



**The International Monetary Fund is committed to supporting the country in improving macroeconomic policy**



**O**n wednesday september 28, 2022, while she was received in audience, at the Presidential Office Ntare Rushatsi by the President of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, a delegation from the International Monetary Fund led by Mrs. Mame Astou Diouf, in charge of the Africa Department within the said fund affirms the latter's commitment to support Burundi in improving macroeconomic policy.

During this audience, discussions also focused on the state of relations between Burundi and the IMF. Mrs. Mame Astou Diouf reveals a financial commitment from the IMF to support the Burundian Government in its effort to reform macroeconomic policy in order to be able to adapt it to the context of the country, which will al-

low stability and economic development.

For his part, the President of the Republic welcomed this manifest commitment of the IMF to remain alongside Burundi and to support the reforms of the re-

sponsible and laborious Government. To this end, he mentioned the importance of supporting the development of human capital through the empowerment of young people and women, the improvement of the education system, the health of the population, good governance, and the fight against corruption.

His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE also evokes the commitment of the State to support small businesses processing local products, the supervision of parastatal companies which were not henceforth well controlled and which worked like private companies, the support of the sector private sector in order to have access to credit, which will allow the industrialization of local products, etc. ([www.presidency.bi](http://www.presidency.bi))

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## The World Bank is committed to continuing to support Burundi for inclusive economic growth



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Wednesday September 28, 2022, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste

NDAYISHIMIYE received in his office Ntare House, the Director of Operations at the World Bank Mr. Albert G. Zeufack. The Director of Operations at the World Bank Mr. Albert G. Zeufack reaffirmed the commitment of this bank to work tirelessly to support Burundi, in order to achieve inclusive economic growth. He said that this bank expresses the need to support the implementation of certain reforms undertaken by the Burundian Government, as well as the regular monitoring of projects and programs supported and financed by itself, which will make it possible to achieve the objectives of the National Development Plan.

Mr. Albert G. Zeufack reveals that the World Bank's portfolio has increased significantly over the past three years (about 1.1 billion dollars), in order to be able to accelerate the execution of economic development projects in Burundi. To this end, they exchanged on the ways and means to support in particular the areas of road infrastructure, agriculture and livestock, the environment, transport, energy, industry, ICT especially in this which is the digitization of public services, etc.

The President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, for his part indicated that Burundi is beginning a phase of reform in all socio-economic sectors. It is high time for Burundi to acquire industries for the processing of natural resources and agricultural products that generate foreign currency. His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE indicated that the Government of Burundi needs start-up capital to set up natural resource processing industries, given that Burundi has a lot of economic potential to recover. ([www.presidency.bi](http://www.presidency.bi))

## “We must explore intra-African business opportunities for a win-win partnership”



**O**n Tuesday September 27, 2022, in Bujumbura, opening the 1st edition of the Nigeria-Burundi Business Summit, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE called on African countries to explore business opportunities for cooperation south-south.

This summit organized under the theme “Economic Development through African Private Sector Invest-

ments” saw the participation of Burundian businessmen, the Nigerian economic community living in Burundi as well as a strong delegation of Nigerian businessmen who came with the aim of strengthening bilateral cooperation through investments in the private sector and the promotion of trade. “The theme chosen for this event calls us to make ambitious commitments in order to break the status quo. Indeed, the eyes of Africans have for so long been riveted outside the continent. Few African countries have come together to develop strong and lasting investment partnerships. It is time for South-South cooperation,” said the Head of State, who wished to inform the Nigerian community about the many investment opportunities offered by Burundi, added to the favorable conditions for Doing Business.

Welcoming the dynamism and creativity of the Nigerian people, the Burundian Number One suggested that Burundi, a country in the process of reconstruction, wishes to learn from the experience and expertise of Nigerians, particularly young Burundians who would like to ensure their economic empowerment. and contribute to the development of the country.



