



**The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurates in Gitega, the host Matergo, a work of “Bene-Tereziya” Sisters**



**O**n Saturday June 10, 2023, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated Matergo Hotel, of international standard, a very beautiful infrastructure built in the city center of Gitega, the political capital of the country, by the congregation of “Bene Tereziya” Sisters.

Consisting of several accommodation rooms, dining rooms, conference rooms as well as several other services, Matergo hotel of Gitega has a panoramic view of the large part of the political city of Gitega. It is a work built within the framework of relaxation, business, vacation, tourism, organization of banquets, conference activities, etc., according to the Mother General of the congregation of “Bene Tereziya”

Sisters who indeed underlines their willingness to contribute to the inclusive development of Burundi, she also requests the support of the Government in their multiple development works including the construction of schools, hospitals, orphanages, etc.

In a speech delivered on that occasion, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye encouraged the congregation of “Bene Tereziya” Sisters for that splendid work which has just restored the image of the country's political capital. He nevertheless hailed the contribution of the Catholic Church in the socio-economic development of Burundi, after having ensured the spiritual prosperity of the citizens.

The Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, says he is committed to supporting all their works aimed at the inclusive development of the country and calls on all other Burundian economic operators to learn how to join forces in order to be able to achieve large-scale projects. ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

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## Young Burundians encouraged to invest in rabbit farming to promote the country's socio-economic development



**O**n Tuesday June 6, 2023, the Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, granted a donation of rabbits to three Burundian artists in order to encourage them to invest in breeding to contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

It is through the Chief of State Protocol Col. Jules César Ndiokubwayo that this donation was given to Mr Minani Fleury alias Mutima (Comedian), Mr Vianney Nzigamasabo alias Vichou love (Musician) as well as Mr Boniface alias B. Face (Musician).

In his remarks, Col. Ndiokubwayo indicated that this donation of rabbits and their hutches is a promise made to these three artists by His Excellency the President of the Republic on February 11, 2023 during the celebration of "Inkerebutsi day".

"By offering these rabbits, the Head of State would like young people to take the lead in the field of cuniculture" suggested the Head of State Protocol before adding that the Head of State considers this donation as a capital which must be brought to fruition and serve as a model for other young people.

The recipients of this donation welcomed the gesture made by the Burundian Number One: "We thank him very much for the time he devotes to supporting and encouraging young people," said Mr Minani Fleury, who promised to devote himself also to rabbit breeding in addition to his career as an actor in order to increase the production of rabbits.

It should be noted that rabbit farming is a project that was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and supported by the Head of State where each Burundian household is called upon to have at least 3 rabbits in the hutch at its disposal. ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

## The Head of State awards a trophy to the winning team of the final match of the President's Cup, 2023 edition



**O**n Saturday June 03, 2023, at Umuco stadium in Musinga, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady Her Excellency Angéline Ndayishimiye and other great personalities of the country, enhanced with his presence a match marking the

final the President's Cup, 2023 edition, where the Aigle noir FC team from Makamba crossed swords with BUMAMURU FC team from Cibitoke.

After the kick-off given by the Head of State, the first half was marked by attacks and counter-attacks between the players of the BUMAMURU FC team and the Aigle Noir FC team, with 1 goal everywhere, which greatly agitated the supporters.

The players of Aigle Noir then scored 2 other successive goals, which earned this Makamba team a victory in the final of the President's Cup, 2023 edition, with a score of 3 goals to 1 for BUMAMURU team from Cibitoke.

During the award ceremonies, the winning team received a trophy from the hands of the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye and an envelope of ten million Burundian Francs, while BUMAMURU team which ranked second in the tournament receives seven million five hundred thousand Burundian francs. ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

## Commemoration of the third anniversary of the death of the Supreme Leader of Patriotism



Le Vice-président de la République déposant une gerbe de fleurs

On Thursday June 8, 2023, the Vice-President of the Republic, Ir Prosper Bazombanza, enhanced with his presence, in Gitega (center of the country), the ceremonies marking the commemoration of the third anniversary of the death of the supreme guide of patriotism, the late President Pierre Nkurunziza. This commemoration coincided with the national day dedicated to patriotism. The ceremonies marking this commemoration took place at the mausoleum of the late President Nkurunziza erected in the

Musinzira district. They were enhanced by the presence of the country's high authorities, the family of the late President Pierre Nkurunziza, senior officers of the defense and security forces, members of the diplomatic and consular corps accredited in Burundi and representatives of religious denominations. After the national anthem and the presentation of the biography of the late President Nkurunziza, the ceremonies continued with the laying of wreaths on the mausoleum, respectively by the Vice-President of the Republic, the family of the deceased, the first lady of Burundi, HE Angéline Ndayishimiye and the representative of the diplomatic and consular corps accredited to Burundi.

