

Rwanda has called for greater investment in technology, artificial intelligence and industrialization across Africa as part of deepened cooperation with South Korea.

Speaking at a South Korea-Africa foreign ministers' meeting on June 1, Rwandan Foreign Minister Olivier Nduhungirehe said partnerships between South Korea and African countries should align with the African Union's Agenda 2063 development blueprint.

Nduhungirehe urged increased support for projects that promote technology-driven economic growth and innovation, particularly those targeting young people, who make up the majority of Africa's population.

He said artificial intelligence could play a key role in accelerating the continent's development through cooperation focused on skills development, knowledge sharing and innovation.

Rwanda also welcomed ongoing discussions between South Korea and African countries on critical minerals, calling for stronger efforts to ensure more value is added to mineral resources within Africa.

Nduhungirehe said cooperation should prioritize industrialization, technology transfer, local mineral processing and job creation, allowing African countries to benefit more from their natural resources.

The minister further called for expanded collaboration in modern and environmentally sustainable agriculture, food security, health care and the development of pharmaceutical and vaccine manufacturing capacity on the continent.

Rwanda reaffirmed its commitment to supporting peacekeeping efforts in Africa and under the United Nations framework. Nduhungirehe also praised South Korea's support for African peace and security initiatives.

The meeting brought together foreign ministers and senior officials from South Korea and African countries to discuss economic cooperation, development partnerships and shared priorities for sustainable growth.