



**Talented young people continue to honor Burundi**



**O**n wednesday november 16, 2022, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience the National Handball Team under 18, who came to present him the reward won during the Zone-5 competitions.

The President of the Handball Federation in Burundi Mr. Dauphin Nikobamyé, after presenting the reward to the Burundian Head of State, pointed out that the step taken is the result of many combined efforts, which requires special support. He did not fail to say that the Federation has so far a field and a synthetic carpet.

Number One congratulated the Team

for its successes and promised its financial support and the construction of sports facilities to always hoist the national colors in front of the Concert of Nations.

“Our young Burundians are doing actions that honor the country, and in many sectors. Do not limit yourself only to sport, you must undertake other professions for your development,” President Ndayishimiye told them.

He mentioned the ongoing initiatives including the rehabilitation of the Intwari Stadium, the ongoing construction of a sports room in Gitega. ([www.presidency.bi](http://www.presidency.bi))

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## President Ndayishimiye receives the founder of "Gasape SN"



creator of the social network "Gasape SN". The Number One Burundian has registered on the network to support the innovative initiatives of young Burundians.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye calls on other Burundians to contribute to the promotion of this platform developed by a young Burundian in turn creating accounts as far as they can also be used in Kirundi.

The Head of State also encourages other political and administrative actors, particularly institutions in charge of ICTs, to support such entrepreneurial initiatives of young Burundians who operate in the

digital field. ([www.presidency.bi](http://www.presidency.bi))

**O**n monday november 14, 2022, the Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience Mr Saxe Perry Gateka,

## Belgium promises to support private sector actors in Burundi



the fields of health, agriculture and education. "At a time when all the programs financed by Belgium will end in 2023, it was a question of agreeing how to sustain the actions of these programs and to see together the implementation of other programs which will intervene in the three areas", specified the 'Ambassador Alain Van Gucht.

The Belgian Ambassador to Burundi His Excellency Alain Van Gucht also indicated that they gave an overview of possible private sector investments for the economic development of Burundi,

in particular with the recent "umuzingadays" event which brought together all the stakeholders of the private sector as part of supporting initiatives in Burundi.

On the concern expressed by the Ambassador of Belgium in Burundi on the communication of the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security relating to the legal proceedings of Burundians who have left for Serbia, the Prime Minister reassured that no Burundian who left legally in Serbia will be prosecuted upon his return. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

**O**n monday november 14, 2022, the Burundi Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca received in audience the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Burundi, His Excellency Alain Van Gucht. The two authorities mainly exchanged on the improvement of the historical relations of friendship and cooperation between Belgium and Burundi.

The Ambassador of Belgium in Burundi, His Excellency Alain Van Gucht said that Belgium intervenes mainly in



## Rumonge: The Prime Minister calls for the recovery of good governance



On Tuesday November 15, 2022, the Burundian Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca continues his visits to the provinces of the country. The Prime Minister was in Rumonge province to increase awareness and evaluate the responsible for provincial and communal services on the principles of responsible and laborious Government in the context of establishing good governance in the country.

In his welcoming speech, the Governor of Rumonge province Mr. Léonard Niyonsaba indicated that peace and security reign in the province but revealed certain challenges such as the lack of vehicles in the judicial bodies which would be used in the execution of trials and civil servants retiring without being replaced in certain sectors. According to the Governor of Rumonge, this province has major projects underway, in particular the construction of the provincial office, the rehabilitation of the port of Rumonge, the implementation of the master plan for the town of Rumonge, the compensation of the people who lived the place occupied by the Rumonge military camp and the reintegration of people displaced by natural disasters.

Burundian Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca reminded those res-

ponsible for services in Rumonge that Burundi has undergone difficult times and asks them to make up for lost time by getting down to development work. He recommended them to change mentality and to be characterized by the good collaboration to ensure the well-being of the population and to manage the public goods in good fathers of family.

Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca asked the heads of services to do their job well, to respect working hours, to apply and enforce the law, to go on the ground to collect grievances and concerns of the population in order to find solutions. The grievances raised by the population include land disagreements between returnees and locals, the problem of dilapidated inter-municipal roads, the problems of fishermen with officials of the fishermen's federation and other development projects.

After having noted through the grievances of the population that certain officials commit abuse of power, the Prime Minister recommended that the force of the law reign over Rumonge to the detriment of the force of the people who have created an empire of untouchables and that this practice cease immediately. The Prime Minister added that the manhandling the population, despoiling their property and other forms of injustice have become commonplace for some authorities in Rumonge province, thus overpass the limits.

He closed this meeting by reiterating his commitment to support the new Governor of the province of Rumonge to rectify the situation in order to establish good governance in this province. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Cibitoke: The Minister of Justice leads a moralization session



On Monday November 14, 2022, the Minister of Justice, Mrs. Domine Banyankimbona met in a moralization ses-

sion for magistrates and support staff working in the justice sector in Cibitoke province.

In this session, Minister Domine Banyankimbona reminded that everyone has their share of responsibility to establish fair justice, whether it is the magistrates, the administration and the litigants themselves.

