



**Peace and security, the foundation of Burundi Emerging in 2040
and Developed in 2060**



The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye chaired in Bujumbura a meeting of the quadrilogy of Senior Officials of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security as well as the Ministry of Defense National and Veterans Affairs focused on building peace through the fair justice.

The Heads at the Summit of the said Ministries presented the situation of the country, generally well, under the theme "the obligation to prosecute and judge".

The President of the Republic, in his speech, insisted on the values of patriotism, good governance and the strengthening of administrative authority.

The Head of State also recommended the administrators to get more involved in the mobilization for the cultural season C, so that there is no longer a break in production in the country. Thus, it will be necessary preparing for the irrigation of fields or vegetable gardens.

The President of the Republic has promised to meet the Staff of each instance of justice to be able to explore the ways and means of achieving the objective of Vision Burundi Emerging Country in 2040 and Developed Country in 2060.

The President of the Republic closed the meeting by calling on the quadrilogy to regenerate the collaboration of the services.

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The Head of State inaugurates a solar power plant in Gitega



The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, on Mirambi locality, in the Mubuga zone of Gitega province, a solar power plant with a capacity of 7.5 MW.

This large solar energy project was carried out on an area of more than 12 hectares where more than 25,000 solar panels are connected, as part of the partnership between the company Gigawatt Global and the State of Burundi.

On this occasion, the populations of the localities under-

stood the other development projects including the electrification of the surrounding localities which will be supported by the partners. "This is a good opportunity for us to thank the Partners committed to materializing their support for the development of Burundi. It is a sign that they are closely monitoring the situation in our country", introduced the Burundian Head of State.

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye furthermore reminded the population to intensify their efforts in the development work, and the leaders to fully playing their role, promoting good governance as well as the management of public affairs in good family father.

He also thanked the technical and financial partners for their contribution before requesting the granting of reimbursable capital to start the development of Burundi, and thus achieving the objective of Vision Burundi Emerging Country in 2040 and Developed Country in 2060.

It should be noted that the success of the project results from the cooperation between the different personalities from the countries such as the USA, the Netherlands, as well as Israel. (www.presidency.gov.bi)

Gitega: meeting for the assessment of cropping season B



Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca met Thursday, May 11, 2023 in Gitega province, the Executives of the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock and administrative executives in a meeting to assess the growing season B 2023 and preparing for growing season C 2023.

In his introductory remarks, the Prime Minister Lieuten-

ant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca indicated that these meetings with the Executives of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock and those of the administration aim at the restoration of security food to ensure the well-being of the population in order to implement the wish of the Head of State: "That every mouth has something to eat and every pocket has money".

The Prime Minister asked for close collaboration between the administrative staff and the executives of the Ministry in charge of agriculture in order to tow the population towards emerging Burundi in 2040; and developed in 2060, as advocated by the vision of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye.

As indicated by Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca, the Government of Burundi recommends that all Burundian households develop fields of 20×10 meters, during the dry season, and irrigate them to avoid insecurity. food during this period

The Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca then recommended to the administrative

authorities, the police forces and the provincial and communal agronomists to ensure the strict application of the above-mentioned order. He also recommended the protection of cultivable land on the hills

by tracing the level curves, the protection of the banks of the rivers to prevent their overflow into the fields of the marshes. (www.rtnb.bi)

H.E Albert Shingiro presented four bills for ratification to the Senate of Burundi



On tuesday may 09, 2023, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro made a plenary presentation to the Senate of the four bills for ratification by the Republic of Burundi. It's about:

-the bill on the ratification by the Republic of Burundi of a general cooperation agreement between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the Government of the State of Israel;

-the bill on the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of Tunisia and the Government of Burundi in the field of technological and industrial de-

velopment, signed in Djerba on november 2022;

-the bill on visa exemption for the holders of diplomatic, service and special passports between the Government of Burundi and the Government of Morocco signed in Rabat on october 19, 2022;

-the bill on the ratification by Burundi of the agreement establishing the joint commission for cooperation between the Government of Burundi and the Government of Morocco, signed in Rabat on october 19, 2022.

It should be noted that Burundi maintains good relations of friendship and cooperation with the aforementioned countries. (MFADC)

H.E Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO receives in audience the Russian Ambassador to Burundi



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Albert SHINGIRO received in audience the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Burundi Mr. Valery Mikhaylov. Their exchanges focused on the subjects of common interest at the bilateral, regional and global level.

Burundi and Russia have good relations of friend-

ship and cooperation dating back to 1962. That cooperation has been realized by adoption of cooperation agreements in certain areas, in particular education, the economy, etc. For example, in the field of education, the Government of the Russian Federation has granted the Republic of Burundi a quota of 100 scholarships for the Higher Education for the academic year 2023-2024.

