



Methane gas: A model of energy revolution in Burundi



With the aim of raising awareness among Burundians about agricultural innovation, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye practices the intensive and modern agriculture in order to increase the agricultural production and invests in off-season agriculture, associated to cattle breeding in its agricultural areas located on Bitare locality in Bugenda commune and on Murayi locality in Giheta commune. The Head of State, who works hard for being a model in the agricultural revolution in Burundi, has drilled the boreholes to obtain water, and uses the watering guns to irrigate his fields during the dry season. In order to produce a lot and with few resources, the President of the Republic is currently seeking to switch to the mechanized agriculture. However, the Head of State has the agricultural machines and tools at his disposal such as the wheel hoes, the manual hoes, the

planters and the transplanters which, although manual, significantly reduce the number of workers and the duration of the work.

In that same Bugendana farm, Mr. Prosper Nsengiyumva in charge monitoring the tomatoes grown in the greenhouses on 9 acres during the dry season, indicates that the technique is very advantageous with regard to the production and protection of the crop against the climatic hazards. That agricultural technician specifies that the tomato field which extends over 9 ares will be able to produce at least 50 tons of tomatoes. He also revealed that the Head of State has a project of transforming those fruit tomatoes into the canned tomatoes.

And on Murayi locality in the commune of Giheta, the Head of State also breeds the cattle, the goats and the sheep and intensively cultivates the corn and the squash.

On that same site, the President of the Republic began the process of producing the biogas from dung, a methane gas which will be used for cooking and which will also power the generators to produce electricity. That innovation will have a triple advantage, in particular for limiting the deforestation and protecting the environment, providing energy for cooking

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as well as the supply of electric lighting. It should be noted that that gas can also be sold to any-

one who wants to use it. **(RTNB)**

Ngozi: the President of the Senate collects the opinions of the population on the evaluation of article 289 of the constitution



On thursday september 7, 2023, the President of the Burundian Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera met at the Masanzira center in Kiremba commune

of Ngozi Province, the Representatives of the Kiremba, Marangara, Nyamurenza and Tangara communes in order to collect their opinions on the stipulated evaluation by the article.289 of the constitution.

During the discussions with the population on the evaluation of the article 289 of the Constitution, the majority of the speakers indicated that, taking into consideration the ethical quotas is no longer necessary in the ap-

pointments to the political office positions but the skills should be promoted. Others have suggested that considering the situation Burundi has gone through in previous decades, the ethnic quotas cannot be removed from the Constitution in such a short time so as not to awaken the old demons of ethnic division.

The President of the Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera recommended to the Representatives of the population who were present in the dialogue, to in turn organize the exchanges with the population to collect their grievances in relation to the article 289 of the Constitution so that the Senate integrates them into the final report.

As a reminder, article 289 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi stipulates that a period of five years is granted to the Senate to evaluate it in order to end or extend the system of ethnic quotas in the Executive, the legislative and the judiciary after the establishment of the institutions resulting from the Constitution. **(RTNB)**

Evaluation campaign of the ethnic quota system in Gitega and Mwaro provinces



Center of Mwaro province, the Representatives of the population

As part of the ongoing campaign to assess the system of ethnic quotas in the executive, legislative and judicial branches in accordance with article 289 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi, the Senate organized the meetings in the intention of the Representatives of the population in Gitega and Mwaro provinces, dated on september 04 and 05, 2023.

On Monday september 4, 2023, the First Vice- President of the Senate, Honorable Dénise Ndadaye, brought together in Nyarusange, the Representatives of the population from Nyarusange, Ryansoro, Bukirasazi, Gishubi and Buraza communes of Gitega province.

She met, in the Center of Gitega province, with those of the Gitega, Giheta, Bugendana, Mutaho, Itaba and Makebukoko communes, on tuesday september 5, 2023. As for the Second Vice-President of the Senate, Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza, he brought together, in the

from all the municipalities of the province, on Monday september 04 of this year.

Addressing to the participants in those meetings in all localities, the Honorable Dénise Ndadaye and Fabrice Nkurunziza told them that the Senate was in the process of collecting their proposals on the need for the abolition or the maintenance of the ethnic quota system in the organs of the State in order to transmit the report to the President of the Republic of Burundi, for taking of the adequate decisions.

They asked the locality Chiefs to organize such meetings with the population they lead, in order to collect their proposals and transmit them to the Higher levels who, in turn, will transmit them to the Senate.

