



**The President of the Republic leads a two-day government retreat**



opment. Thus he asked the members of the Government to establish the rule of law by ensuring order in the country. He also urged them to punish those

**O**n wednesday 05 to 06 october 2022, a two-day government retreat was held in the province of Gitega. The activities are led by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye.

In his opening observations, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye first congratulated the new members of the Government as well as those who were reappointed. He encouraged them and wished them every success in their noble tasks.

The President of the Republic asked them to work in close collaboration for the general interest of the nation. The President of the Republic has indicated that it is time to build the country so that it can achieve effective devel-

who resist change in the country's development.

The President of the Republic Evariste Ndayishimiye finally urged the members of the Government to be closer to the population to listen to their complaints and be able to find consensual solutions. He invited them to manage public affairs well while reminding them that hard work and compassion should guide them to better serve the people.

After the opening words from the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, the Vice-President of the Republic His Excellency Prosper BAZOMBANZA and that of the Prime Minister, the retreat took place behind closed doors. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

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## Inauguration of Nyambuye Community Hospital



**O**n Monday October 3, 2022, the Minister of Public Health Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana

accompanied by the President of the Senate The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera proceeded to the inauguration of the Mother-Child Community Hospital of Nyambuye in Isare commune. On the occasion of this inauguration, the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi Zhao Jiangping gave this hospital a donation of medical equipment consisting of an anesthesia machine, a biochemistry analyzer and a patient monitor. For the Ambassador, this donation is a proof of benevolence and charity towards the inhabitants of the commune and especially the mothers and children who had to travel long distances to be treated.

The Governor of Bujumbura province Desire Nsengiyumva welcomed the transformation of the Nyambuye health center into a hospital, he pleaded with the Minister of Public Health for certain other health centers to become hospitals.

Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana, the Minister of Public Health took this opportunity to invite the population to take advantage of the presence of this health infrastructure to seek treatment. To the medical personnel, the Minister of Health asked to give body and soul to improve the sanitary conditions of the population, teach family planning and take care of the sick. She did not fail to thank the Chinese Embassy for the donation of medical equipment to this hospital.

In his message, the President of the Senate, The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, also insisted that the population should get into the habit of seeking treatment, avoiding the use of charlatans, and practicing birth control. He challenged the nursing staff to offer the population quality services. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Round table on universal access to electricity in Burundi

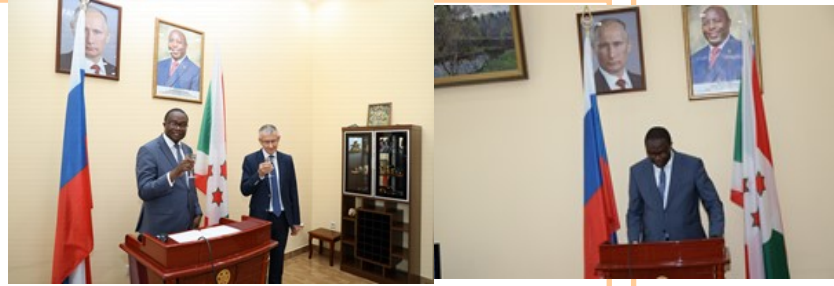


**O**n Tuesday October 5, 2022, Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca officially opened the round table on access to electricity in Burundi. He specified that this round table is organized with the aim of presenting the strategy of the Government of Burundi to achieve universal access to electricity in 2027. The Prime Minister indicated that everyone is aware that the energy sector plays a major role in the economic development of the country. He added that for the 2018-2027 national development plan to be achievable, it must follow the following main axes: rehabilitate and build hydroelectric

and solar centers, thermal power stations based on peat and municipal waste, as well as geothermal power plants while safeguarding the environment, promoting renewable and alternative energies to allow access to modern energy. Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca has indicated that it is therefore necessary to invest enormously in the electricity transmission and distribution network. He invited all development partners especially the World Bank Group, the European Union, the Renewable Energy Agency and other partners to support this plan. He noted that their support is requested to achieve the objectives of the National Development Plan 2018-2027. As for Mr J Claude Bochu, Representative of the European Union in Burundi, he indicated that this institution is already at work.

The Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines Ibrahim Uwizeye, for his part, indicated that the development of the energy sector is among the priorities of the Ministry by improving the operational and commercial performance of Regideso, by strengthening access to electricity, etc. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Burundi and the Russian Federation



On Friday October 7, 2022, the Republic of Burundi and the Russian Federation commemorated the 60th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relations. The ceremonies took place at the residence of the Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Burundi.

In his clarifications, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Burundi Mr. Valery Mikhailov said: "Today we celebrate an important milestone - 60 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and Burundi. In 1962, our country was one of the first to recognize the independence of Burundi. This decision was based on sympathy for the friendly Burundian people, on sincere respect for their will and their historic choice".

Ambassador Valery Mikhailov then presented a congratulatory message from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergei Lavrov in which he noted with satisfaction the dynamic development of Russian-Burundian relations in various fields.

"Every year, bilateral cooperation in international affairs is getting stronger, we understand that joint decisions and consolidated actions are now important. And this ultimately serves the common goal of building a just and harmonious legal order based on multipolarity and mutual consideration of interests," he continued in his message.

