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### State visit of President Samia Suluhu to Burundi: Eight signed cooperation agreements



The President of the United Republic of Tanzania Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan has been carries out a 2-day state visit to Burundi since Friday July 16, 2021. She heads a large delegation comprising ministers and other senior government officials from the United Republic of Tanzania.

On her arrival at Melchior NDADAYE International Airport, she was warmly welcomed by the Vice-President of the Republic, His Excellency Prosper BAZOMBANZA and was then taken to the Ntare Rushatsi Palace where she met her Burundian counterpart, His Excellency the President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE for a dialogue which was followed by bilateral talks and the signing of eight bilateral cooperation memoranda of understanding:

- on the holding of political and diplomatic consultations;
- in the mining sector;
- in the energy sector;
- on the teaching of Kiswahili in Burundi and French in Tanzania

- in the domain of health ;
- on the transfer of detainees;
- in the agricultural sector;
- in the field of fishing.

As stated in the joint communiqué, during their talks, His Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan recognized great achievements made by His Excellency President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE to consolidate peace, stability and self-confidence in the Republic of Burundi and commended his tireless efforts in favor of economic recovery, national reconciliation, the promotion of the rule of law, democracy and good governance in the country.

His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi, meanwhile expressed his gratitude to the United Republic of Tanzania for having welcomed Burundian refugees from 1972 until today and for the unfailing solidarity that they showed as a witness over the years. He reiterated his thanks to this eastern neighbor country for the major role played in the conclusion of the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreements and in the entire reconciliation process in Burundi.

In addition, the two Heads of State welcomed the withdrawal of Burundi from the agenda of the United Nations Security Council and the Peace and

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Security Council of the African Union, as well as the cancellation of sanctions against Burundi by other partners. They therefore called on Burundi's partners who have not yet cancelled the remaining sanctions imposed in 2015 to do so immediately in order to revive the socio-economic development of Burundi.

During a press briefing organized on this occasion, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania made it clear that his visit to Burundi is part of the framework of strengthening relations of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and Tanzania. In addition, she stressed that she made the trip to express her gratitude to the Burundian people for the support and solidarity

shown to their Tanzanian neighbors during the times of hardship following the death of His Excellency President John Pombe Magufuli. Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan also let it be known that she came to personally congratulate the Burundians on the 59th anniversary of Burundi's Independence since she was unable to join them at the time of the celebration, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

During her state visit to Burundi, His Excellency the President of the United Republic of Tanzania plans to meet the Tanzanian community living in Burundi and participate in the Burundi-Tanzania Business Forum, among other activities. ([www.presidence.gov.bi](http://www.presidence.gov.bi))

## Burundi-Tanzania Business Forum sanctioned by signing a Memorandum of Understanding



The Burundi-Tanzania Business Forum, which brought together, this Saturday, July 17, 2021 in Bujumbura, Burundian and Tanzanian businessmen with the objective of promoting and facilitating trade and investments between the two countries, was sanctioned by signing a memorandum of understanding between the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB) and the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF).

Through this protocol, the two chambers of commerce have agreed to promote collaboration in the trade, tourism and mining sectors, in particular through the exchange of experiences as well as the establishment of a logistics shopping center that will facilitate trade.

The two Heads of State of Burundi and Tanzania who had enhanced their presence in the activities of this forum, in turn addressed their message to the participants.

The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE first thanked his Tanzanian counterpart for having responded to his invitation and

for bringing many Tanzanian businessmen to share their know-how with their Burundian comrades.

He also reiterated his warm thanks to the United Republic of Tanzania for the support and solidarity shown to the Burundian peoples by welcoming Burundian refugees and allowing Burundian traders to use the port of Dar Es Salaam to transit their goods to the when some countries had closed the doors following international sanctions against Burundi.

President NDAYISHIMIYE also hinted that Tanzania's support is necessary to improve business in Burundi: "Burundi is a developing country and Burundian businessmen have not yet acquired sufficient experience in production and export. They need to learn from Tanzanian businessmen who are very experienced. We would like to work together in order to move towards a sustainable socio-economic development of our two countries.

He said that the Government of Burundi is restructuring burundian airline to enable it to be competitive, and to facilitate, among other things, trade between Burundi and Tanzania.