Through a debate, for all those meetings, some participants proposed the abolition of the ethnic quota system while others opted for its extension. **(Senate)**

A High Authority of the World Bank visits Burundi



On wednesday september 7, 2023, the Prime Minister of Burundi Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca welcomed in audience the Regional Vice-President of the World Bank Mrs. Victoria Kwakwa. "The World Bank has been with Burundi in the past, it is with Burundi and will remain with Burundi in the

future". These are the words of Mrs. Victoria Kwakwa, the Vice-President of the World Bank for the East and Southern Africa Region after the meeting with the Prime Minister of Burundi Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca.

Mrs. Victoria Kwakwa told the press that the discussions with the Prime Minister covered several topics. The Prime Minister spoke of the Government's vision to ensure the strong economic growth, which benefits the entire Burundian population.

The Prime Minister and the Regional Vice-President of the World Bank discussed the partnership between that Bank and Burundi, in the areas of energy, agriculture, mines, infrastructure, promotion of the private sector and transport.

Let us point out that it is for the first time that Mrs. Victoria Kwakwa visits Burundi as Vice-President of the World Bank for the Eastern and the Southern Africa Region. **(RTNB)**

An evaluation meeting of the cultural season C



On tuesday september 5, 2023, Burundi-an Prime Minister Police Lieutenant Gervais Ndirakobuca hosted a meeting in Bujumbura to evaluate the crop season C and the preparation for the crop season A, for the senior executives of the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock and those of the Ministry of

the Interior, Community Development and Public Safety, Provincial Governors, Directors of Provincial Offices of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, municipal administrators and municipal agronomists on the eve of the rainy season.

After the detailed reports from the Directors of the Provincial Offices of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (BPEAE) and the additions from the Provincial Governors on the growing season C and the establishment of the small fields of 10m by 20m, the observation is that the season went well except that the small fields were executed at 50%.

Regarding the preparation of the 2024 growing season, the comment is that it is significantly delayed in the delivery of the agricultural inputs to the storage depots in the Provincial Offices of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (BPEAE).

Questioned about the delays in delivery of the inputs manufactured by the Organo-Mineral Fertilizers (FOMI) FOMI factory, the Vice-General Director of that company Mr. Herménégilde Manyange did not satisfy the Prime Minister who ordered him to leave the meeting with his delegation and give him a delivery schedule for those inputs within one day.

Prime Minister Lieutenant General Gervais

Ndirakobuca ended the meeting with a series of recommendations in particular to the municipal agronomists asking them to ensure that the farmers do not inflate the demands for the inputs to fight against fraud at a time when the State is sacrificing itself for supporting them.

The Prime Minister recommended that the Ministry in charge of agriculture to discuss with the suppliers who

have the market to import the corn seeds and develop a schedule for supplying those seeds on time so as not to delay the growing season.

Gervais Ndirakobuca also recommended that the Ministry in charge of Agriculture find a solution to the supply of dolomite to the three provinces which should receive it via the Organo-Mineral Fertilizers (FOMI). (RTNB)

Awareness workshop for the administrative Officials on legal and regular migration



workers carrying out their activities on the territory of Burundi.

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On September 6, 2023, at the Matergo hotel in the political capital of Gitega, the Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO opened an awareness workshop on the place of the administrative Authorities on legal, regular and secure migration.

In his speech, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO said that the Government of Burundi, by taking the official route of signing the agreements on labor migration, it was above all for the legal and social protection of the young Burundians who went illegally to that country in search of employment, without any legal and social protection and to put an end to the illicit trafficking of the Burundian migrant workers and the abuses, some of which were the victims in the destination countries.

Indeed, after the signing of Bilateral Agreements on labor migration with certain destination countries (Agreements signed on October 3, 2021, between the Government of Burundi and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), the Government of Burundi authorized the private employment agencies for the recruitment of the migrant workers to those countries having signed the Agreements with Burundi, but also those who will recruit the

that opportunity and continues being exploited by the ill-intentioned people, who used to earn more by taking the advantage of irregular migration as well as the legal texts facilitating regular, safe and secure migration have not yet been experienced by the population, including the administrative officials, which is why the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation organized that workshop, firstly for the administrative officials, including the Provincial Commissioners in charge of migration as well as the Provincial Directors of Family and Social Development in order to have a common understanding of that Government program.