It should be noted that these ceremonies ended with the listening of one of the speeches delivered by the late President Nkurunziza. **(ABP)**

## Swearing in of judges of the Court of Auditors



Sixteen magistrates of the Court of Auditors, including the President of this Court, Mrs. Génomère Kiyago and 15 Councilors were sworn in before the President of the Republic of Burundi and the Parliament, Monday June 5, 2023 at the Kigobe Congress Center.

These magistrates of the Court of Auditors have sworn to properly and loyally fulfill the functions of magistrate, to exercise them in complete independence and impartiality, in compliance with the Constitution and other laws of the Republic of Burundi, to

scrupulously keep the secrecy of deliberations and votes, not to give any private consultation on matters within the jurisdiction of the Court, and to observe at all times the reserve, honor and dignity that these functions impose.

Were present at the hemicycle of Kigobe, the President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye, members of the offices of the two chambers of parliaments, the members of the

governments, the parliamentarians, the representatives of the defense and security corps, of civil society, religious denominations, national commissions and councils.

It should be noted that five members of the Independent National Commission for Human Rights of Burundi (CNIDH) were also sworn in before the President of the Republic of Burundi and the Parliament together with the magistrates of the Court of Auditors. **(www.rtnb.bi)**

## The Italian NGO Emergency welcomes the initiatives of the First Lady to promote the health of the population



**T**his Wednesday June 07, 2023, the First Lady of Burundi HE Angeline NDAYSIHIMIYE received in audience the Consul of Italy in Burundi, Mrs. Catarina Iametti. She was accompanied by a delegation of doctors specializing in pediatric surgery from the Italian NGO Emergency represented by Luca Rolla, the Regional Director in charge of the programs.

This audience, which is part of the collaboration between the "Fondation Bonne Action Umugiraneza" and Italy, was preceded by a decent of this delegation at the Polyclinic Umugiraneza located in Kibimba, on June 06, 2023.

As the First Lady indicated, these specialists had come to identify children who have congenital biological malformations, often misunderstood and neglected by Burundians, such as cleft lip and palate, testicular ectopia and inguinal hernia so that they receive appropriate surgical care.

She said that these diseases are treatable and curable when diagnosed in time and that the 15 children diagnosed with these malformations will soon be sent to Uganda, to the Children's Surgery Hospital in Entebbe, to be treated free of charge by these doctors.

"After these treatments, we recommend signing a partnership between the Umugiraneza Foundation and this NGO," she added. This partnership will consist, for example, in building the capacity of Burundian doctors in pediatric surgery so as not to always "depend on others." She pointed out that, in the future, said partnership could extend to the fields of pediatric cardiology and ophthalmology and many others.

HE Angeline NDAYSIHIMIYE, on this occasion, launched a special appeal to Burundian parents, especially those who have male children, to go to the Umugiraneza Polyclinic and the Prince Régent Charles Hospital, the two diagnostic centers, s "they notice abnormalities related to these malformations instead of hiding them at home as some do.

Consul Catarina Iametti appreciated the initiatives of the First Lady to "help and support vulnerable people", that is why Italy and Emergency did not hesitate to support her, through the "Fondation Bonne Action Umugiraneza", in view of "saving lives. »

The First Lady recalled that the multisectoral relations and cooperation between Burundi and Italy have always been appreciable and that she is delighted that they continue on good terms, taking this opportunity to thank this country for its initiatives towards the Burundian people. ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

## The Senate Speaker carries out a working mission to Kenya and Morocco



**I**n the afternoon of June 06, 2023, the President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, flew to Nairobi, in the Republic of Kenya, where he will participate in the "National prayer breakfast" scheduled for June 07 of this year, under the theme: "Reconciliation with God and men".

