

Rwanda and Zimbabwe have signed 26 agreements to boost cooperation across several sectors, as ties between the two nations continue to deepen.

The announcement came Monday during the 31st commemoration of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi, held in Harare.

Rwanda's ambassador to Zimbabwe, James Musoni, said the agreements cover a wide range of areas, including air transport, education, media, energy, infrastructure, mining, and finance.

"Bilateral cooperation between our two countries is not only witnessed in the growing visits between senior government officials," Musoni said. "It can also be observed through strategic MoUs and agreements signed in key sectors."

He said the agreements are already being implemented.

Musoni also spoke about the lasting impact of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, saying Rwanda continues to deal with the trauma and its ongoing effects in the region.

"Rwanda still battles the effects of genocide ideology," he said. "We see traces of it in the Great Lakes region, especially in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where some perpetrators still promote the same ideology."

Zimbabwe's Foreign Affairs and International Relations Minister, Amon Murwira, praised Rwanda's resilience and ability to rebuild after the tragedy.

"We salute the courage of the survivors," Murwira said. "They found the strength to forgive and live alongside those who caused them pain."

He also urged African countries to resist external forces that fuel division and conflict.

"Africa must stop being used as a medium to promote its own instability," he said. "The lesson from Rwanda is clear — war must never be used as a tool to achieve peace. There is no peace in war."