The Nigerian Ambassador to Burundi, Mr. Elijah C. Onyegba, meanwhile, said that one of the missions of the Nigerian Embassy in Burundi is to be the main embassy to connect Burundian and Nigerian businesses for the strengthening of bilateral relations. "With this objective, the Nigeria-Burundi summit has been organized to broadly showcase the commercial prospects of Nigeria and Burundi, iden-

tify areas of bilateral collaboration and consolidate the mutual economic interests of the two brotherly countries", underlined the Nigerian Diplomat.

This first edition of the Nigeria-Burundi Business Summit, whose work was scheduled for five days, will offer an opportunity to visit the local products of two countries on display at the Zion Beach Hotel. ([www.presidency.bi](http://www.presidency.bi))

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of the 77th Ordinary Assembly of the United Nations, he had the opportunity exchange with counterparts from different countries and/or potential partners in several fields. "It is a mission that has been crowned with success on several aspects, especially that it

**O**n the evening of Sunday September 25, 2022, accompanied by the First Lady HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE and the members of her delegation, the President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE arrived at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport in Bujumbura, on his return from a working mission to New York in the United States where he took part in the work of the 77th Ordinary Assembly of the United Nations.

In an interview granted to the press when the plane got off, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE gave a largely positive assessment of this mission where, on the sidelines of the activities

has allowed us to express, through a speech delivered before the Heads of State of Government, our wish that they have in the world, diplomatic relations and mutually advantageous cooperation (win-win) between all States and international organizations, to better respond to global challenges," he said.

In addition to his counterparts from different countries and the Burundian diaspora in the United States, the Head of State also had the opportunity to meet representatives of various international institutions and organizations and other American partners and investors, who wish to invest in different areas including agriculture, health, trade, infrastructure, mining, etc. ([www.presidency.bi](http://www.presidency.bi))

## The First Lady H.E Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE paid a fruitful working visit to New York



From september 19 to 25, 2022, the First Lady and President of Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi (OPDD-Burundi) paid a working visit to New York in the United States of America. It was on the sidelines of the 77th General Assembly of the United Nations. She had accompanied the President of the Republic H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE who had traveled to the USA to participate in the sessions of this General Assembly.

Among other activities, Her Excellency the First Lady received in audience some personalities such as Mrs. Diène KEITA, Under-Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA. Their discussions focused on the fight against obstetric fistula in Burundi. Mrs. Diène appreciated the activities of H.E the First in terms of promoting the health of the population in Burundi.

She also appreciated the initiatives of H.E the First Lady in the fight against the disease of obstetric fistula in Burundi. She encouraged her to continue to promote the well-being and health of Burundians. Ms. Diène also said that UNFPA will continue to support Burundi to eradicate this disease which handicaps the development of families.

Also in New York, the First Lady received in audience Mrs. Shannon Steel, one of the young female entrepreneurs in the USA, owner of the Steel Private bank and hotels in the USA. They discussed investment opportunities in Burundi in the banking and hotel sectors with a

view to empowering and promoting young people.

On september 21, 2022, H.E Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE also received in audience, Mrs. Barbara Keating, former executive of the White House and currently CEO of Africa Business Pathways. They explored together the ways and means of partnership with the OPDD-Burundi to organize a high-level event in the field of health or education, involving the First Ladies of the EAC and American state and private institutions. These two personalities all appreciated the activities of the First Lady aimed at promoting Burundian

women and girls.

On september 22, 2022, H.E Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE chaired a high-level event of MIPREDA as Vice-President of this organization of First Ladies. It was under the theme: "The Role of Women and Girls in the Promotion of Peace and Security". The First Ladies of Cote d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of Congo were on the scene while others participated virtually. In her speech, the First Lady said she was satisfied with the step already taken by the Peace Mission of the First Ladies of the African Continent (MIPREDA) in achieving its objectives. She called on everyone to give their contribution to promote the equal participation of women of all ages in decision-making at all levels.