Right Honorable Sinzohagera will continue his work mission to Marrakech, (Kingdom of Morocco) to take part in the Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue, scheduled for June 13-15, on the theme:

"Collaborating for our common future."

This Conference is organized by the Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco in collaboration with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and will bring together Speakers of Parliaments, parliamentarians, religious leaders, representatives of civil society and other experts in order to initiate a dialogue and to share good practices around key issues impeding sustainable coexistence, and to jointly exploit action points to build more peaceful and inclusive societies.

It will also aim to develop a roadmap for future joint actions. ([www.senat.bi](http://www.senat.bi))

## The Ambassador of Burundi in Algeria presents his credentials to the President of the Algerian Republic H.E Abdelmadjid Tebboune



On Tuesday June 6, 2023, the Ambassador of Burundi to Algeria Her Excellency Elisabeth Mugirasoni presented her credentials to the President of the Algerian Republic His Excellency Abdelmadjid Tebboune, in his capacity as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Burundi.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to Algeria H.E Elisabeth Mugirasoni said that Burundi is determined to strengthen its relations with Algeria in order to work together for peace, security and economic development of the two countries. She affirmed before the President of the Algerian Republic His Excellency Abdelmadjid Tebboune that the opening of our Embassy in Algeria testifies to the will of the Burundian authorities to strengthen the

good relations between the Republic of Burundi and the Algerian Republic which date back a long time. . He wished to see the two countries work hand in hand for peace and security and their economic development. She said she will spare no effort to strengthen relations at the highest level.

It should be noted that the ceremony for the presentation of the credentials of the Ambassador of Burundi in Algeria H.E Elisabeth Mugirasoni took place in the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the National Community Abroad, H.E Ahmed Attaf, and the Director of Cabinet at the Presidency of the Republic Mr. Mohamed Ennadir Larbaoui.

It should also be noted that Burundi and Algeria have a long-standing bilateral cooperation and the two countries will continue to cooperate in the organization of capacity building programs for the benefit of Executives and Senior Executives in various fields such as Agriculture and Livestock, Education, Health, etc. It should also be noted that Algeria has a long history of welcoming students from the Republic of Burundi, especially in the field of IT. (MAECD)

## The Ministry in charge of national solidarity holds an important forum



The Ministry of National Solidarity of Social Affairs and Gender in collaboration with the consortium Care International, Actionaid-Reja with funding from the European Union (EU) organized from June 6 to 7, 2023 in Bujumbura, a national forum of its partners in development for effective coordination of interventions.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity Mr. Pontien Hatungimana indicated that the purpose of this forum is to strengthen the consultation framework between the Ministry and its development partners for better coordina-

tion.

As for the EU representative, Ms. Martina Borovac Pecarevic, she said that this event is part of the support program for Burundian civil society and the creation of constructive and complementary conditions for collaboration.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of national solidarity indicated that a technical monitoring committee has been set up composed of the various partners where each member of the group is called upon to alert in order to find together the strategies to be put in place to allow the coordination of the various interventions of our partners.

Mr. Pontien Hatungimana said that it is up to the Ministry to see how to locate the planning of their partner in their program. Partners were asked to align with these programs in their day-to-day planning. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Towards the involvement of young people in the development of the country



L'assistante du ministre en charge de la jeunesse, Liliane Gahungu

The Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture in collaboration with UNFPA and UNDP organized, in Makamba, from June 6 to 7, 2023, a meeting of youth organizations, the civil society, administrators and representatives of political parties in Makamba, Bururi, Rumonge and Rutana provinces. This activity was part of the development of the national

youth strategy on peace and security (2023-2027).

The Assistant of the Minister in charge of Youth, Mrs. Liliane Gahungu, indicated that this national strategy should put in place a mechanism allowing young people to become more involved in the development of the country. Mrs. Gahungu indicated that the government has set up funds and institutions to help young unemployed people to have credits in order to implement their development projects. To achieve this, the government must put in place a system of empowerment of young people by instructing banks to grant loans at low interest rates so that these young people create jobs.

Young people agreed to use social networks responsibly so that these platforms are spaces for strengthening peace and security. It is after the collection of suggestions from young people, across all regions of the country, in relation to the national youth strategy on peace and security that this strategy will be drafted for adoption, it was noted. (ABP)

## Small and medium-sized enterprises, job opportunity



Le directeur général de l'ADB (au milieu)

The Burundi Development Agency (ADB) in collaboration with Center for Development and Enterprises Great Lakes (CDE) organized on Wednesday June 7, 2023, in Gitega (center of the country), a regional workshop bringing together all the actors involved in the improvement of business opportunities in Gitega province.

The objective of this activity was to raise awareness of the positive impact of free enterprise by supporting small and medium-sized enterprises so that they can be job opportunities in Burundi.

The workshop brought together provincial and municipal administrative authorities, representatives of financial institutions, presidents of commercial courts, business leaders, presidents of cooperatives and support agencies for entrepreneurs.

The Director General of ADB, Mr. Didace Ngendakumana said that this workshop was organized with the aim of sensitizing the population and entrepreneurs on awareness in the creation of small businesses to maximize jobs.

Speaking, the Director General of the CDE, Mr. Aimable Manirakiza said that

small entrepreneurs are pillars of development that will undoubtedly contribute to the achievement of the vision "Burundi emerging country in 2040 and developed country in 2060".

It should be noted that the themes of the day were centered on the mission of the ADB, the law governing companies in Burundi, the obligations of the employer as well as the rights and duties of the employee. Particular emphasis was placed on the hiring and dismissal policy. (ABP)

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REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Secretariat-General of the State**MEDIA RELEASE N°07 CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 07 JUNE 2023**

A Cabinet meeting was held in Bujumbura on Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Major General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi.

After the presentation and adoption of the agenda, His Excellency the President of the Republic invited the Prime Minister to present the summary of the observations resulting from the preparatory meeting of the Council of Ministers which the Prime Minister chaired on Friday 02 June 2023, and which was devoted to the analysis of the same files on the agenda.

After restitution by the Prime Minister to the President of the Republic, the following issues were analyzed:

**1. Draft National Housing Policy**, presented by the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing.

The housing policy dates back a long time. From the colonial era until around 1979, the housing policy consisted of housing state officials free of charge, especially in Bujumbura. The houses were equipped and maintained by the state. Neighborhoods have been subdivided and housing of various standings has been built. This constituted a burden that the State could no longer bear at a certain moment.

From 1979 to 1990, the Government changed its strategy by adopting the formula of transfer of housing to their occupants, granting them a housing allowance equal to 60% of the salary, to enable them to reimburse the cost of acquiring the house.

From 1990, a new policy of assistance for the acquisition of housing by civil servants was put in place. This is how SIP and ECOSAT were created.

From 1990 to the end of 2022, a proliferation of new unserved neighborhoods has been observed. Thus the frantic race for the acquisition of individual plots has become a speculative trade as the building plots produced by the public services could no longer satisfy the demand.

We had to think of a new strategy.

The proposed new housing policy focuses on the following strategy:

- Make viable land available, favor high-rise constructions as far as possible and on less fertile sites to preserve agricultural areas;
- Favor the hire-purchase system in order to reduce the financial stress of buyers;
- Channel financing through a system sufficiently controlled by the Central Bank to avoid the phenomenon of real estate crisis;
- Clearly distinguish the roles of the different actors, namely: the State, the buyers, the financiers, the construction companies, the network managers, the support services for the management of housing once built;
- Accompany the new policy by setting up the required legal and regulatory framework.

At the end of the analysis, the policy was adopted with the following observations and recommendations:

- Put this policy into practice by launching the first construction sites for these social housing units as soon as possible;
- When implementing this policy, collaborate with REGIDESO so that newly built neighborhoods have sufficient water and electricity;
- Support this policy through the mobilization of investors and reimbursement guarantees via the central bank;
- Ensure that waste and sewage disposal are well managed;



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- Extend this policy in all the Provinces (according to the new redistricting) to encourage the population to go and live inside the country;
- Build social housing considering the demands and having ensured the repayment capacity of the beneficiaries;
- Bank deposits intended for investment should be used in this policy;
- Support the City of Bujumbura in waste collection;
- Ensure that the houses given for hire-purchase in certain districts of Ngagara, in particular District VI, have all been reimbursed;
- The Ministry in charge of community development should set up types of villages according to the socio-economic classes of the population.

