

12th National Leadership Retreat

“Common Vision, Renewed Momentum”

28 February – 2 March 2015



Resolutions

Background

The 12th National Leadership Retreat, known also as Umwiherero, was held in Gabiro in Gatsibo District at the Rwanda Defence Forces Combat Training Centre. The retreat was held from 28 February – 2 March 2015 under the theme: “Common Vision, New Momentum”.

The retreat was presided over by President Paul Kagame. In his opening remarks, President Kagame called on leaders to efficiently deliver on their responsibilities and work more closely with citizens.

The following topics were discussed at the 12th National Leadership Retreat:

- Leaders’ accountability – Rethinking the government’s approach to delivery
- Infrastructure development to support planned urbanisation
- Leveraging public private partnership to tap the full potential of the MICE sector
- Reviewing the performance of health systems and enhancing the quality of health service delivery
- Accountability to women and children for sustained development

Resolutions

Following the participants’ discussions, the following resolutions were made:

1. Make a list of stalled government projects, establish deadlines for their completion and report projects with suspicion of corruption, as well as those stalled due to leaders’ irresponsibility, to the prosecution for investigation.
2. Share information and break the networking and complicity in corruption cases to end the culture of covering up corrupt officials.
3. Initiate legal procedures against officials involved in embezzlement and misappropriation of funds meant to be used for programmes improving citizens’ welfare, notably the Vision 2020 Umurenge Programme (VUP), Ubudehe, Girinka as well as for the health care system.
4. Find markets for maize production from the first phase of the Agricultural Season A 2015 and search for market opportunities for other Crop Intensification Programme products – alongside sustainable farming mechanisms. The Ministry of Trade and Industry will play a leading role in value addition and in promoting the trade and production of agricultural and animal husbandry products.

5. Empower districts to implement management and maintenance of rural water supply projects.
6. Complete comprehensive preparations for water supply projects to facilitate investment in the sector, review the cost of water, taking into consideration the actual production cost and the beneficiaries' purchasing power, and allocate enough funding for water supply projects.
7. Empower districts to implement master plans and establish guidelines for land use in towns.
8. Review land location tariffs for effective land use and management.
9. Facilitate investors in low cost housing through the provision of basic infrastructure such as water, roads and electricity.
10. Review the health care system, the cost of medical services and harmonise the cooperation of hospitals and health insurance companies.
11. Increase efforts in malaria prevention activities especially in the distribution of mosquito bed nets and drugs, clearing bushes around households, spraying anti mosquito insecticides, and studying the feasibility of bed nets factory in Rwanda.
12. Reform service delivery for specialised medical services.
13. Conduct maintenance of Shyira Hospital by providing the hospital with the required materials, staff as well as electricity.
14. Fight women and child abuse wherever it might happen by all possible means including sanctions against bystanders and accelerate the establishment of One Stop Centres in all districts.
15. Increase infrastructure for conference tourism, the maintenance of museums and grow tourist destinations to attract more tourists for longer stays in Rwanda.
16. Strengthen the Rwanda Convention Bureau through sharing timely information on planned conferences so that it can liaise with the Private Sector Federation in promoting MICE tourism.