

Rwandan Ambassador to South Africa **Public lecture**

 08^{TH} OF **AUGUST 2025 Friday**

12:00 to 16:00 Cane Growes Hall ML Sultan Campus.

H.E High Commissioner **Emmanuel Hategeka**



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Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka enjoys a rich 30 years of professional experience covering both private sector and public sector as a C-Suite leader and senior Government official respectively. He is currently serving as the High Commissioner of Rwanda to South Africa, with residence in Pretoria since October 2023; with jurisdiction over four other countries. Prior to this, he was the Ambassador of Rwanda to UAE with residence in Abu Dhabi while covering Saudi Arabia and Bahrain as well. Before joining foreign service, Amb. Hategeka served since 2017 as the Deputy CEO and Chief Operating Officer of Rwanda Development Board (RDB), a one stop agency of the Government charged with fast tracking economic development, facilitating the private sector as the engine of growth. Before RDB, he served as the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, a position he held for close to 7 years since 2010.

Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka also served for 15 years in many positions of responsibility in private sector organizations beginning his

career as a reinsurance manager at the National Insurance Company of Rwanda to Sales and Marketing Director at MTN (RWANDA) a global telecoms operator, followed by his four-year tenure as CEO of the Private Sector Federation in Rwanda.

He has proven knowledge and rich experience in corporate leadership, policy, strategy design and execution, multilateral trade systems, Investment advisory and regional value chains frameworks. He is passionate about youth empowerment, innovation and sustainable development. With a good governance track record, he has also served on several national and international Boards in an advisory capacity,

Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka holds an MBA in Corporate Strategy and Economic Policy from Maastricht School of Management- Netherlands and a B.COM - Finance Bachelors' degree from Makerere University- Uganda.

