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## Presidential Order 62 of 2018

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**We, KAGAME Paul,**

**President of the Republic;**

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 2003 revised in 2015, especially in Articles 112, 120, 122 and 176;

Pursuant to Law n° 13 bis/2009 of 16/06/2009 determining the responsibilities, structure and functioning of the Chancellery for Heroes, National Orders and Decorations of Honour as modified and complemented to date, especially in Article 38;

On proposal by the Minister of Sports and Culture;

After consideration and approval by the Cabinet, in its session of 05/12/2017;

**HAVE ORDERED AND HEREBY ORDER:**

### Chapter One General provisions

#### Article One – Purpose of this Order

This Order determines the nature, awarding and declaration of national orders granted to persons for their outstanding acts for public interest.

#### Article 2 – Definition of national order

For the purpose of this Order, “**national order**” means a symbol awarded by national authorities to a person for having performed outstanding acts for the public interest.

#### Article 3 – Types of national orders

Types of national orders are the following:

- 1° *Agaciro*;
- 2° *Igihango*;
- 3° *Indashyikirwa*;
- 4° *Indangamirwa*;
- 5° *Indengabaganizi*.

## Chapter II

### Design of national orders

#### Article 4 – Designs of the national orders

National orders are designed as follows:

1° **Agaciro:**

a national order of honour in circular form with a condensed sunray design and color. In the center there is an eight (8) angled star polygon in opaque green color. The seal of the Republic of Rwanda is engraved in the center and is surrounded by a circle of pantone color blue color in which is inscribed “REPUBLIC OF RWANDA” at the header and “NATIONAL ORDER OF HONOUR: *AGACIRO*” at the footer;

2° **Igihango:**

a national order of friendship in star form with a condensed sunray design and color with an octagonal shape. In the center there is an eight (8) rayed star. The seal of the Republic of Rwanda is engraved in the center and is surrounded by a circle of pantone color in which is inscribed: “REPUBLIC OF RWANDA” at the header and “NATIONAL ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP: *IGIHANGO*” at the footer;

3° **Indashyikirwa:**

a national order of performance in a circular form. In its center there are two (2) books in front of an industrial wheel. The whole is surrounded by a circle with inscribed at the header “*REPUBULIKA Y’U RWANDA*”, and “*IMPETA Y’UMURIMO: INDASHYIKIRWA*” at the footer;

4° **Indangamirwa:**

a national order of culture in an armorial conical shape. In its center there is a traditional backdrop and a basket seated on a traditional pad. At the header is inscribed: “*REPUBULIKA Y’U RWANDA*” and “*IMPETA Y’UMUCO: INDANGAMIRWA*” at the footer;

5° **Indengabaganizi:**

a national order of bravery, is circular shaped with a five (5) rayed star containing in its center an arc and two (2) arrows. The star is surrounded by a circular band with at the header inscribed: “REPUBLIC OF RWANDA” and “NATIONAL ORDER OF BRAVERY: *INDENGABAGANIZI*” at the footer.

Words engraved on the national orders are written in one of the official languages in Rwanda. The use of any other language must first be approved by the competent authority.

All national orders in this Order have a ribbon which has colors of National flag.

National orders basing on their design are annexed to this Order.

#### Article 5 – Categories of national orders

National orders are divided into the following three (3) categories depending on the material they are made of:

1° **national order in gold:**

first class;

2° **national order in silver with gold:**

second class;

3° **national order in silver:**

third class.

The types of National Order provided for in Article 3 of this Order may be attributed to any category provided by Paragraph One of this article due to the outstanding achievement of a beneficiary.

Categories of National Orders are annexed to this Order.

### **Chapter III**

#### **Awarding and declaration of national orders**

##### **Article 6 – Criteria of awarding of national orders**

National orders mentioned in Article 3 of this Order are awarded in accordance with the following criteria:

- 1° the national order “*Agaciro*” is awarded to a Rwandan or foreign Head of State or Head of Government, the head of an international organisation or a high-ranking official who has distinguished himself or herself by acts promoting the interests of Rwanda in political, economic, and social welfare at national or international level;
- 2° the national order “*Igihango*” is awarded to an individual or a group of individuals who has acted in an exemplary manner in the promotion of friendship, cooperation between Rwanda and foreign countries and has positively promoted Rwanda at the International scene;
- 3° the national order “*Indashyikirwa*” is awarded to an individual or a group of individuals who has accomplished remarkable and exemplary acts and innovations in the development of the country;
- 4° the national order “*Indangamirwa*” is awarded to an individual or a group of individuals, who has accomplished remarkable and exemplary acts, in the promotion of the Rwandan culture;
- 5° the national order “*Indengabaganizi*” is awarded to an individual or a group of individuals who, in an exemplary way, have demonstrated outstanding supreme act of self-sacrifice to save the life of one or many people.