It should also be noted that to strengthen these good relations of cooperation and friendship, the Russian Federation will officially open, on may 15, 2023, a Russian language cabinet at the University of Burundi. (MFADC)

The European Union Delegation in Burundi organizes a friendly football match



On Saturday May 13, 2023, the Delegation of the European Union to Burundi, in close collaboration with the Embassies of the Member States of the European Union accredited to Burundi organized, at the Entente Sportive ground in Bujumbura, a friendly match of football which pitted the European Delegation against the team of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

The match which was officially opened by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, HE Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO and the Ambassador of the European Union to Burundi, Mr. Claude Bochu, ended with a score of four goals to one (4-1) in favor to the team of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

At half-time of that friendly match, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation told the press that that match was played to mark the solidarity and the spirit of friendship with the European Union. He pointed out that Burundi and the European Union now enjoy the good relations. The Ambassador of the European Union in Burundi, meanwhile, thanked the two teams for their participation in the match. He said that the mini-football is organized as part of the celebration of Europe Day but also to mark the good relations that exist between Burundi and the European Union.

Remind that the Staff of the missions of Switzerland and Türkiye joined the European Union to play that friendly match. (MFADC)

The European Union committed to remaining a faithful, reliable and leading friend for Burundi



“The European Union (EU) was, is and will remain for Burundi a faithful, reliable and leading friend, which in truth, it has never ceased to be at the side of Burundians, and that for 45 years”, declared on Tuesday May 9, 2023 in Bujumbura, the EU Ambassador to Burundi Ambassador Claude Bochu, in his speech that he delivered on the occasion of the celebration of the Europe Day which coincides with the 45 years of the EU presence in Burundi.



Ambassador Bochu specified that the envelope allocated to Burundi for the period from 2021-2024 has already been fully committed a year before the deadline and that it places Burundi in a good position at the start of the exercise of distribution of the envelopes for the period

2024-2027. In addition to this national envelope, there is the funding that the EU delegation has managed to mobilize within the framework of regional projects targeting the Burundi as a priority and of course the substantial bilateral cooperation efforts of EU Member States.

In political terms, he added, 2022 will remain a remarkable year where several high-level visits have taken the place, including that of the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, to the headquarters of the European institutions in Brussels. According to him, the EU, its Member States and other partners have lifted several types of measures against Burundi and some of its citizens, which has meant that Burundi and the EU have now again a peaceful relationship. "It is now up to them to bring it to life and enrich it," he added.

The head of the EU in Burundi had to specify, moreover, that the EU contributes substantially to several sectoral dialogues with the Ministries in charge of health, energy, agriculture, justice and gender. With regard to the rule of law and human rights, he continued, the EU encourages and supports Burundi in its reforms and in its commitment to good governance and independence of the judicial system.

With regard to the prospects, the EU welcomes the holding of the 2nd National Development Forum, which reflects a desire at the highest level to involve all the actors in Burundi's sustainable development (officials, academics, civil society, sector private, and partners). These efforts will be facilitated if they are allied with respect for fundamental freedoms and political stability.

In this regard, the EU welcomes the efforts made by the Burundi in the Regional and continental mecha-

nisms for peace and stability, still evident not long ago with the successful summit held in Bujumbura on the situation in the Great Lakes Region. He clarified that the new EU strategy for the Great Lakes Region fits perfectly into those efforts.

Beyond the stability of the country, a favorable and attractive framework for investors, including foreigners, and new partnerships are essential to sustain the economic growth. The diversification of the national economy indeed requires significant technological investments which go through a robust, innovative private sector, creator of decent jobs and a diaspora fully connected to the priorities of the country, he estimated.

In his speech, the Permanent Secretary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako expressed the strong and warm congratulations of the Government of Burundi to the EU and its peoples for this anniversary celebration of the day of Europe. "United in diversity, this is a substance that we have just taken from today's speech, as the motto of the EU. I understood that through that, that we want to underline the common efforts of Europeans, in favor of peace and prosperity, while taking into account the diversity of cultures, traditions and languages, the diversity being conceived as a construction but also a recognition of differences," he said. And to specify that Burundi advocates a multilateralism respectful of the principles and values of each nation.

For him, the rules of the game of this multilateralism must be applicable to all countries, regardless of their size, their geographical location, their level of development and their weight in the concert of the United Nations. **(ABP)**

Workshop on ethical recruitment for migrant worker recruitment agencies

On Monday May 08, 2023, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO opened an awareness workshop on the concepts, procedures and principles of ethical recruitment, and on the notions and practices of the fight against human trafficking with regard to the approved migrant worker recruitment agencies and administrators. That workshop was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation in collaboration with the Consultation and Monitoring

Committee on the Prevention and Suppression of the Human Trafficking, with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the essential partner of the Government of Burundi. The activities took place at the "Hôtel des Plateaux" in Ngozi and lasted three days (from May 08 to 10, 2023).

