

Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Olivier Nduhungerehe, and his counterpart from Bahamas have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Mutual Visa Requirements Exemption.

As confirmed by Minister Nduhungerehe through his X account, the visa waiver agreement was signed on Monday, September 23, 2024, in New York, on the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly.

This MoU marks a significant step in enhancing diplomatic relations between Rwanda and The Bahamas.



In July 2023, President Paul Kagame was honored with the Order of Excellence, the highest accolade in The Bahamas, in recognition of his strong friendship with the Bahamian Government and its people.

He received this honor during the celebration of The Bahamas' 50th Independence Anniversary, which was attended by leaders from across the Caribbean.

The Order of Excellence is one of the highest honors in The Bahamas, ranking just after the Order of National Hero and the Order of the Nation.

The Bahamas, located in the Caribbean Sea, is an archipelago covering a land area of 13,878 km<sup>2</sup> with a coastline stretching 3,542 km. Geographically important, The Bahamas ranks as the 28th largest country in the Americas and 161st globally by area.

On July 10th, 1973, The Bahamas peacefully gained independence after 300 years as a British colony.

The Bahamas is now a member of the Commonwealth, as is Rwanda, which joined in 2009.