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania, for her part, also expressed her gratitude to her Burundian counterpart for the invitation to come to Burundi and for the warm welcome extended to her with her delegation. Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan said that the holding of this forum is an eloquent sign of good relations that exist not only between the Government of Burundi and Tanzania but also between their peoples.

As the COVID-19 pandemic hits the world economy, she called for synergistic work to turn the tide: "Due to COVID-19, global economies are in decline. We must work together to explore new ways to ensure business growth

and competitiveness. Of course, we are still small in the business world, but working together will help raise the economic level of our countries. " She pointed out that Burundi and Tanzania need to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the East African Community in order to improve their

respective economies. President Suluho concluded by calling on Burundian businessmen to come and explore investment opportunities in Tanzania which she said would provide mutual benefits for Burundi and Tanzania. ([www.presidence.gov.bi](http://www.presidence.gov.bi))

### The former United States Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region decorated by the Burundian Head of State



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE received in audience this Thursday, July 15, 2021, Ambassador Peter Pham, Former Special Envoy of the United States for the Sahel and the Great Lakes Region.

The Head of State granted him this audience in order to present him with the decoration of the Order of the Friendship of Peoples, a prize awarded to him during the celebration of the 59th anniversary of Burundi's Independence for his efforts to revitalize

relations of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and the United States of America.

His Excellency President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE congratulated him for "the actions undertaken in the interest of the Burundian people" from the start of his mandate in March 2020 until January 2021.

The American Diplomat was delighted with this honor and promised to spare no effort to continue promoting bilateral relations between Gitega and Washington: "This decoration is a motivation that will help me to continue in the same spirit of work to improve the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the Government of Burundi and the United States of America and also to promote the public and private sector through investments".

Ambassador Peter Pham was accompanied by the United States Ambassador to Burundi, Mrs. Mélanie Harris Higgins, who also praised the gesture made by the Burundian State towards the American Diplomat.

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### Closing of the State Visit to Kinshasa: Burundi and DRC Committed to Strengthening Friendship and Together Fighting against Forces in Eastern DRC



The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE returned home after a three-day State visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo where he had the opportunity to meet face-to-face with his counterpart and Brother HE Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo.

The Burundian Head of State was greeted at the Melchior NDADAYE International Airport by Senior Officials of the State including Members of the Government and the High Command of the National Defense Force and Public Security.

During a lively press briefing when he got off the plane, President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE welcomed the suc-

cess of his State Visit to the DRC, which is materialized by the signing of Agreements, MoUs and other instruments of cooperation between the two countries in certain essential areas, notably Peace and Security, Trade and Diplomacy:

"Burundi and the DRC maintain excellent relations of friendship and this state visit gave us the opportunity to discuss matters of common interest and it was more than necessary to strengthen these ties and revitalize the commercial exchanges".

At the regional level, the two Heads of State reiterated their unwavering and reciprocal support for Burundi's candidacy for SADC membership and for DR

Congo's candidacy for EAC membership.

At the security level, the Presidents of Burundi and the DRC have decided to activate with determination the concerted mechanisms and conduct joint operations aimed at eradicating the armed groups operating on congolese territory and to closely monitor all questions relating to security at the borders of the two neighboring countries.

They also agreed to set up a joint commission for the implementation of all agreements and memoranda signed which will propose new initiatives for dynamic and multifaceted cooperation.

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## The Head of State welcomes the contribution of the Catholic Church in the socio-economic development of the country



**T**his Saturday, July 10, 2021, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE enhanced with his presence the Diamond Jubilee ceremonies (75 years) of the Ruganza Parish, Diocese of Ngozi, which coincides with the diaconal and priestly ordination as well as collation of acolytat and readership ministries.

In addition to the members of the diocesan body, the ceremonies also saw the participation of certain members of the Government, the former President of the Republic Mr. Domitien NDAYIZEYE, the Deputies, Senators and Executives and senior Executives native of the diocese of Ngozi and Kayanza province in particular.

In his homily, the Bishop of Ngozi, Monsignor Georges BIZIMANA, said that the jubilee year is part of God's instruction to the people of Israel, that of celebrating the 50 years of return from exile in Egypt. As for the ordination ceremonies, 10 people were ordained priests and 9 others ordained deacons, while 9 and 10 others received the ministry of acolyte and

readership respectively.

