

President Kagame with First Lady Jeannette Kagame this Wednesday arrived in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire for a two-day State Visit to further strengthen diplomatic and economic relations between the two countries. The Ivorian President Alassane Ouattara visited Rwanda last April.

Kagame is expected to hold talks with his Ivorian counterpart, and address a joint press conference. He will also interact with business leaders operating in Cote d'Ivoire on issues pertaining to free trade, industrialization, and share Rwanda's example in trade and industry.

This evening, at a State Banquet hosted in their honour, President Kagame will be awarded the "Grand-Croix de l'Ordre National de Côte d'Ivoire" while First Lady Jeannette Kagame will be awarded the «Grade de Commandeur de l'Ordre National de Côte d'Ivoire ».

One of the key areas of cooperation between Rwanda and Côte d'Ivoire has been the signing of a Bilateral Air Service Agreement (BASA) that resulted in RwandAir's flights to Abidjan starting in October 2016.