



## Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are happy to welcome you to Kigali for the occasion of the 20 years of bilateral research cooperation between Sweden and Rwanda. The theme for the three-day programme, 22-24 March, reflects the important impact of our research cooperation in Rwanda in the last two decades, "Research cooperation for socioeconomic transformation".

We are proud of our partnership and the significant results which we have achieved together with you. We are now in an important stage of our research cooperation and look forward to further strengthen and broaden our institutional collaboration as well as charter a new roadmap for cooperation on research and innovation in Rwanda.

This welcome letter contains practical information for your visit to Rwanda.

### Hotel

We have made a block booking at Marriot Hotel, primarily for vice-chancellors and deputy vice-chancellors, please e-mail [musonipete@gmail.com](mailto:musonipete@gmail.com) or call +250 788532168 with the subject line "Room reservations – University of Rwanda", state date and arrival time in the e-mail. For all other delegates, we have negotiated with five hotels near the venue of the meeting, please e-mail [musonipete@gmail.com](mailto:musonipete@gmail.com) or call +250 788532168 for more information.

### Transportation

You can either book airport shuttle via the hotel for 45USD, or you can take taxi at the airport for approx. 25USD (only cash payment). The hotel is located approx. 25 minutes from the airport. For all other transportation, during the conference, University of Rwanda will provide shuttle.

### Visa

Rwanda provides Visa on Arrival for all citizens. The visa fee is 50 USD, which can be paid at the airport in cash or by visa card. There is no recruitment for Covid-vaccination/negative PCR-test or yellow fever vaccination to enter Rwanda.

### Programme

For those of you arriving on 20<sup>th</sup> of March, we have organised a bilateral programme on the 21-22 of March. This programme will be shared shortly. For those of you arriving on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, please find attached programme for the celebration.

### Additional information

For more practical information on Rwanda, please see the attachment "Welcome to Kigali" document.

We have organised a visit to Kigali Genocide Memorial on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March at 08.00 (departure from hotel 07.45) to pay respect and learn more about the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

Please confirm your flight itinerary to Prof. Alfred Bizosa, [ur.sweden20@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur.sweden20@ur.ac.rw) or [advisor.vc.ur@gmail.com](mailto:advisor.vc.ur@gmail.com), with Barni Nor, [barni.nor@gov.se](mailto:barni.nor@gov.se), in copy, including any dietary restrictions or any other important information.

We very much look forward to see all of you in Kigali, for a productive and inspiring celebration!

Warm welcome to the land of a thousand hills!

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