##### **Article 7 – Modalities for approval of beneficiaries of national orders**

A list of proposed beneficiaries of national orders is approved at first level by the institution in charge of heroes and national orders. It is then submitted to the Cabinet for final approval.

The list is accompanied by a report indicating names, identification, information and testimonies of accomplishment which serve as basis to deserve the national order.

The President of the Republic has the power to designate a beneficiary of the national order.

##### **Article 8 – Declaration of beneficiaries of national orders**

The President of the Republic or his/her delegate notifies beneficiaries of national orders in writing and their names are published in the *Official Gazette* of the Republic of Rwanda.

##### **Article 9 – Awarding of national orders to beneficiaries**

National orders are awarded by the President of the Republic or his/her delegate.

##### **Article 10 – Ceremony of awarding national orders**

National order awarding ceremony is organized by the State protocol in collaboration with the institution in charge of the National Heroes and National Orders.

## **Chapter IV**

### **Final provisions**

#### **Article 11 – Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Order**

The Prime Minister, the Minister of Sports and Culture, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and East African Community and the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning are entrusted with the implementation of this Order.

#### **Article 12 – Repealing provision**

All prior provisions contrary to this Order are repealed.

#### **Article 13 – Commencement**

This Order comes into force on the date of its publication in the Official *Gazette* of the Republic of Rwanda.

## NATIONAL ORDERS, THEIR DESIGNS AND MEANINGS

**National Order Of Honour  
First Class**

**Ribbon Colours**

- Pantone 2935 C - Opaque
- Pantone 362 C - Opaque
- Pantone 102 C - Opaque
- Pantone 116 C - Opaque

**Enamel Colour**

- Pantone No. 2935C - Trans
- Pantone No. 362C - Trans

**44mm Ribbon**

**60 mm**

**16mm Ribbon**

**31.8 mm**

**50.00 mm**

**38mm Ribbon Bar**

**18 mm**

**18 mm**

**2 mm**

**National Order Of Honour  
Second Class**

**Ribbon Colours**

- Pantone 2935 C - Opaque
- Pantone 362 C - Opaque
- Pantone 102 C - Opaque
- Pantone 116 C - Opaque

**44mm Ribbon**

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**AGACIRO: NATIONAL ORDER OF HONOUR**

- THE RWANDAN COAT OF ARMS MEANS RWANDAN INTERESTS
- THE POINTED STAR SURROUNDING THE COAT OF ARMS OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE EXEMPLARY DIFFERENT WORKS AT HIGHEST LEVEL
- CIRCLE WITH PILLARS MEANS STRENGTH AND SUSTAINANCE OF RWANDA

THE DESIGNS IN THE NATIONAL ORDER OF HONOR MEAN EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENTS UNDERTAKEN FOR THE SUPREME INTEREST OF RWANDA AND THAT HAVE STRENGTHENED AND RAISED RWANDA'S STATURE INTERNATIONALLY.



## 2 – IMPETA Y’IGIHANGO



### IGIHANGO: THE NATIONAL ORDER OF OUTSTANDING FRIENDSHIP

- THE RWANDAN COAT OF ARMS MEANS RWANDAN INTERESTS
- A STAR MEANS LIGHT THAT SPREADS BRIGHTNESS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

THE DESIGNS IN THE NATIONAL ORDER OF OUTSTANDING FRIENDSHIP MEAN RWANDA'S REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION THROUGH FRIENDSHIP AND BILATERAL TIES THAT STRENGTHEN ITS STATURE AMONG NATIONS.