The Minister of Justice urged the judges and magistrates to break with bad behavior such as corruption, leisureliness in processing cases or in executing

judgments, decisions that do not promote peace or difficult to execute.

The Minister denounced certain ill-intentioned litigants who drag out the trials by appealing several times, refusing to appear, just to prevent the opposing parties to the conflicts from benefiting from the judgments rendered, and sometimes in complicity with magistrates.

The moralization session was followed by a session to listen to the concerns of the population.

On each case, the Minister gave recommendations to judges and prosecutors and promised to follow up. Mrs. Domine Banyankimbona recommended to the judges to ensure each time that the decisions taken are decisions that promote social peace. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The Ombudsman presents typical of the realizations at the end of his mandate



**O**n tuesday november 15, 2022, the Burundian Ombudsman Honorable Edouard Nduwimana held a press briefing during which he announced that during the past six years, 69,930 citizens have appealed to

the institution with 1,878 files received, 1,286 were admissible, 592 rejected after explanations to the applicants, 502 closed and 784 in progress.

The Burundian Ombudsman announced it in a report on the realizations of 2016-2022, on the occasion of the end of his mandate.

Among the files that were closed were a file of citizens of Kizina in Bubanza Province who were going to be evicted from their property following a legal trial. The institution of the Ombudsman in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice has found a solution,

the case of the citizens of Nyaruhongoka, settled in Rumonge after mediation, etc.

Honorable Edouard Nduwimana specified that to support the Government in its efforts to promote social cohesion, maintain peace and establish the rule of law, the institution of the Ombudsman has set up a project to support the sustainability of mechanisms premises for dialogue, mediation and reconsolidation to reinforce social cohesion.

Citizens chosen for their integrity were elected in 98 communes of the country to ensure the mediation of conflicts and especially to prevent them, indicated Honorable Edouard Nduwimana. They are like whistleblowers so that the administration can intervene in good time and serve as a relay between citizens and the institution of the Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman also assisted people in vulnerable situations, schools, health centers and hospitals by providing them with various equipment and materials. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Makamba: Women leaders sensitized on the laws that govern them



**O**n thursday november 17, 2022, the Institution of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Burundi with the support of UN Women organized in the capital of Makamba pro-

vince, an awareness workshop for women leaders on the different laws that govern them.

The Representative of UN Women Mrs. Clara Mah. ANYANGWE appreciated the involvement of the Ombudsman in empowering women through community transformative initiatives, a great opportunity for the integration of women in all institutional and community structures.

The Representative of UN Women indicated that Burundi is one of the countries that have made remarkable progress in terms of gender, social cohesion and peace building, particularly through two

essential aspects:

- The development of national or sectoral strategies and policies relating to the national gender policy on the inspiration of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325, a resolution which urges Ombudsman and mediator institutions to collaborate with internal and external partners in the implementation of actions aimed at protecting human rights and promoting good governance.

- The establishment of institutions dedicated to this purpose as well as the various operational peace consolidation plans through several projects aimed particularly at the inclusion of all social groups, especially women and young people.

Mrs. Clara Mah.ANYANGWE said that UN Women will spare no effort to continue its mission to promote women's leadership and equal opportunities between men and women as advocated in resolution 1325, and to ensure that women continue to play a key role in capitalizing on peace, social cohesion and sustainable development in Burundi.

After this meeting, members of the CNDD-FDD party working at the Institution of the Burundian Ombuds-

man, including the Ombudsman Honorable Edouard Nduwimana, granted aid consisting of 50 pairs of school uniforms to vulnerable children of former combatants in Kayogoro commune and 20 reams of papers to the municipal education department of this municipality.

The Burundian Honorable Ombudsman asked parents to always teach their children patriotic love, children to obey their parents and teachers and always keep the courage to continue their studies.

Honorable Edouard Nduwimana indicated that this aid is granted to these vulnerable children at a time when this week is dedicated to the valiant fighters and added that it is also within the framework of showing that they are grateful to these valiants who fought for democracy.

Honorable Edouard Nduwimana called on all Burundians to maintain peace and security, reinforce social cohesion and carry out development work. He took the opportunity to thank all those who supported him during his mandate, which is soon coming to an end.

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## Burundi gets a new Ombudsman



**O**n thursday november 17, 2022, the National Assembly met in an extraordinary plenary session under the auspices of its President the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel NDABIRABE for the approval of the new Burundian Ombudsman.

According to article 245 of the constitution, the Burundian Ombudsman is approved by 3/4 of the depu-

ties and 2/3 of the senators. 13 candidate files were submitted to compete for the post of the third Burundian Ombudsman, 6 files were complete and only 4 candidates were selected:

Mr Mazimpaka Issa Désiré

Mrs Aimee Laurentine Kanyana

Mr Jean Samandari

Mr Evrard Giswaswa.

During this extraordinary plenary session, Mrs. Aimée Laurentine Kanyana was approved by 109 deputies out of 120 deputies present in the extraordinary plenary session as the new Burundian Ombudsman.

