The Rwandan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Vincent Biruta, on Thursday received Mr. Antoine Anfré, Ambassador-designate of France to Rwanda with residence in Kigali.

The presentation of the credentials was followed by an interview during which the two parties discussed the prospects for bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and France in various fields.

“This meeting was also the occasion for an exchange on the main axes of cooperation between our two countries”, indicates the Embassy of France in Rwanda on the social network Tweeter.

“Congratulations to Ambassador-designate Antoine Anfré to whom we welcome and wish a fruitful mission in the service of relations between Rwanda and France”, reacted François Xavier Ngarambe, Ambassador of Rwanda to France.

French President Emmanuel Macron announced on May 27 the return of a French ambassador to Rwanda, during a visit to the capital Kigali marking a normalization of relations between the two countries.

The post had been vacant since 2015 due to tensions between the two countries over the role alleged to have played by Paris in the 1994 genocide which left more than a million dead among the Tutsi.

The choice of Antoine Anfré for this post was approved in June at a meeting of the Rwandan government cabinet, chaired by President Paul Kagame.

Former ambassador to Niger (2014-2015), Antoine Anfré is quoted on several occasions in the report of a commission of French historians headed by Vincent Duclert, handed over to President Macron in March and which concluded that the “heavy and overwhelming responsibilities” of France in the genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda.