President Paul Kagame and First lady Jeannette Kagame yesterday joined Rwandans living in Diaspora to elect Members of Parliament.

Rwandans living and working abroad went to the polls yesterday to vote for representatives in the next lower chamber of Deputies ahead of today's general election.

President Kagame was in Beijing, China for the Forum on China Africa Cooperation.

Under the theme "China and Africa: Toward an Even Stronger Community with a Shared Future through Win-Win Cooperation," FOCAC 2018 is expected to bring together China and 53 African countries and the African Union (AU) to discuss improved cooperation.

According to Charles Kayonga, Rwanda's Ambassador to China, about 1200 Rwandans registered to vote from China, with the majority being students. Ambassador Kayonga added that other Rwandan officials attending FOCAC voted from the Embassy.

The Rwandan Embassy in Beijing was one of the 115 polling stations in for Rwandans living abroad, according to the electoral commission.

Five political parties and four independent candidates are contesting for 53 seats in this round of Parliamentary elections.

According to Charles Munyaneza, the Secretary General of the National Electoral Commission (NEC), partial results for both Rwandans living abroad and general votes will be released tonight while preliminary ones will be released on Tuesday.