On september 23, 2022, H.E the First Lady participated in the Economic Forum on Women's Empowerment, which was jointly organized by the diaspora of Burundian women living in the USA and their partners. In her message, H.E the First Lady asked them to always think of contributing to the development of the country and to instill in their children this patriotic spirit. These women expressed their satisfaction with the activities of H.E Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, while promising her that they will be behind her in promoting the empowerment of Burundian women and girls. The First Lady took the opportunity to invite participants to participate in the High Level Forum of Women Leaders on Health and Nutrition which will take place in Bujumbura, from October 10 to 12, 2022. ([www.presidence.bi](http://www.presidence.bi))

## The Burundian Vice-President and the Director of Operations of the World Bank discuss the development of Burundi



On Tuesday September 27, 2022, the Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA received in audience, at the Presidential Palace Ntare House, Mr Albert G. Zeufack, new Director of Operations of the World Bank in four countries including Burundi, Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Sao Tome and Principe since July 1, 2022. Their discussions focused on the development of Burundi.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA began by welcoming him and wishing him full development in Burundi, a country of peace and security throughout its territory, and also told him that Burundi is in its development phase, where the priorities for its recovery are included in

the national development plan of Burundi.

The Director of Operations of the World Bank stressed that he comes to reiterate the support and reaffirm the World Bank's commitment to work alongside Burundi to accelerate strong, sustainable and inclusive economic growth in Burundi.

The Vice-President of the Republic, for his part, recalled that the World Bank's portfolio in Burundi includes 12 national projects and two regional projects. And to add that the wish of the responsible and hardworking Government is that these various projects be carried out on time in accordance with their schedule of activities in the interest of all the Burundian population.

The new Director of Operations at the World Bank is also satisfied with the audience and the quality of their exchanges, "I had the honor of discussing with the Vice-President of the Republic all the actions that we can undertake together so that the portfolio of projects supported by the World Bank leads to an improvement in the living conditions of the Burundian population," he said.

The two personalities have finally agreed to work together to identify and eliminate the blocks that haunt this sector for the benefit of the Burundian people. ([www.presidency.bi](http://www.presidency.bi))

## Tourism, the pillar of development and progress



On Tuesday September 27, 2022, Burundi joined the world in celebrating the International Day dedicated to Tourism, 2022 edition. The ceremonies took place at the

Gishora drummers' sanctuary in Giheta commune of Gitega province and were enhanced by the presence of the Minister of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism Mrs. Marie Chantal Nijimbere.

In her speech for the occasion, the Minister in charge of tourism indicated that World Tourism Day is celebrated in Burundi when it is being held in Bujumbura, from September 23 to 30, 2022, the 2nd edition of the regional conference-exhibition of tourism of the East African Community.

Minister Marie Chantal Nijimbere said that the involvement of the surrounding population of tourist sites is essential for tourism to be developed. To do this, the appropriation of tourist sites by the surrounding popu-



lation as well as the fact of selling its wealth are among the factors that attract tourists. The Minister specified that the choice of the site of the Drummers of Gishora was intended to show visitors from countries of the East African community, the origin and history of the Burundian drum, now a world heritage.

On the sidelines of the celebration of World Tourism Day, delegations from the *East African Community (EAC)* member countries visited various tourist sites across the country.

The ceremonies marking World Tourism Day saw the participation of delegations from six EAC member countries. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## States are called upon to respect the laws and principles of the EAC Treaty



Kayobera took this opportunity to remind States that they must respect the EAC Treaty and national laws, because non-respect of national laws constitutes a violation of the

On Monday September 25, 2022, the President of the Court of Justice of the East African Community (EAC) Mr Nestor Kayobera, met the heads of the superior courts of Bujumbura, the public prosecutors, the general prosecutors and executives of the central administration of the Ministry of Justice. It was a meeting of exchange and information on the organization, the functioning, the composition, the competence of the Court of Justice of the EAC and the jurisprudence within this Court.

The President of the EAC Court of Justice organized this training to show judges and magistrates that States and the General Secretariat can be brought before the Court for violations of the fundamental and operational principles provided for in the EAC Treaty. Mr Nestor

Treaty. Each natural or legal person can seize the Court without waiting for the procedures at the internal level, but the Court does not constitute an appeal for the judgments rendered by the national jurisdictions. The decisions of the EAC Court of Justice take precedence over the judgments of national courts, said Nestor Kayobera. Based on the principles of the Treaty, the jurisdiction, the functioning and the jurisprudence of the Court, Nestor Kayobera urged judicial officials to respect national laws. Similarly, the authorities of the countries are called upon to ensure that the executive, judicial and legislative bodies respect the law and the principles of the Treaty so that the States are not forced to be brought before the Court for violation of its principles. . ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Ordinary Plenary Assembly of the Executive Board of the CNC



**O**n wednesday september 28, 2022, the executive office of the National Communication Council (CNC) chaired by Mrs. vestine Nahimana met in an ordinary two-day Ple-

nary Assembly.