In the afternoon of that same thursday november 17, 2022, the Burundian Senate met in an extraordinary plenary session and unanimously approved the name of Aimée Laurentine Kanyana as the new Burundian Ombudsman.

The work of the Burundian Senate was chaired by the First Vice-President of the Senate Honorable Denise Ndadaye. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))



## Celebration of the feast of the King of the Belgians



On Tuesday November 15, 2022, the Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr.

Syldie MANIREREKANA, joined the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium in Burundi and the Belgian people to celebrate the feast of the King of the Belgians celebrated since 1866. This festival was called before, Festival of the Dynasty.



Alain VAN GUCHT reminded that November 15 is a special day for the Belgian royal family, that it is at the same time for the people of the great proximity and the close link between this people and the person of the King. This celebration is therefore for them the expression of the recognition of the role played by the King in the stabilization of this nation respectful of the system of constitutional and parliamentary monarchy that it has freely chosen. He also took this opportunity to reiterate the will and determination of his Government to support the efforts of the Government of Burundi and of His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi, in all areas with a view to achieving sustainable development. for the well-being of Burundians.



In his speech, the Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Syldie MA-



NIREREKANA, on behalf of the Government, expressed to the Belgian Sovereign and to the entire Belgian population the very warm congratulations and the best wishes for good health and happiness and he wished His Majesty King Philippe every success in his noble function of leading his people to greater progress.

Burundi and Belgium share a history that has contributed to mutual knowledge and esteem. The deep bonds of friendship gradually established have been a major asset for the development of solid and multifaceted cooperation relations in the sectors of support consultation, which were mainly agriculture, health, education, etc. added the Assistant to the Minister.

Mr. Syldie MANIREREKANA did not fail to remind the extent of the responsibilities incumbent on leaders at all levels in the face of the increasingly complex challenges currently besetting the world, namely: the threat to individual and collective security, the multifaceted crises origins and often serious political, economic and social consequences, environmental problems, pandemics, international migration, the fight against nuclear weapons and their mass destruction, etc., which are their collective responsibility. He underlined that it is therefore necessary to reinforce a common, lasting and determined action.

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## Visit of Canadian investors to Burundi



On november 15, 2022, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO received in audience a group of Canadian investors led by Mrs. Sereine Marie NKUYEHASI, Consultant and Entrepreneur. They discussed projects that the latter wish to carry out in Burundi, including the trade in foodstuffs, the installation of Canadian companies in Burundi, the enhancement of Burundian wealth (cultural, natural and human), the establishment of banks and cooperatives, etc.

During their stay in Burundi, these investors also wish to meet certain authorities of the country and



institutions to discuss the collection of information relating to taxes and duties, the mobilization of Burundian trainees and nurses to invest in Canada and vice versa, promotion of the Chamber of Trade and Burundian-

Canadian industry, the establishment of a partnership between the Chamber of Commerce of Burundi and that of Canada (CCIBC), establishment of a cotton factory for women, creation of the partnership with the mining world Canada, the inter-university and inter-school board partnership.

It should be noted that these investors will make raids to the countryside in different provinces to realize the current state of security and economic development. They had also planned to visit the tourist sites. (MFADC)

## Ruyigi: CNDD-FDD veterans appreciate the security situation in the country



On Saturday november 19, 2022, the CNDD-FDD party organized in the province of Ruyigi, the closing ceremonies of the week dedicated to the heroes of the fight for peace and democracy of the CNDD-FDD Intwari-Kurugamba.

The closing ceremonies began with an explanation of the situation experienced by the combatants on the battlefield. Afterwards, a long parade followed by young Imbonerakure and veterans.

The Representative of CNDD-FDD veterans for the recovery of democracy in his speech welcomed the security situation prevailing in the country. He also welcomed the creation of a BAOBAB microfinance for veterans which will ensure their inclusive development as well as the population.

He finally thanked the Burundian Government which has put in place laws that govern veterans and asked for its implementation. In his speech for the occasion, the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Honorable Réverien Ndikuriyo first welcomed

the members of the delegation representing the veterans in Zimbabwe. They came to join the Intwari veterans of the CNDD-FDD in the closing ceremonies of the week dedicated to the heroes of the struggle for peace and democracy.

The CNDD-FDD Secretary General hailed the role played by the heroes of the struggle for peace and democracy in the return of peace and security to Burundi. He asked the members of the CNDD-FDD and the population in general to safeguard this peace.

Honorable Réverien Ndikuriyo invited the population not to be preoccupied by those who want to disturb the peace and development of the country. He asked the veterans to group together in cooperatives for their development work.

High personalities are present in these ceremonies, including the First Lady of Burundi HE Evangeline Ndayishimiye, the Vice-President of the Republic, Prime Minister, deputies and others. Also participating in these ceremonies are members of the diplomatic and consular corps, the presidents of the specialized commissions, the representatives of parties that are friends of the CNDD-FDD, of civil society, of religious denominations.

The closing ceremonies of the week dedicated to the Heroes of the fight for peace and democracy Intwari of the CNDD-FDD in the province of Ruyigi are marked by the sharing of food and drinks that the combatants consumed in the maquis. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

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