

Rwanda and the Nordic-Baltic countries met Monday to explore ways to strengthen investment and expand cooperation in health, education, and innovation.

The three-day Rwanda-Nordic-Baltic Forum, now in its second year, brought together more than 250 participants, including government officials, business leaders, researchers, and private sector representatives. The event was organized by the Rwandan Embassy in Sweden in partnership with the Rwanda Development Board (RDB).

RDB Director General Jean-Guy Afrika said Rwanda and the Nordic-Baltic countries share common values that can support sustainable investment and long-term partnerships.

“Shared commitments to good governance, innovation, gender equality, and environmental protection combined with a focus on sustainable cooperation are the keys to achieving tangible results,” Afrika said.

He added that the forum is more than a discussion platform; it is an opportunity to promote collaboration, identify areas for implementation, and lay the groundwork for mutually beneficial investments.

The Nordic-Baltic region, known as NB8, is a cooperative organization founded in 1992. It includes five Nordic countries — Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden and three Baltic nations — Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Afrika noted that the forum aims to strengthen security, economic integration, and shared democratic values across the region. Discussions this year will focus on opening new opportunities and expanding partnerships between Rwanda and NB8 countries, building on the success of last year’s inaugural meeting.