Monsignor Georges BIZIMANA invited the newly ordained to be characterized by love, sympathy, humility and charity towards the faithful, taking as a model pillar Jesus Christ, son of God. Regarding their apostolic role, that of teaching and spiritually guiding the people of God, he asked them to be true servants of God and to help Christians keep a good relationship with the Lord.

Welcoming the presence of the Head of State at these festivities, the Archbishop of Ngozi thanked His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE for his unwavering support for Catholic Christians.

In his address of greeting to Christians, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, meanwhile, encouraged the newly ordained and wished them every success in their mission to preach the good news of the Lord, especially today. Burundians have already understood that God must occupy the first place in their whole life. He did not fail to thank the Catholic Church for its leading role in the socioeconomic development of the country and also asked it to continue in the same way.

To the newly ordained priests, the Father of the Nation asked them to preach forgiveness and reconciliation, given the painful past that has grieved Burundi, in order to be able to contribute to the reconstruction of a new Burundi. In this same capacity, the Head of State called on all Burundians to get rid of the said past in order to tackle development work and fight the common enemy which is none other than poverty.

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## The population called upon to get rid of all beliefs and behaviors likely to delay development



The President of the Burundian Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA, has been in Ruyigi province since Tuesday, July 13, 2021 for a five-day visit.

The Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA met, in the capital of the province, the Administrators of the Bweru and Ruyigi communes, as well as the leaders of the political and religious parties of these two communes.

During this meeting, the President of the Senate called on the participants in the meeting to get rid of all beliefs and behaviors likely to delay the development of the country. The challenges currently facing the fields of justice and education in Ruyigi province were discussed. The Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA has indicated that he has made this visit to Ruyigi province at the moment of the parliamentary recess, which is done once every three months, to inquire about the daily life of the population in order to know its challenges and grievances, but also his opinions and suggestions regarding good governance in daily life. He reminded the present assembly that Burundi is currently in the midst of the fight against poverty and that everyone's part is necessary for community and integrated development to be a reality in Ruyigi and in the rest of the country. He specified that respect for the law and professional secrecy, enthusiasm and love of work, setting goals to achieve in life, accountability of officials and credibility at work are the watchwords of the responsible and hardworking Government. "It is no longer possible to hide behind political or ethnic parties to exploit the population", he said.

The Senate President also called on the entire population of Ruyigi to respond massively to the topical activity concerning the search for the mass graves of the victims of the bloody events of 1972. "The objective is not to stir up hatred within the

various communities of the burundian population, but to know the truth of what happened so that such horrific acts of killings would not happen again in the future", he stressed. He thus encouraged all people who know the truth, the victims and / or those who would have participated directly or indirectly in these painful and sad events, to give their testimonies and thus enlighten the public so that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission can update the truth. A fact of the day which marked more than one mind at the very moment of this meeting was the opportunity which was given to two former Administrators of the Bweru and Ruyigi communes during the period of the massacres of April 1972 to give a living tes-



timony of the unfolding of this tragedy in their respective municipalities.

The two agreed that orders came from a higher echelon, in the civil and military administration, and that everything seemed to be following a careful plan and that offenders, both civilians and military, were in serious trouble sanctioned, and even murdered. These former communal Administrators have, moreover, publicly regretted the fact that a whole part of the population considers them and points the finger at them as being executioners and murderers of their families. They asked for forgiveness for all they did not know and were able to take an active part in ending this vile tragedy.

The Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA prevented the victims of these events not to globalize and lump people who do not share the same political affiliation as enemies to be killed. Rather, he called on them to take advantage of this period to live a new era based on truth, understanding and political tolerance since, he pointed out, it is not this or that other ethnic group or community that kills, but rather bad governance.

([www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

## Rutana: Mobilization of the population for development



The President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel NDABIRABE visited this Wednesday, July 14 the project "Ubwiza bw'ikigazi" in Muzye area Giharo province Rutana.

It is a project initiated by the farmer, 8 years ago with the aim of promoting the cultivation of oil palm on Buyaga hill, Muzye area in Giharo commune, in Rutana province. It is in the depression and the natural region of Kumoso.

Mr. Venant NDIKURIYO, the promoter of the project explained to the President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel NDABIRABE that he owns 30 ha of palm trees with an average production of 500 liters of palm oil per month. With this production, the population of this region no longer needs to go to Rumonge to obtain palm oil. The sales at the market is therefore secure.