On the side of the Government of Burundi, His Excellency Albert Shingiro, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation was represented by the Permanent Secretary Mr. Bashikako Ferdinand in these ceremonies. He reminded that the cooperation between Burundi and the Russian Federation has existed since the independence of Burundi in 1962 by a joint statement on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two

countries, signed on October 1, 1962. This cooperation has been intensified by a cultural and scientific agreement signed on October 2, 1964.

He indicated that the cooperation between these two countries is, indeed, highly appreciated in many

respects, that in addition to the cooperation agreements that were signed over time, several other cooperation agreements between the Government of Burundi and that of the Russian Federation were signed very recently. He cited, among other things, agreements in the field of education, the economic and commercial field, the military and security field, etc.

"The People and the Government of the Republic of Burundi feel very reassured by the determination of



the Russian Government to strengthen the good relations of friendship and cooperation which exist so happily between our two countries and our two peoples. I also reiterate the thanks of the Government of Burundi for the multiple and multifaceted support of the Russian Government in Burundi, support which affects practically all aspects of national life as mentioned above", announced Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako.

Remind that these ceremonies also saw the participation of former students from Russia. **(MFADC)**

## Celebrating World Patient Safety Day



tion practices. The WHO delegate, Dr Ciza Alphonse welcomed Burundi's commitment to improving patient safety through the 2021-2027 sector strategy and reiterated WHO's unwavering commitment together with the government to support any initiative to promote patient safety. As for the Assistant to the Minister

On Thursday October 06, 2022, Burundi, through the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), joined the whole world to celebrate World Day of patient safety under the theme: "Medicines without the harm". The commemorative ceremonies took place at the North zone district hospital of the city of Bujumbura.

According to the WHO delegate in these ceremonies, Dr Ciza Alphonse, this day is celebrated on September 17 of each year and was established in 2019 by the 72nd World Health Assembly in its resolution "Global action for patient safety". According to global estimates, medication errors cause more than three million deaths each year. About 1 in 4 cases of preventable drug-related harm is serious or fatal, said WHO's Dr Ciza Alphonse.

The World Health Organization is working with Member States to implement the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030. According to Dr. Ciza Alphonse, a regional patient safety strategy and roadmap is being developed to inform implementation.

On this day, the WHO delegate urges all stakeholders to fully commit to achieving the goals of the global patient safety challenge. It also calls on them to accelerate the interventions needed to promote safe medica-

tion practices. He said that this day also aims to raise awareness and mobilize public opinion to promote global solidarity and to encourage member states to promote patient safety and reduce the harm they suffer. According to the Assistant to the Minister, Dr Isidore Ntiharizwa, this year's theme draws attention to ways to make drug use processes safer and more secure for patients.

And to add that this theme encourages all interested parties to mobilize in favor of the global challenge to make drug safety a priority and thus remedy unsafe practices and system weaknesses.

Dr. Isidore Ntiharizwa, Assistant to the Minister in charge of Health, urges all Burundians to entrust themselves to health structures in the event of illness, to take medication scrupulously according to doctors' prescriptions and to avoid self-medication.

The commemorative ceremonies of World Patient Safety Day ended with the delivery of food and non-food assistance to incapacitated patients at the North Zone district hospital as well as cleanliness equipment granted to this hospital. . ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## ICTs, a driving force for the country's development



**T**he Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and the Media in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research organized from October 06 to 09, 2022 in the capital of Gitega province, a training workshop. exchange with the heads of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) clubs. The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of Communication Mr. Ferdinand Manirakiza opened this workshop.

In his speech, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of Communication indicated that the general objective of the exchange workshop with the heads of ICT clubs is to establish initially, a typology on the establishment of ICT clubs in the educational environment of Burundi and secondly to understand the obstacles linked to the daily functioning of the latter by their leaders.

This workshop offers an opportunity to exchange, share experience and take stock of the ICT Clubs a few years after the establishment, by the Ministry of Communication, Information Technologies and the Media, of this educational initiative. focused on technology, underlined the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Ferdinand Manirakiza. He specified that this initiative is in line with the orientations of the Burundian Government through its National Development Plan (2018-2027), and the National Policy for the Development of ICTs (2010 -2025), which provide for the use of ICTs for socio-economic development and thus open up the opportunity to strengthen national strategies relating to their development.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of ICTs, Mr. Ferdinand Manirakiza recalled that Information and Communication Technologies constitute a driving force, a lever and an accelerator of development. He added that the Government of Burundi is aware that this sector brings growth and therefore contributes to the well-being of the population and of the youth in particular, who constitute the largest part of the Burundian population.

This workshop is organized for provincial directors of education, school directors and heads of ICT clubs in different schools. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Soon, a national forum of women leaders on the fight against malnutrition



**T**he Executive Secretary of the Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi (OPDD-Burundi) OPDD Burundi Mr. Jean Bosco Girukwishaka, announced in a lively press conference held on October 4, 2022, that the 3rd

edition of the national women's forum leaders will be held in Bujumbura from October 10 to 12, 2022 under the theme: "The health and nutrition of women, newborns, children and adolescents."

He indicated that the choice of this theme is part of the implementation of the national commitments defined in the missions of the OPDD, and those of the international organizations of which the First Lady is a member, such as the Organization of the First Ladies of Africa for the development (OPDAD). Among the missions of the OPDD are the fight against malnutrition affecting vulnerable groups (children under 5 and the elderly) and that of implementing permanent action aimed at improving maternal, child, neonatal and child health. 'teenager. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

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