The items on the agenda were the validation of the minutes of the ordinary plenary assembly from june 29 to 30, 2022; the evaluation of the retreat that took place in Ngozi in august and september 2022; the recommendations that have been made and the steps to follow. The question of the press card was also on the menu to know the progress of its issuance. Three application files for authorization to operate by certain media will be analyzed in order to check whether they meet the conditions to be approved. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Muyinga: the DGMAVAE satisfied with the activities of fruit growers



**O**n monday september 26, 2022, the Director General of Mobilization, Self-Development and Popularization of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (DGMAVAE) Mr Clément Ndikummasabo paid a visit to the municipality and province of Muyinga of work within the framework of the follow-up of the activities in this Province. The visit was focused on fruit growing. During this visit that the DGMAVAE made to the various fields of fruit crops in the com-

mune and province of Muyinga, it congratulated and encouraged these farmers while promising them the support of the Government via the Ministry of Agriculture. Their activities are in line with the wish of the President of the Republic Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE to fight hunger and poverty by increasing production, and to call on the population to protect the soil by digging the level curves in their properties to avoid erosion. .

On the sidelines of his visit to the province of Muyinga, the Director General in charge of mobilization, self-development and the popularization of the environment, agriculture and livestock farming Mr Clément Ndikummasabo proceeded to the Kibongera hill of the commune and province of Muyinga, at the official launch of the work of a Center for the Radiation of the culture of Hass Avacado type lawyers belonging to the Spring Life Company. .([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))



## Gitega: the Bagumyabanga called to righteousness



On september 29, 2022, the CNDD-FDD representation in Gitega province organized the traditional interfaith prayer every last Thursday of the month. The preacher of the day was Pastor Isidore Mbayahaga who preached the virtues of righteousness and holiness, generosity and honesty, in front of several members of this party. Referring to the word of God written in Micah 6:9-15, Pastor Isidore Mbayahaga called on the CNDD-FDD faithful in Gitega to detach themselves from illegal interests but rather to earn their bread through hard work.

In his speech for the occasion, the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD party in the province of Gitega George Nshimirimana urged the Bagumyabanga of his constituency to reconcile prayer and hard work so that every mouth has something to eat and every pocket has money. In this way the country will be developed. The prayer organized on the last Thursday of september 2022 ended with the delivery of assistance to several categories of needy people. Fifty needy schoolchildren each received 10 exercise books. A cooperative of a group of young albinos received various items to increase their capital, while two cooperatives of deaf-mutes working in sewing and carpentry each received an envelope of 200,000 francs.

It should be mentioned that this assistance to the poorest comes from the offerings that the CNDD-FDD party in the province of Gitega collects during the interfaith prayer organized every last Thursday of the month. . ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## A meeting of the Burundian Diaspora was organized by zoom



On september 25, 2022, a meeting was held, by zoom, organized and held by the President of the Burundian Diaspora, Mr. Eric

NIRAGIRA and his Vice, Mr. Jean Berchmas MANIRAKIZA, for all representatives of the Diaspora Burundian from different countries. Then, all the organizations from the different countries were represented in this meeting. Their agenda for the day was "analysis of the situation of the day of the Association of the Burundian Diaspora (DB), in acronym".

This meeting comes at a time when a general assembly of the Burundian Diaspora was organized on July 25, 2022 to adopt a new statute governing the Burundian Diaspora, and the representatives proceeded to request the approval of the Association of the Burundian Diaspora "DB" to work publicly. The approval was granted by the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security on s20, 2022 according to Ministerial Order No. 530/1393. (MFADC)



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