**2. Information note concerning the social housing construction project on the KIZINGWE-BIHARA and SOCARTI sites, presented by the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing.**

This social housing construction project was initiated after having observed a frantic race for the acquisition of individual plots for a long time, via a trade that had become very speculative throughout the country, due to the fact that the land to be built granted by the public services could no longer meet demand. Even households with a relatively high standing are settling in unserviced outlying neighborhoods because of land speculation. The situation is more worrying in the outskirts of the City of Bujumbura and its surroundings, with a serious threat of the disappearance of agricultural areas in the Imbo plain.

The shrinking of agricultural spaces as well as a galloping demography appeal for change of strategy in terms of urban management. The recommended formula is the construction at height as far as possible and in sites less suitable for agriculture.

This Project consists of erecting, on the KIZINGWE-BIHARA Site, after servicing by integration, 5,000 apartments in social housing instead of housing only 600

purchasers of plots. The site has an area of 300ha, 53% going to the owners of the land, while the 47% remaining with the State.

On the SOCARTI Site, 1,600 social housing apartments will be built.

The cost of these accommodations will differ according to the categories of these apartments.

After analysis and debate, the project was adopted with the following comments:

- Given the location of the KIZINGWE-BIHARA site, consider the necessary measures to ensure that water from this site cannot cause flooding and carry away the houses built in the Nyabugete district;
- Given the mentality of Burundians accustomed to living in individual dwellings, it will be necessary to sensitize the occupants of the apartments on cleanliness and take the necessary support measures.

**3. Draft school agreement between the State of Burundi and the United Methodist Church in Burundi in the field of education and training**, presented by the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research.

Following the many reforms that have taken place in the Burundian education system and enshrined in certain legislative texts as well as the regulatory texts for their application, it has been noted the need to update the partnership agreements in the management of educational institutions and training with religious denominations in accordance with these reforms and the recommendations of the General Symposium of Education.

The process of updating these conventions resulted in the establishment of a standard Church-State convention in Burundi, together with the related application procedures with a view to revitalizing it.

This draft update of the School Agreement between the State of Burundi and the United Methodist Church in Burundi, signed on 04/15/2002, has been prepared, analyzed and accepted by both parties.

It refers to this standard Convention.

This draft convention reaffirms that the United Methodist Church has the right to organize the course of religion / Morals while respecting the right of worship in the establishments entrusted to it. It is also indicated that the establishments under agreement are an integral part of public education and are administered and managed in accordance with the legal and regulatory provisions of public education subject to the provisions of this agreement. The project also indicates the part of the contribution of the United Methodist Church to the efforts of the State in the development of education in terms of material and financial means.

Following the analysis of this file, the project was adopted with, among other recommendations:

- Put a provision that specifies that the school automatically returns to the hands of the State if, after a certain time, the Church fails to fulfill its obligations vis-à-vis this school;
- Introduce a provision indicating that the land granted by the State on which the schools under agreement are erected remains the property of the State;
- Review all the agreements signed in order to ensure that the land granted by the State has been or is being exploited in accordance with the purpose for which it was given;
- Envisage the withdrawal of land granted by the State and which is not exploited, to entrust it to cooperatives;
- Avoid giving title deeds for land granted for exploitation for a social purpose.

**4. Draft decree on the classification and rating of jobs in the Burundian public administration + Note on the proposals for the implementation of the fair wage policy in institutions with special statutes,** presented by the Minister of Public Service, Labor and employment

The National Program for the Reform of the Administration adopted by the Government in 2012 provided, among the actions intended to improve the

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management of the public service, the realization of a classification and a rating of the jobs of the Public Administration. These pursue a dual objective, namely:

- Allow a detailed description of said jobs, determine the qualifications they require and the constraints they impose, in order to seek the best possible match of job holders to the missions assigned to them;
- Establish a comparability of all jobs in the Public Administration, in order to ensure fairness in the remuneration of civil servants, executives and agents of the public sector.

This draft decree proposes:

- A definition of job classification;
- A definition of the rules applicable to this classification and this listing;
- Procedures for carrying them out;
- A definition of the effects and consequences of both classification and rating

As for the Note on the implementation of the fair wage policy in institutions with special status, it notes:

- The anarchy in the setting of staff remuneration and the terms of annual advancement;
- The disparities related to the annual rate of advancement;
- The disparities related to the mode of advancement;
- Disparities related to allowances and bonuses.

