Rwanda’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr. Vincent Biruta received the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Pawel Jabloński who is in Kigali for a three-day working visit. This visit reaffirms both country’s commitment to further strengthen bilateral relations.

Rwanda and Poland already cooperate in education and trade. Last year, Rwanda opened an embassy in Warsaw. The Government of Poland supports the ’School of Blind Children’ in Kibeho, Nyaruguru District, and an estimated 1,800 Rwandan students have been enrolled in Polish universities up to date.

Polish investment in Rwanda includes LuNar Smelter, a state-of-the art tin processing plant.

“I welcome Minister Pawel Jabloński to Rwanda. This high-level visit from a Polish delegation is a strong signal of our countries’ growing bilateral relations. Rwanda looks forward to working closely with Poland to accelerate our cooperation in strategic areas of common interest,” said Minister Biruta.

During this visit, three additional agreements in the fields of investments, higher education and defence will be signed.

According to a joint statement, Minister Pawel also announced the opening of an embassy of the Republic of Poland in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, but did not disclose the date.

“Our expectations from this visit have been already exceeded. We have held talks on many areas of cooperation which are developing fast. The opening of the Polish embassy in Kigali will add more impetus to this process,” he stated.

Minister Jabloński is accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Finance, and the Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Technology, other government officials, representatives of academia and the private sector.

During their stay in Rwanda, the Polish delegation will meet with the Prime Minister, Dr. Edouard Ngirente, as well as officials from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Health, Defence, ICT and Innovation, and Infrastructure as well as Rwanda Development Board and the University of Rwanda.

The Rwanda-Poland Business Forum will also be launched and the Polish delegation will visit Rwandan companies and meet with representatives of the private sector.