

At the opening of the Abu Dhabi Sustainable Week (ADSW 2025), President Paul Kagame delivered a powerful message on the challenges of achieving global sustainable development goals, especially for Africa.

He pointed out that political commitments often do not translate into meaningful action. “Discussions are endless, but real progress is slow,” Kagame said, stressing that the gap between political will and tangible results remains wide.

Kagame emphasized the need for accelerated development, especially in Africa, while also focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. “We must use affordable, adaptable, and easy-to-use technology to achieve both goals,” he urged.

Rwanda is committed to sustainable development, Kagame explained that the country is working to ensure that no one is left behind, building resilience, and fostering collaboration. “We’ve made it easier for investors to do business in Rwanda,” he added.

A key initiative is the Rwanda Innovation Fund (RIF), which supports local innovations and attracts international investments. “These efforts have already led to practical solutions in various sectors,” Kagame said.



*President Kagame speaking at ADSW 2025*

Rwanda is also making strides in technology. The country uses drones for delivering medical supplies and collecting agricultural data. “We’re investing in electric vehicles and digital payments in public transport,” Kagame shared.

On the global stage, Kagame believes that nuclear energy could be a key to sustainable power. “Rwanda is taking steps to explore small-scale nuclear industries as part of our energy plans,” he explained. He called for collective action, saying that sustainable development is a shared responsibility that no country can achieve alone.

For 15 years, ADSW has gathered leaders, entrepreneurs, and civil society to find solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges. Kagame’s remarks underscored the urgency of turning political promises into real, impactful change.