, as well as the memorial burial of more than 250 thousand people.

After visiting the memorial, the President of the Guild A.V. Perfiliev and Advisor to the Head of Rosselkhoz nadzor A.N. Alekseenko left their reviews in the book of honoured guests of the memorial complex on behalf of the Russian delegation.



**On June 3, 2019, the participants of the business mission of Russian enterprises to the Republic of Rwanda visited the office of the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and met with RDB Chief Investment Officer Mr. Guy Baron**

The participants of the business mission got acquainted with the direction and the structure of the Agency.

At the meeting with RDB Chief Investment Officer Mr. Guy Baron, the Russian side was informed about the investment opportunities of Rwanda and the five reasons to invest in Rwanda, about the national industrial policy and the National Export Strategy of Rwanda, which were designed to accelerate industry and export growth.

The directions of mutually beneficial cooperation between the Russian and Rwandan sides in the field of medicine, energy conservation and agriculture were discussed.





**On June 3, 2019 the Guild President A.V. Perfiliev and Chairman of the Guild V.A. Bagrov visited the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Rwanda and met with the Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Mr. James Moranes**

The proposals of the Guild on cooperation in the field of medicine aroused great interest of the Ministry of Health of Rwanda. At a meeting with the Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Mr. James Moranez, an agreement on cooperation in the following areas was reached:

- the project of a multifunctional simulation and training center in Kigali, the development of cooperation in the treatment and diagnosis of tuberculosis, hepatology, traumatology, orthopedics and field surgery, nuclear medicine, motherhood and childhood, oncology, as well as in the field of advanced training and educational medical programs.



**On June 5, 2019 the Guild President A.V. Perfiliev, Chairman of the Guild V.A. Bagrov, and the members of the Russian delegation visited the military hospital of the city of Kigali and met with the military commandant of the hospital, Colonel, etc. D.S. Kagimbanoy and hospital doctors.**

At a meeting with the commandant of a military hospital in Kigali, the Russian side was informed about the state of Rwanda's healthcare system, about successes and shortcomings.

The Russian side informed about the state of healthcare in the Russian Federation:

The Russian delegation settled a number of departments of the hospital, got acquainted with its equipment and treatment technologies used.

Following the meeting, an agreement on the implementation of projects previously agreed by the Ministry of Health of Rwanda on the basis of this hospital was reached.







**On June 5, 2019, the participants of the Russian Business Mission to Rwanda visited the Inspection and Certification Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of Rwanda and met with its leadership**

During the meeting, issues of mutual deliveries of food products were discussed, as well as the prospects of the Rwandan market for organic products and the Rwandan control system for tea and coffee. The Rwandan side also provided information on the logistics component of the import of grain and its processed products to Rwanda and gave a brief overview of the local grain market, as well as of the procedure for issuing permits for the import of plant and animal products.

Following the meeting, the parties agreed to exchange relevant requirements for imported products of plant and animal origin.



**On June 5, 2019, the participants of the Russian Business Mission to Rwanda visited the Rwanda Standardization Council.**

At a meeting with representatives of the Council, the issue of the availability of official requirements for the quality and safety of grain products imported to Rwanda was discussed.

Following the meeting, the parties agreed to exchange relevant information in this area.





**On June 6, 2019, the Russian delegation visited the Ministry of Agriculture and Rwanda and met with the Operational Manager of PASP, Elvis Blaise Nkundaniyrazo**

At the meeting, representatives of the Rosselkhoz nadzor received information about the possibilities of increasing imports and expanding the range of supplied grain and products of its processing of Russian origin in Rwanda, as well as the largest importing companies in Rwanda. The parties agreed to continue work under the auspices of the regulatory authorities and exchange relevant requirements in the field of quality, safety and phytosanitary conditions for imported grain products.





**On June 6, 2019, the Russian delegation visited the Rwanda Grain Corporation and met with its leadership.**

At the meeting, representatives of the Rosselkhoznaadzor received information about crops (yellow corn and soybeans) that could potentially be delivered to this country from Russia. The Russian side promised to provide official standards for corn and soybeans to the Rwandan side. The Rwandan side promised to provide data on the cost of grain supplied from African countries neighbouring Rwanda.



**On June 6, 2019, the Russian delegation met with the head of the Quality Assurance and Regulation Department of the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB), Eric Rouganantavali**

The meeting discussed the requirements of the Russian side for imported food products, in particular coffee, tea, honey, etc. The Rwandan side was also informed about the features of certification of organic products intended for the Russian market.



**On June 7, 2019, the Russian delegation visited the special economic zone of Kigali and a number of food industry enterprises located there.**

Representatives of the Russian delegation got acquainted with the infrastructure of the SEZ, which includes modern industrial enterprises, paved roads, water and electricity in all designated areas, treatment facilities.

Special economic zones have been created to promote private investment, industry and export growth, as they offer quality infrastructure, streamlined business rules and incentives for investors and enterprises.

The program of special economic zones is jointly implemented by the government and private investors. The Government of Rwanda provides dedicated, serviced land for small and large industrial development, as well as reliable, high-quality infrastructure, competitive tax rules and streamlined administration.

Representatives of the Russian delegation visited a number of food industry enterprises located in the SEZ and got acquainted with their production.





















**On June 7, 2019 Guild President A.V. Perfiliev, Chairman of the Guild V.A. Bagrov, members of the Russian delegation visited the Rwandan Biomedical Center of the Ministry of Health of Rwanda and met with the head of the Institute of HIV / AIDS, Disease Prevention and Control, Dr. Innokent Turat**

At the meeting, the Russian side was informed about the structure and projects of the biomedical center, aspects of developing cooperation with the Russian side in priority medical areas for Rwanda (tuberculosis / HIV), the possibility of implementing joint projects in the field of their treatment and localization of the production of Russian diagnostic medical equipment and pharmaceuticals were discussed in Rwanda.



**On June 7, 2019 the Guild President A.V. Perfiliev, the Chairman of the Guild V.A. Bagrov and the Advisor to the Head of Rosselkhoznadzor A.N. Alekseenko visited the office of the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and met with the head of the Department for Investment Promotion and Export Marketing, Philip Lucky.**

At a meeting at the Rwanda Development Agency, the results of the visit of the Russian delegation were summed up.

As a result of the meeting, an agreement was reached on signing a memorandum between the Guild and RDB in order to implement joint projects in the production sector on the basis of specific programs and contracts concluded by the parties for each joint project, to exchange relevant information on various areas of foreign economic activity necessary for Russian and Rwandan enterprises with the aim of developing cooperation, holding joint events: conferences, seminars, presentations and round tables.





The visit of the Russian delegation aroused great interest among representatives of state authorities and businessmen.