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### **PROTOCOL**

of the First Meeting

of the Jordanian-Rwandan Commission on Trade and Investment

(October 8, 2025, Kigali)



The First meeting of the Jordan – Rwandan Commission on Trade and Investment (hereinafter - the Commission) was held on 08th October 2025 in Kigali.

The meeting of the Commission was held in accordance with Article 5 of the Memorundum of Understanding between the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda on Economic and Trade Cooperation, which was signed during the Royal visit to Rwanda on January 9, 2024 in Kigali.

The commission was co-chaired by H.E. Eng. Yarub QUDAH, Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Hon Prudence SEBAHIZI, Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Rwanda.

The members of the delegations of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Republic of Rwanda are listed in Annexes I and II, respectively.

Both parties expressed satisfaction with the work of the joint commission, stressing the need for joint efforts to utilize the available opportunities in both countries to achieve common interests and expand bilateral relations.

The parties discussed the current situation and prospects for the development of Jordan-Rwanda trade and economic cooperation, exchanged positions on opportunities and challenges to improve bilateral cooperation, and approved the agenda presented in Annex III. In discussing prospects for economic cooperation, the Co-Chairs emphasized the importance of the beneficial, political and economic relations.

# The Commission discussed issues in the following areas:

# 1. Cooperation in the field of economy, trade and investment

The parties recognized that the Commission is a key contributor to enhancing economic cooperation between Jordan and Rwanda, and agreed on the importance of further increasing bilateral trade and investments, with full collaboration between the public and private sectors, involving chambers of commerce and industry, export development, and investment promotion agencies of both countries. This includes, among other efforts, information sharing on potential bilateral trade and investment opportunities. The parties exchanged information on economic developments and policies in their countries, emphasizing their mutual interest in further developing Jordanian - Rwandan cooperation.

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Jordan presented its Economic Modernization Vision 2023–2033, outlining 366 initiatives across eight growth drivers to enhance the economic climate and drive sustainable growth. In return, Rwanda shared its National Strategy for Transformation (NST2), focusing on climate resilience, boosting exports through manufacturing, job creation, skills development, improved nutrition, and efficient public service delivery.

#### Trade

The parties noted that bilateral trade and investment performance remains modest, and does not fully match the potential and opportunities available in both countries. Both parties agreed to strengthen and expand economic cooperation aimed at increasing and diversifying trade.

Therefore, both parties agreed to initiate negotiations for a preferential trade agreement (PTA) and finalize the agreement by March 2026. In this regard, both Parties assigned the following focal points to lead technical discussions; the director of foreign trade policy from the Jordanian ministry of industry, trade and supply and the director general of trade and Investment from the Rwandan ministry of trade and industry. The Jordanian side proposed to share the initial draft text of the PTA agreement by November 2025.

Both parties welcomed the Rwandan - Jordanian Business Forum held on the 9th October 2025, on the sideline of the Commission which strengthened relations between the private sectors of both countries. Both parties encouraged the private sector to establish a business council to enhance bilateral partnerships between the two countries

The parties welcomed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Jordan standards and metrology organizations (JSMO) and Rwanda Standards Board (RSB).

#### Investment

Both parties agreed to enhance investment relations to create a platform for enterprises to enhance trade and investment. The Jordanian side proposed to submit a draft Memorandum of Understanding between Jordan Ministry of Investment and Rwanda Development Board through diplomatic channels.

# 2. Cooperation in the field of agriculture

Both parties agreed on exchanging information through diplomatic channels on agricultural policies, expertise, quality standards, post-harvest operations, and technical regulations for fresh produce.

### 3. Cooperation in Industry and Industrial Zones

Both parties agreed to share expertise on industry capabilities and product needs, thereby strengthening cooperation and expanding industrial opportunities.

The Jordanian Industrial estates company proposed a memorundum of understanding to enhance cooperation in the field of industrial zones and the draft will be submitted by Jordanian side through diplomatical channels by November 2025.

### 4. Cooperation in health and medical science

Both Parties agreed to prioritize the development of a skilled and specialized health workforce, and the Rwandan side requested to provide slots for Rwandans into Jordan medical schools, residencies, and fellowships in critical fields. Jordan side will follow and respond through diplomatic channels.

They further agreed to strengthen hospitals and clinical services through twinning arrangements, structured mentorship, and knowledge exchange, pairing Rwandan hospitals with Jordanian centers of excellence to accelerate the adoption of best practices in patient care.

Both Parties also committed to creating integrated and structured medical referral systems that guarantee timely access to specialized care. The Parties committed to jointly positioning Rwanda and Jordan as leading regional hubs for medical and wellness tourism through medical referrals to Jordan or through establishment of centers of excellence in the upcoming Kigali Health City. The Rwandan side submitted a draft implementation plan for the MOU on health sector signed in august 2024. The Jordanian side agreed to respond through diplomatic channels.

# 5. Cooperation on the regulation of Food and Medical products

Both parties agreed to establish collaborative frameworks aimed at strengthening the regulation of food and medical products between Jordan food and drug administration, and Rwanda's food and drugs authority. Both parties welcomed the signing of MOUs on the regulation of food and medical products.

### 6. Cooperation in the field of tourism

Both parties welcomed the signing of a memorandum of understanding in the field of tourism between Ministry of Tourism and antiquities of Jordan and Rwanda Development Board (RDB) enhancing the preservation of antiquities through expertise exchange, and implementing joint training programs in restoration and archaeological documentation.

# 7. Cooperation in the field of Transportation

Both parties agreed to review the bilateral air services agreement that was signed in 2019 to expedite efforts to establish direct routes between both countries.

# 8. Date and venue of the Second meeting of the Commission

The parties agreed to hold the second session of the Joint Commission meeting in Amman on dates to be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Drafted and signed on 8 of October 2025, in Kigali, Rwanda, in two original copies in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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