In his speech of welcome, the Governor of Ngozi province, Emmanuel NTAACONSANZE, first welcomed all the participants, and thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and the International Organization for Migrations (IOM) for

having chosen the beautiful province of Ngozi to host that workshop with the hope that the agreements signed between Burundi and the Gulf countries will reduce the different kinds of trafficking suffered by the Burundians.

According to the Project Coordinator at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mrs. MUGISHA Mireille, the objective of that workshop was to contribute to the improving of the conditions of labor migration, by following a well-defined framework in order to guide the Government and other actors in the field. The themes covered in the workshop are among others: current migration trends in Burundi and in the Region, bilateral labor agreements, ethical recruitment, human and migrant trafficking.

Therefore, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO indicated that 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 and lately with Qatar), the Government of Burundi continues to approve private employment agencies for the recruitment of migrant workers to these countries that have signed agreements with the Burundi.

He pointed out that before the signing of the bilateral

agreements mentioned above, Burundi experienced disorderly and irregular migration, sometimes infringing the rights of burundian migrant workers. For him, the migration that Burundi is aiming for is the one based on fair recruitment and respecting the human rights in order to fight against the human trafficking, which is a phenomenon in vogue in the world.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO further added that it is necessary for these authorized recruitment agencies to have practical notions of responsible recruitment and human trafficking. He added that these agencies must familiarize themselves with good practices in this area in order to fit in well with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and which include the targets aimed at guaranteeing safe, orderly and regular migration consistent with well-managed migration policies, to limit exploitation and abuses of the rights of migrants, to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery and the human trafficking, to protect rights of migrant workers and to reduce the cost of remittances.

At the end of this workshop, some recommendations were made to the Government, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the approved migrant worker recruitment agencies. (MFADC)

Towards an Inclusive Youth Participation in Peacebuilding Mechanisms



The Solemn opening in Bujumbura on tuesday may 09, 2023 by the Minister of East African Community Affairs, Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA, of

the 3rd High-level ministerial Conference on the role of Governments, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms in the promotion of the Youth, Peace and Security Program in the Eastern Africa Region.

According to Dr Thierry Ingabire, the Representative of the Burundian Youth, over the past ten years have been the deliberate efforts across Africa in order to recognize the positive role of the young people as peacemakers and to promote their active participation in the peace-building efforts.

He added that it took political kindness and a series of the legal and policy developments for achieving the positive results from the integration of the youth in peace-building at the Africa level. The Representative of the young Burundians in that High-level meeting indicated that the enthusiasm of the young Burundians in the entrepreneurship and the development was motivated by the support of the Government of Burundi and the Head of State nicknamed "the friend of the young people" by setting up the funding institutions for the youth projects such as the the Economic Empowerment and Youth Employment Program (PAAEJ), the BIJE (Investment Bank for the Young People), the Foundation for the Government Accountability (FGA), etc.

According to Mrs Abdel-Fattah Al-Sissil the Representative of the Common Market for the Eastern and the Southern Africa (COMESA), that meeting which brought together the young people from the eastern region will present and highlight the various initiatives

and programs developed or approved by Governments, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms to build the capacities of youth in East Africa, particularly in promoting peace and security, including early warning systems such as COMALERTE and the Intergovernmental for Development (IGAD), the early warning system. She reiterated COMESA's commitment to support the action plans of member countries and Africa in promoting peace and security with a view to achieving the 1963 agenda of the African Union.

As for the High Representative of the African Union in the Great Lakes Region Mr. Sghair M'bareck Said, the notable progress of African youth will make it possible to establish a framework for dialogue between them, young Africans, which will make it possible to show their role and their contribution to conflict prevention. He finally specified that the next meeting which will bring together the young people of Africa will be held in August 2023 in Bujumbura, "capital of African youth".

In his address, the Minister in charge of East African Community Affairs Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA said that the objective of that High-level meeting was to advocate for inclusive participation and en-

gagement of the young people as in the peacebuilding and the conflict prevention mechanisms. According to him, that Conference will make possible examining and evaluating the implementation of international and regional legal and the political frameworks for the young people in the area of peace and security, for the various countries of East Africa and Africa in general. That Conference will also allow a better understanding of the current peace and the security initiatives in favor of the young people in the Eastern Africa region by the various Governments, the Regional Economic Communities, the Regional Mechanisms and the African Union, including the limits and successes, indicated the Minister Ezekiel NIBIGIRA. That meeting was possible thanks to the several partners including the African Union Commission (AUC), the Common Market for the Eastern and the Southern Africa (COMESA), the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), the Horn of African Youth Network, the African Center for the Constructive Resolution of Conflicts (ACCORD) as well as Save the Children International, with the support of the Government of Burundi. (www.rtnb.bi)

Soon, the meteorological cooperation within the EAC



The National Assembly adopted on Wednesday May 10, 2023, the bill on the Ratification by the Republic of Burundi of the Protocol of the East African Community (EAC) on cooperation in meteorological services. That bill was presented by the Minister in charge of East African

Community Affairs (EAC), the Ambassador Ezéchiel Nibigira.