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with, among other recommendations:

- Rephrase the title by emphasizing that it concerns public service jobs;
- Avoid repeating in the body of the project the texts already found in the visas;
- Specialized institutions with special status, public establishments and personalized administrations are called upon to implement the salary policy by adopting the new formula "index share and employment share" and submit the file to the competent authority;

- Ensure that the job classification has been done well because it is this that can once again create wage disparities if we are not careful;
- Review the law on the Code of private companies with public participation to bring harmony to companies with public participation and facilitate the implementation of wage policy in these companies. But, a company that wants to adopt the new formula can do so while waiting for this law.

**5. Draft decree revising Decree No. 100/171 of September 30, 2009 fixing the levels of recruitment and the salary scales of civil servants**, presented by the Minister of the Public Service, Labor and Employment.

The General Staff Regulations introduce changes in the management of recruitment and careers of civil servants. However, it was decided not to modify the organization of the index grid and the level of the recruitment levels which are fixed by decree n° 100/171 of September 30, 2009.

However, this decree, even if it organizes the index grid of civil servants, also includes other provisions, which are not compatible with those of the new Statute. This proposed project revises the current decree by:

- Retaining the index grid and the levels of recruitment, but removing the distinction between teachers and non-teachers.
- Removing special provisions applicable to teachers.

After analysis of this draft decree, it was adopted with the following observations and recommendations:

- Use the current nomenclature with regard to the diplomas issued while indicating the equivalences with the old diplomas;
- Check whether this draft decree concerns all categories of civil servants in the public administration;

- Carry out a study on the ratio "Teacher/Students" and "Class/Students" to better see the number of teachers to be recruited.

**6. Note on the issue of sugar production and marketing at SOSUMO**, presented by the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock

SOSUMO produces a quantity of sugar each year that fluctuates around twenty thousand tons (20,000). This quantity remains insufficient in relation to local demand because annual sugar needs are estimated at thirty-six thousand tonnes (36,000) and are constantly increasing. In order to meet the local demand for sugar, SOSUMO resorts to imports to supplement its production.

The current sugar price structure dates from March 2017 and no longer allows SOSUMO to cover all expenses given the current economic situation.

Given that the company's main source of revenue comes from the sale of sugar, any upward variation in prices in the acquisition of agricultural inputs, equipment and products involved in the sugar production process has a negative impact on the business life.

Given the current exchange rate, SOSUMO sells sugar at a loss, especially imported sugar, which has a very negative effect on its activities and risks driving the Company to bankruptcy if accompanying measures are not taken in time.

To deal with this delicate situation, two proposals for mitigation measures are made:

- 1° Increase the selling price of a kilo of sugar;
- 2° Defer the collection of taxes paid by SOSUMO.

At the end of the analysis of the Note, the Council of Ministers noted that indeed, the price structure deserves to be reviewed, but recommended the following:

- Redo the calculations by showing the share of locally produced sugar and the shock produced by imported sugar to set a reasonable price structure;

- Show the production cost of a kilo of locally produced sugar;
- Develop a study on the shock produced by the adjustment of the exchange rate to be presented to the partners.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

- His Excellency the President of the Republic informed the Council that the farming season was very good. He indicated the measures taken for a good management of the harvest. He asked the Ministers in charge of Trade, Agriculture and the Interior to come together to determine the cost of producing beans in order to set a more profitable producer price.

In this same context, ANAGESSA was asked to constitute a strategic stock of beans.

- His Excellency the President of the Republic has also asked the Minister in charge of Agriculture to review the price of tea by setting a more profitable producer price, like what has been done for coffee.

- He did not fail to remind members of the Government to sensitize the population to irrigate crops during this dry season to fight against hunger, and above all that each household has at least a small plot of land to maintain during this period.

- His Excellency the President of the Republic informed the Council of Ministers that the situation in the country is very good from all points of view, but that it is the legal issues that preoccupy the population. He indicated that strategies are being implemented to provide solutions.

- To close the session, His Excellency the President of the Republic congratulated the Members of the Government because, if Burundi has become a country that can be visited and appreciated today, and that Burundi's partners are reassured by the ways that Burundi has taken, it is thanks to the work of the members of the Government.

**Done at Bujumbura, 08 June 2023**

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**Prosper NTAHORWAMIYE**

**Secretary-General and Spokesman.-**



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