### 3 – IMPETA Y'INDASHYIKIRWA

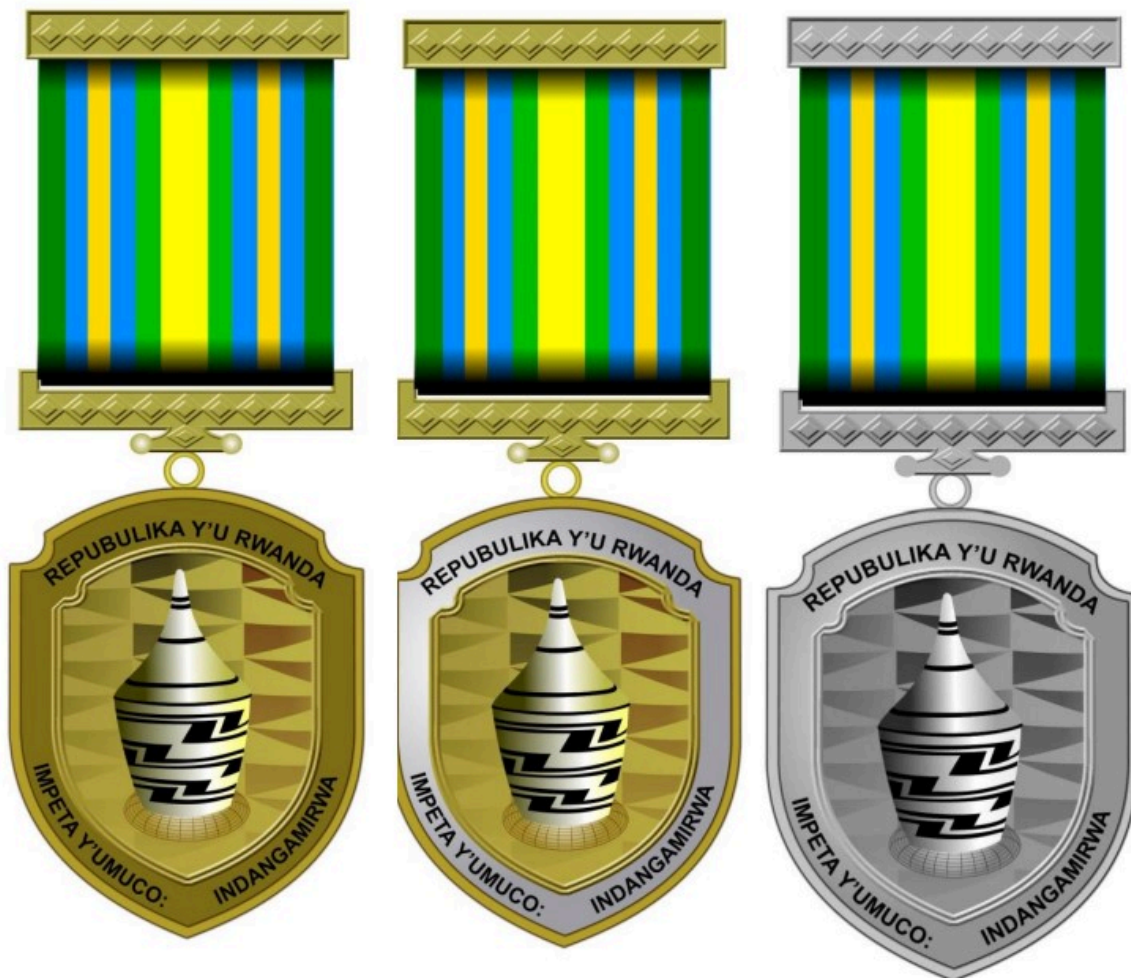


#### DESCRIPTION AND MEANING INDASHYIKIRWA: NATIONAL ORDER OF PERFORMANCE

- INDUSTRIAL WHEEL MEANS INDUSTRY BASED DEVELOPMENT
- BOOKS MEAN KNOWLEDGE BASED DEVELOPMENT

THE DESIGNS IN THE NATIONAL ORDER OF PERFORMANCE SYMBOLISE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RWANDA BASED ON KNOWLEDGE AND INDUSTRY LED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

#### 4 – IMPETA Y'INDANGAMIRWA



#### DESCRIPTION AND MEANING INDANGAMIRWA: NATIONAL ORDER OF CULTURE

- BASKET MEANS THE RWANDAN CULTURE IN ITS CHERISHED UNIQUENESS
- TRADITIONAL PAD MEANS UNITY OF RWANDANS THAT SUSTAIN THE CULTURAL IDENTITY
- IMIGONGO MEAN THE PEACE OF MIND

THE DESIGNS IN THE NATIONAL ORDER MEAN THAT RWANDA'S CHERISHED CULTURE IN IT'S UNIQUENESS IS SUSTAINED BY THE UNITY OF RWANDANS

## 5 – IMPETA Y'INDENGABAGANIZI



### DESCRIPTION AND MEANING INDENGABAGANIZI: NATIONAL ORDER OF BRAVERY

- AN ARC MEANS BRAVERY OF SELF SACRIFICE TOWARDS OTHERS AND THE COUNTRY AT LARGE
- ARROWS MEAN STRENGTH AND COMMITMENT FOR SELF SACRIFICE FOR EVEN PEOPLE FROM FAR
- FIVE-RAYED STAR MEAN SELF SACRIFICE SPIRIT THAT SPREADS IN ALL DIRECTIONS

THE DESIGNS IN THE NATIONAL ORDER MEAN THE COMMITMENT FOR SELF-SACRIFICE FOR THE WELL BEING OF OTHERS AT THE RISK OF ONES LIFE.

*Seen to be annexed to Presidential Order n°62/01 of 08/03/2018 determining the nature, awarding and declaration of National Orders*