He added that that workshop will allow those Authorities to raise the awareness among their populations about the benefits of legal and orderly migration.

He ended his remarks by pointing out that, for a good management, the contribution of the territorial Administration will be able in particular, contributing by granting the necessary documents allowing the identification of the worker such as the document attesting the relationship between the candidate worker and the referent. It is obligatory that the Burundian migrant workers go abroad with the blessing of their families and the local Authorities to promote healthy and safe legal migration, respecting the human rights with the aim of combating the human trafficking. (MFADC)

Musigati: Towards improving the living conditions of the Batwa

On Monday September 4, 2023, the Minister of Social Affairs, National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike visited the Ntamba zone, Musigati com-

mune, Bubanza province.

Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike offered the Batwa and other vulnerable households 2,500 sheets of metal to help them build decent houses, 3 tons of rice and school ma-

materials for 150 students.

The Minister handed over that aid after a field visit where she noted that the Batwa households are living in deplorable conditions under the makeshift shelters.

The 2,500 sheets will be distributed gradually to those who can raise the stockades of their houses, and some have already started to build adobe brick



houses. The distribution of these sheets will be supervised and coordinated by the deputy Côme Marinakiza elected in Bubanza.

According to the administration, the problems recorded in Batwa households are the lack of land to cultivate, the lack of decent housing and the non-schooling of children.

Madam Imelde Sabushilike gave the guidance to overcome all these challenges. She recommended all parents to send their children to school because education is the starting point of development.

Concerning land, Minister Imelde Sabushimike reassured those Batwa that the administration is in the process of looking for the land for them. It will be up to these families to get down to work, especially since they will even have seeds.

She insisted that that will not be land to be rented to others or sold.

Regarding the housing, the Government's objective is to improve the living conditions of each citizen. To do that, no one should anymore live in straw huts as is the case for the Batwa in the Ntamba zone. She told the beneficiaries of the sheets that it is strictly forbidden to sell them or buy sheets which are already installed on the roofs of houses. **(RTNB)**

Towards the conclusion of the additional financing of social housing



On Monday September 04, 2022, the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing Captain Mr. Dieudonné Dukundane in the company of the financial Partners in the social housing project of the housing Bank of Burundi (BHB) and the CRDB of Burundi carried out SOCARTI site of Kamenge which will house the first batch of the social housing in order to conclude the contractual discussions with a view to urgently mobilizing the additional funding for that program.

The other objective of the visit was to show the state of progress of the social housing construc-

tion project to the financial Partners, who expressed an interest in financing that project and with whom they have entered into the contractual discussions.

According to the Minister Dieudonné Dukundane, Burundi has set itself the vision of an emerging country in 2040 and a developed country in 2060, the infrastructure, the public works and building sector has the indicators that it must achieve in order to achieve that, in particular the preparation of the new housing policy and the high-rise buildings.

The construction of the social housing in height according to the Minister, has advantages among others the land which is granted by the State despite the small participation of the purchasers and other fixed charges which will be less felt because they will be shared with the cohabitants.

The Minister Mr. Dieudonné Dukundane indicated that the cost of the buildings is already known but that it remains the work of inserting the cost of financing to determine the overall cost to call the buyers to sign the agreements and the establishment of the mechanism of refund. **(RTNB)**

Provision of kits to the community health workers



In 5 September 2023, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr. Sylvie Nzeyimana,

granted the kits consisting of bicycles, mobile phones, megaphones, boots, torches and others to the community health workers in the Cankuzo province. , financed by the World Bank via the Kira project.

In his speech, the Director General of Resources at the said Ministry, Mr. Jean Charles Ntahimpera indicated that that kit was granted to facilitate their activities related to the health promotion. According to him, the community health workers, in collaboration with the mothers

of lights, play a big role in raising awareness aimed at promoting the public health by helping in treating the certain diseases such as malaria, diarrhea, malnutrition and pneumonia.

He specified that since 2012, the Ministry has recorded an improvement in vaccination and consultations of patients at the health structures and invited them to continue on the same path. Mr. Ntahimpera called on the beneficiaries to use those kits properly and to collaborate with the Health Promotion Technicians and the administration to make their activities much easier.