The project promoter also wishes to benefit from a loan to obtain more efficient machines in his processing unit. He also wants to benefit from other land to expand his palm grove in order to increase production. During the guided tour of the processing unit, the President of the National Assembly received explanations on the production process of palm oil and by-products. The by-products are, among others, nuts from which palm kernel oil can be obtained used in soap, animal feed, fertilizers and others.

On the social level, the "Ubwiza bw'ikigazi" project hired more than 80 people who perform various tasks in the palm grove and the processing unit. Mr. Venant NDIKURIYO, promoter of the oil palm in Muzye, provided drinking water supply and provided the local population with a vehicle serving as an ambulance.

The President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel NDABIRABE congratulated and encouraged Mr. Venant NDIKURIYO for having had the idea, a divine inspiration, according to the President of the National Assembly, to cultivate oil palm on Buyaga hill, Muzye area, Giharo commune. Thanks to his innate intelligence, he was able to know which culture to develop on a land deemed sterile and to install the processing unit there. This is proof that he is in line with the Government, which wants to make agriculture and livestock breeding the pillars of development in Burundi.

The President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel NDABIRABE said that Mr. Venant NDIKURIYO deserves to be supported because he has a vision and a know-how with which he can develop this locality. The Right Honorable Gélase Daniel NDABIRABE affirmed that he supports the request of Mr. Venant NDIKURIYO, who wants more land to expand his palm grove of Muzye, increase the capacity of his processing unit, and undertake the manufacture of soaps using palm oil extraction.

Also within the framework of the mobilization of the population for development, the President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel NDABIRABE, gathered on Tuesday the managers of the 161 Sangwe cooperative societies of Rutana Province. He explained to them the Government's program to develop the country from the agriculture and livestock sector.

The development of this sector must be done through association work, which is why the population is called upon to join cooperative societies, and the practice of pooling land. This practice makes it possible to facilitate the supervision of farmers, to increase production, and without inconvenience since each one harvests on his own plot. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The Minister of Justice warns magistrates who do not work in strict compliance with the law



In the continuation of her field visits to discuss with the local Administration, Judges, Magistrates and the population on the

legal situation which prevails in the country, the Minister of Justice Madam Jeanine NIBIZI gathered the population of Bubanza on Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the capital of this province.

The Minister Jeanine NIBIZI stressed that without justice, there is no peace, without justice there is no

development, hence she invited members working in the body of justice to work in strict respect litigants.

The Minister Jeanine NIBIZI also warned magistrates who share messages on social networks threatening to organize strikes following recent decisions by the Minister to dismiss certain magistrates. She said that the magistrates who hide behind the aspect of the independence of the judiciary and who execute judgments outside the law, will soon be dismissed from their functions.

During this meeting, the Minister Jeanine NIBIZI took the decision to replace the magistrates of the courts of residence of Muyebe, Bubanza and Gihanga following allegations from the population and the local administration.

She added that investigations will be organized to see if these replaced magistrates are not involved in the execution of judgments outside the law, in a situation this is the case, the magistrates who will be apprehended in the execution of judgments fraudulently will be revoked once and for all in the body of the Burundian judiciary.

After having heard the grievances of litigants in Bubanza, Minister Jeanine NIBIZI gave the decisions on the files requesting the review or annulment of judgments to the population concerned.

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## The Minister Déo Guide RUREMA visits crop fields in Muramvya and Kayanza

The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide RUREMA made a field visit on Wednesday July 14, 2021, in the crop fields in the marshes of the Mubarazi river, Muramvya commune, in Matongo and Muruta, all from Kayanza Province. This was in order to realize the progress of the various achievements on the ground, to encourage the population and to realize that the directions of the responsible and hard-working Government were being implemented correctly.



The Minister in charge of Agriculture and Livestock indicated that his Ministry has quick results initiatives that they should achieve in 100 days. These results primarily

concern the efficient use of this dry season, explained Dr Déo Guide RUREMA.

The population for its part, feels a sense of satisfaction with the Government because for them no problem of seeds, fertilizers, as well as supervision. Nevertheless, they put forward some challenges including the lack of motor pumps and watering cans to quickly irrigate their fields. Whether in Muramvya and Kayanza, the population has already understood the advantage of working in a cooperative, it was already in their daily activities. They exploit the waters of the river to water their fields and from that the production is good, specified the farmer.