By presenting that bill, the Minister Ambassador Ezéchiel Nibigira, explained to the Deputies that the cooperation of the EAC countries in meteorological services will allow those countries in strengthening the national meteorological and the climatic services.

The cooperation of the meteorological services of the EAC countries allows those countries in developing their capacities in terms of the climate monitoring and the production of the useful information for the various sectors of a socio-economic development.

The cooperation in the field of meteorology is provided in the article 100 of the treaty establishing the EAC. That cooperation consists of harmonizing the system for collecting and disseminating the data and the information.

Those meteorological data and the information facilitate in the air navigation, the road transport, the navigation in navigable inland waters. They also facilitate planning in sectors sensitive to climate the variations such as agriculture, various constructions, health-

ness, tourism, water resources and others.

In his speech, the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe stressed the importance of the weather forecasts saying that if the information given was reliable, they allowed the population to prepare accordingly.

This cooperation will make possible the meeting for the challenges currently observed in certain countries, such as the insufficiency of the equipment and the modern observation stations, the insufficiency of the qualified

human resources. Following the discussions on cooperation in meteorological matters within the EAC, the bill was adopted unanimously.

On the occasion of that plenary session, the Deputies asked the Minister conveying to the Government their concerns relating to the Gatumba area which is the subject to the heavy and recurrent flooding and the question of the suspension of fishing in the Lake Tanganyika, a measure that the Democratic Republic of Congo (RDC) and Tanzania waive application. (www.rtnb.bi)

Launch of the national vaccination campaign against bovine lumpy skin disease



The Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana proceeded on Tuesday May 9, 2023 in Gisagara commune of Cankuzo province, to the launch of the national vaccination campaign against dermatosis bovine nodule.

Mr. Ndorimana indicated in his speech that the livestock breeding helps to the development of the population and contributes to improving the human health through the consumption of meat and milk, but also to increasing agricultural production.

He said that the Government of Burundi has set up the breeding centers for the multiplication of the improved livestock especially cattle, sheep and chickens to make them easy to access for anyone who wishes. He also initiated the artificial insemination program so that the newborn calves are of an improved breed.

To make these projects sustainable, the Assistant to the Minister in charge of livestock farming pointed out that the Government is also investing much more in the fight against diseases threatening livestock farming. Indeed, he said, bovine lumpy skin disease is a contagious disease and if the bovine does not die, it gives a low milk production and its skin loses value on the market.

According to Mr. Ndorimana, 250,000 cattle are expected to be vaccinated against the lumpy skin disease in 11 provinces that have recorded cases of that disease. Those are Cankuzo, Ruyigi, Bubanza, Bujumbura, Cibitoke, Gitega, Kirundo, Makamba, Muyinga, Rumonge and Rutana. He urged all agri-pastoralists in those provinces to respond massively to that campaign organized for the cattle with the exception of the calves still nursing. In order to facilitate the herders, Mr. Ndorimana reported that veterinarians are available in designated places on the hills to vaccinate local cattle.

It should be noted that the vaccination campaign against bovine lumpy skin disease began on May 8 and ended on May 16 and that the breeder pays 1000 Fbu for each bovine vaccinated. (ABP)

IREBE Company organizes the "Dukunde Uburundi" festival



The IREBE company in collaboration with the National Radio Television of Burundi

officially launched on Wednesday April 10, 2023 the activities of the "Dukunde Uburundi" Festival, an event to be held on August 19, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at ARENA Hotel in Bujumbura Town Hall.

The Technical Director of that festival Mr. Alain Nova

Irambona said that that festival is the main idea of the artist Mr. Augustin Havyarimana nicknamed August Burundi who is based in New York in the United States.

The chosen theme "Dukunde Uburundi" is taken from his song Dukunde Uburundi and is thus the basis of the event.

That festival which will begin for the first time and which will be held every year is sponsored for that year by the artist Léonce Ngabo. He advised the artists to always compose the works and the songs with the lyrics that teach the public while respecting the Burundian custom.

The Technical Director of that event indicated that there will be in the festival called Dukunde Uburundi messages of peace, social cohesion, artists dancers, singers, musicians, drummers, comedians as well as other surprises, continued Mr. Alain Nova Irambona, the Technical Director of that festival.

The Burundian Office for Copyright and Neighboring Rights (OBDA) has been asked to always support the artists and do its job of protecting the works of the artists so that they can achieve the desired development. (www.rtnb.bi)

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