Note that the same Ministry, via the Nkuriza project of the World Bank, provided the kitchen utensils such as plates, ladles, basins, mats and cans to facilitate their intervention in training the population in experimentation in the preparation of quality meals in households with a view to combating the malnutrition. The toys for children were also donated to the health centers. **(ABP)**

Resurgence of cholera cases in Bujumbura Town and in other Western provinces of the country



On Tuesday September 5, 2023, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS released, in Bujumbura, a release press to inform the public, especially to the inhabitants of Bujumbura Town and the Bujumbura and Cibitoke provinces. , that there is an increase in cases of cholera in these localities. According to the Spokesperson of the Ministry, Mr. Polycarpe Ndayikeza, twelve cases were notified as of September 4, 2023. These cases come from the localities in the Bujumbura North Health District. In the Buterere zone, the locality called kw' Isamariro records two cases. The Gihosha zone records two cases in the Nyabagere district and one case in the Muyaga district. Another case is recorded in the Kinama zone in the Muramvya district. In the Bujumbura South health

district, the Kanyosha zone, Muyira district records one case. In the Isare health district, Mutambu zone, Gakungwe locality, one case has been declared. The Rubirizi zone, Gatunguru locality also records one case. In Gatumba zone, Muyange locality has two cases and Tenga locality, one case. In the Cibitoke health district, one case occurred at Mparambo locality, two cases in Rukana and two cases in Rugombo. It should be noted that on that same date of September 4, 2023, thirty patients were hospitalized, including twenty-two at the Prince Régent Charles Hospital, three in Gatumba and five in Rugombo. Emergency measures have already been taken by the health and territorial authorities, the civil protection platform for risks and disasters and the Red Cross. The Ministry in charge of public health reminds the population in general and those in affected areas in particular that cholera is a disease of dirty hands. The only provisions for prevention are those of observing individual and collective hygiene measures. Measures to observe include washing the hands with the soap before eating, after using the toilet, before breastfeeding the child, before preparing the meals, after cleaning the child's diapers, eating the well-cooked food. , cover the food well, drink the clean water or the boiled water. The population of the affected areas is asked to make a particular effort for environmental sanitation and the correct use of latrines. **(ABP)**

Clean up the sugar trade, call from the provincial Authority of Bujumbura



On september 5, 2023, the Governor of the Bujumbura province Mr. Désiré Nsengiyumva brought together all the municipal Administrators and sugar traders, in order to see how that product, according to the Governor, sold like drugs, could be available.

A large number of traders showed up and there was a verification of the lists of wholesale traders that the Governor sent to the Moso Sugar Company (SOSUMO). Some of these traders did not appear on these lists and indicated that they had authorization either from the Commercial Director or the General Director of SOSUMO.

There is a quantity of sugar of up to 8 tonnes, granted to what we call “institutions”, which creates disorder because these quantities escape the control of the municipal administration.

Governor Mr. Nsengiyumva recommended that the sugar traders inform the Administrators each time they have just purchased sugar to check the quantities received and organize the distribution. He reminded them to be the sugar wholesale traders, being a native of the province is a condition. He called on them to work well with the administration and to apply the prices set by the State.

The traders in turn admitted that the cheating can occur and attest that they sell at a loss which is why some traders apply the sugar detail, which the law prohibits them from doing. The traders expressed their anger that SOSUMO only thought of its interests, putting aside those of its customers by increasing the price of the bag and asked the Governor to plead for them.

Others asked to be included on that list but the Governor told them that they can be on the waiting list and replace those who do not comply with the law. He further urged the traders to form a Whatsapp group to continue discussing the subject relating to the sugar. **(ABP)**

The Sugar wholesalers called upon to respect the tariff set by the Government



On tuesday september 5, 2023, the Governor of Mwaro province, Mr. Gaspard Gasanzwe brought together the sugar wholesale traders of Mwaro province. They discussed the distribution of sugar from the SOSUMO stock to the beneficiary population.

The Governor of Mwaro province took the opportunity by delivering the message from the Head of State informing them that the wholesaler who was not in the meeting he held on August 31, 2023 is

removed from the list wholesale sugar traders until he delegated someone and justified his absence.

Mr. Gasanzwe recommended that the wholesale sugar traders in Mwaro respect the prices set by the Government. He asked the administration to closely monitor this activity and

prepare a report from the locality to be able to correct any errors that may appear.

Note that the Mwaro province has eighteen wholesale traders of that product, at the rate of three traders per commune. **(ABP)**

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