The Minister in charge of Agriculture and Livestock, Dr Déo Guide RUREMA called on the partners to take into account the needs of the population in their forecasts. Dr Déo Guide RUREMA encourages farmers to go to work

by telling them that a mechanism has already been put in place to monitor their production.

Dr Déo Guide RUREMA promised farmers, pumps and watering cans to water their fields, he said



that they have 80 pumps and that they will be distributed primarily to farmers in cooperatives.

After, the Minister Déo Guide RUREMA visited his fields and his modern pastoral farm in Muruta commune of Kanyanza province, his native province. Dr Déo Guide RUREMA specified that he wanted to show an example that breeding in permanent stabling is more beneficial than breeding in straying. This form of breeding provides a lot of milk and manure, said Dr Déo Guide RUREMA.

And in terms of the development of his fields, he has let it be known that he wants to be a model and be the first to respond to the call of the Head of State who invites us to properly develop land that exceeds more than 2 ha.

In its fields, one finds there modern contour lines capable of retaining all the quantities of water of the rains which fall around these fields and of that to protect against the floods.

The Minister in charge of agriculture and livestock is trying out a new irrigation system in his fields using modern taps.

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## Soon, a general census in the agriculture and livestock sector



FAO in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock held on Wednesday July 14, 2021, a workshop to prepare the implementation and formulation of the general census of agriculture and livestock in Burundi. The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide RUREMA opened this workshop.

This census will be implemented by experts specializing in project formulation and agricultural census over a period of 48 months and will begin in September 2021.

The FAO Representative in Burundi Mr. Isaias Angue OBAMA said that the purpose of this intervention is that the Ministry in charge of Agriculture and Livestock will have real-time information, up-to-date and verifiable information to better develop agricultural programs.

He also said that it was a transfer of technology because all the experts from the Ministry in charge of the Environment and Livestock will be trained. They will therefore be able to access this type of general census of agriculture and livestock operations, said the FAO Representative in Burundi.

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide RUREMA clarified that this general census of agriculture and livestock will show the Government of Burundi the situation and the statistical data that will allow speed to properly plan and set the prices of harvested products as well as the means to import the products elsewhere, concluded the Minister in charge of agriculture and livestock. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Karusi: The Minister in charge of infrastructure announces reallocation of undeveloped plots



The Minister of Infrastructures, Equipment and Social Housing, Mr. Déogratias NSANGANIYUMWAMI carried out on Thursday July

15, 2021, a visit to the serviced site of Kigoma in the capital of Karusi province. Around 150 would-be buyers of plots on this site have been put on formal notice. A grace period of two months was granted to them to start the work of servicing their plots.

According to the Minister in charge of Infrastructures, the purpose of the visit was to take stock of the progress of the occupation of the site. For him, the servicing of this site would have been completed in 2016 and all the plots should have already been developed.

He explained that 362 plots were allocated on the Kigoma site but that only 216 were serviced. This was the occa-

sion for the Minister to give formal notice to the rest of the buyers of plots on this site. He gave them a grace period of two months to start the development work on their plots. The Minister in charge of Infrastructures announced that from October, any purchaser who has not yet developed his plot will be withdrawn to assign it to another.

He also took this opportunity to announce that the measure to withdraw plots from buyers who have not developed them will be applied in all provinces after a grace period of 2 months which will be granted to them.

Finally, Mr. Déogratias NSANGANIYUMWAMI informed that the OBUHA will carry out visits to all the serviced sites throughout the country up to the level of the municipalities to see if all the plots are occupied and developed within the regulatory deadlines.

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## The FOMI factory receives certificates of international standards



The FOMI organo-mineral fertilizers production plant (Fertilisants Organo-Minéraux Industries) has received three international certificates, including ISO, issued by the International Organization for Standardization.

These certificates prove that this organization recog-

nizes FOMI products as meeting international standards. These ISO certificates of international standardization were delivered after the work of 2 days of an international expert. These certificates will allow the factory to export these products to the international market as well as the production from the crop fields on which these organo-mineral fertilizers from FOMI have been applied.

The ceremonies for the presentation of these certificates took place on Friday, July 16, 2021 in the premises of the FOMI factory after the visit to this factory by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, in the company of the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Prosper BAZOMBANZA.

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