

Rwanda showcased investment opportunities in health and other sectors to investors from Nordic and Baltic countries during the 2nd Rwanda-Nordic Baltic Business and Partnership Forum, held March 9–11, 2026.

The forum, organized by the Rwandan Embassy in Sweden in partnership with the Rwanda Development Board (RDB), brought together about 250 participants to expand collaboration in trade, investment, innovation, health, and education.

Ambassador Diane Gashumba thanked attendees for exploring Rwanda's business and investment potential.

State Secretary in the Ministry of Health Dr. Yvan Butera highlighted Rwanda's achievements in maternal and child health, including sharp reductions in mortality rates. He credited these advances to government partnerships with diverse stakeholders.

"Rwanda, together with its partners, is proud of the remarkable progress in maternal and child health, and we are ready to take the next step in collaboration with like-minded partners," he said.

Dr. Butera said 98% of births now occur in health facilities with trained staff, while 94% of children aged 12–23 months receive routine vaccinations. Over 90% of Rwandans are covered by the Mutuelle de Santé health insurance scheme, facilitating affordable access to care.

"Rwanda is not only one of Africa's most advanced health systems but also a country with integrity and low corruption, where investments have a tangible impact on people's lives," Dr. Butera added.

Jean-Guy Afrika, CEO of RDB, highlighted progress in pharmaceutical regulation and research. He noted that the Rwanda FDA has achieved WHO Level 3 maturity, reflecting strong oversight of medical products. Afrika also underscored Rwanda's goal of becoming a regional hub for vaccine and drug production, citing the launch of BioNTech facilities to strengthen local manufacturing.

Dr. Albert Tuyishime, Director of Disease Prevention at the Rwanda Biomedical Center, discussed Rwanda's experience in building pharmaceutical and vaccine production capacity, managing epidemics, and applying research, innovation, and government policies.

Officials encouraged Nordic and Baltic investors to seize opportunities in science, health, and industrial sectors. The forum aimed to strengthen bilateral partnerships, foster innovation, and expand investment in Rwanda.