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### Rwanda's Progressive Move: Exempting Electric Vehicles from Import Duties

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has supported Rwanda's shift to electric vehicles, working with government officials to speed the rollout of electric motorbikes and three-wheelers. The work in Rwanda is part of a broader UNEP effort to limit air pollution, which kills an estimated 7 million people a year, many in developing ...

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to accelerate the adaptation of electric vehicles in Rwanda.<sup>2</sup> CURRENT SITUATION<sup>2.1</sup> Vehicle statisticsAs of 3rd July 2020, the number of registered vehicles countrywide is 264,524 excluding security organs and Government vehicles. The transport sector is rapidly growing with an annual vehicle growth rate of.

### Ministry of Infrastructure

27 April 2021- Ministry of Infrastructure together with Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) and GGGI Rwanda organised the inaugural E-mobility Technology Showcase at Kigali Convention Center (KCC) aimed to showcase the current and emerging technology options for e-mobility that are available in Rwanda. The event was an opportunity for participants to demonstrate the power and potential of sustainable transport to create jobs, grow the economy and improve health outcomes for all.

The event attracted different Government institutions, private sector and different partners in E-Mobility investment.

Speaking at the event, the Director General for Transport, Eng. Alfred Byiringiro mentioned that Rwanda's Government approved a new set of incentives that will help meet these goals. The new incentives are meant to catalyze the adoption of electric vehicles.

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DG Byiringiro said that the incentives are expected to serve Rwanda's long-term goal to be a carbon-neutral nation as articulated in its Vision 2050.



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In a presentation made by a representative of RDB, it was highlighted that Rwanda is actively encouraging investment in the e-mobility sector. RDB outlined some of the initiatives to encourage investment of this kind including a preferential corporate income tax rate of 15% for investors operating in e-mobility. Firms operating in the energy, ITC, and mass transport industries also qualify.

Some of the firms that were exhibiting at the E-Mobility Technology Showcase included Guraride, Volkswagen Rwanda, Victoria Motors, Rwanda Electric Motorcycles, Safi Universal Links and Ampersand.

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