



**President Ndayishimiye inaugurates the Kigutu reference Hospital**



The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye proceeded on Tuesday June 20, 2023 to the inauguration of the Kigutu reference Hospital and the Pavilion dedicated to Women's Health in Vyanda Commune in Bururi Province, erected with funding from the NGO "Village Health Works" founded by Mr Déo Niyizonkiza, the member of the diaspora and the native of Bururi Province. This Hospital with the international standards, to which a school of excellence "Kigutu Hospital Academy" is attached, greatly meets the expectations of local communities who had

no other medical structure, as indicated by Mrs. Feda Hakizimana, one of the hill managers. "This project has allowed the reunification of the population of Bururi and its surroundings who have spent years killing each other", testified Mr Déo Niyizonkiza, paying tribute to the President of the Republic and his Government which allowed him to realize his dream initiated in 2005 after the civil war in Burundi during which that locality of Kigutu was significantly affected. "Development is not possible when the people are not in good health" underlined the Number One Burundi

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in his speech for the occasion where he warmly welcomed this initiative which contributes to the realization of the vision of emerging Burundi in 2040 in the health sector.

He continued by revealing that Burundi aspires to have at least six reference Hospitals in the country and one Hospital per municipality in 2040, thus calling for joint

efforts to win this bet.

The President of the Republic also thanked the members of the NGO "Village Health Works", also expressing his gratitude to the Ambassadors who continue to support Burundi through the various socio-economic development projects. **(Presidency)**

## The Organization of African First Ladies celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary



**O**n Monday June 19, 2023, First Lady HE Angeline Ndayishimiye returned to the country after a visit she made to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on the sidelines of activities marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Organization of African First Ladies for Development.

These activities, which took place in the courtyard of the Parliament building in Kinshasa on June 17, 2023, saw the participation of a dozen First Ladies, the President of the DRC Felix Tshisekedi, the UN envoy for issues of conflict-related sexual violence Pramila Patten, and various other distinguished guests.

This meeting had a double objective: firstly to evaluate the step taken by this institution in the service of the most vulnerable in its 20 years of existence and secondly to draw up prospects for the two decades to come, as explained by HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE to the press upon landing at Melchior NDADAYE International Airport.

Congolese President Felix Tshisekedi, in his speech, congratulated the First Ladies for their significant contributions in the various fields in which they intervene, such as "reducing the neonatal infant and maternal mortality rate, improving the sexual reproductive health of adolescents, gender equality and women's empowerment.»

In her welcoming speech, the First Congolese and cur-

rent vice-president of OPDAD (Organization of African First Ladies for Development), HE Denise, said that this office is "a beautiful work which is now in the trajectory of change and emergence".

HE Monica Geingos, the First Lady of Namibia and current President of OPDAD, welcomed the progress made over the past two decades. "When we invest in health and education, we unlock the full potential of our continent," she said at the official launch of the "WeAreEqual" campaign, a campaign that will focus on gender equality, women's rights, education and health, among others, for the next 20 years.

In her speech, HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, for her part, remarked that the OPDAD has a commendable track record for the past twenty years but that it "must carry out concrete actions to firstly make it effective but also to ensure that our population is sufficiently changed and impacted in terms of human development" to achieve the goals for the future. She added that she will continue to serve her country with much more effort.

Like every First Lady, she was also able to present the results of her various achievements as First Lady; an assessment mainly affecting the areas of intervention of the latter, such as health, education, charity, empowerment of young people and women, among others.

It should be noted that these activities ended with a Gala dinner and fundraising to finance the subsequent projects of the organization with a positive result of a sum of 1.3 million US dollars, as reported by HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE.

The First Lady took the opportunity to once again thank her Congolese counterpart, HE Denise Nyakeru, and her country for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to her and all the delegations. **(Presidency)**

## A crusade to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in power



The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye opened in Maramvya in Mutimbuzi commune of Bujumbura province, a four-day crusade to celebrate his 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary at the head of Burundi.

The central theme of the crusade is found in Ecclesiastes 4:12: And if any man is stronger than one, both can withstand him, and the three-stranded cord is not easily broken.

The preacher of the day, Reverend Pastor Denise Nkurunziza first thanked God for having protected the country during these three years.

"Only one individual is incapable. The President of the Republic needs our physical and spiritual support if we want to achieve our goals. If he succeeds we succeed, if he fails we fail," said Mrs. Nkurunziza, calling on the people of Burundi to unite.

"Burundi's commitment to reserve the First Place for Almighty God demands of us his respect and thus his blessings will be abundant in the country.

Despite certain lamentations, God has always

shown his benefits and will continue if we respect his word", said the President of the Republic at the opening of the crusade.

Burundi celebrates this third anniversary after having recovered its international reputation materialized by its several missions within the framework of the EAC where the Burundian Head of State is President-in-Office, at the UN as the Vice-President of the General Assembly, to COMESA as Vice-President, to the African Union, as President of the "youth, peace and security" programme, and President of the framework agreement for peace, security and

cooperation in the DRC, and more other positions held by its citizens.

Through several biblical illustrations, the Head of State calls on Burundians to behave as children of God, and to stop all kinds of lamentations because He has always manifested himself at our side.

HE Evariste Ndayishimiye took this opportunity to thank God for having inspired him in the choice of his close collaborators and rightly appreciated their work for a better Burundi.

Burundi has experienced the repetitive crises but God has a better future in store for it, provided that we redouble our efforts in all areas. "It is for this reason that we discourage hoarding because we have an obligation to make its property grow for the common well-being", hammered President Evariste Ndayishimiye.

He concluded his speech by calling on all Burundians to effectively enthrone the Almighty God, because our God is a jealous God who punishes at the appropriate time. **(Presidency)**

## Burundian youth called to prepare their future through hard work



the second day of the national prayer of thanksgiving which is organized as part of the celebration of

**D**uring a lively moralization session for the young people on

the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his accession to power, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye challenged the young people to prepare their future through hard work.

Inspired by biblical verses (1 Samuel 2:22-26; Matthew 25: 14-30) the President of the Republic centered his message on the theme of obedience by telling the young people that God punishes perversion, fornication and any other sin.

"If you want to become leaders, accept suffering and consider each trial as an opportunity," said the Head of

State, inviting them to get rid of laziness and to take advantage of the different talents that God has given them. "The youth must know that today the ethnic divisions introduced since colonization no longer have a place in our country. Thus, without any distinction, let's build Burundi together" suggested the Number One Burundian who urged the young generation to fight ethnic discrimination, promote love for others and respect for public goods: "Burundi belongs to all of us, we must therefore share its wealth," he said.

In his message delivered in the afternoon, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye returned to the results of the achievements of this third year in power giving thanks to God, among others, for the unification of the Burundian people who has become a reality. As for the preacher of the day, the Rev. Jean Bosco Nzisabira insisted on strengthening unity. He invited Burundians to have the same vision, to value the talents of others and to contribute to the pursuit of a common goal. **(Presidency)**

### The general State budget, financial year 2023-2024 already fixed



**T**he Burundian Senate met on Monday June 19, 2023 in Gitega, in plenary session under the aegis of the President of the Senate Emmanuel Sinzohagera to analyze and adopt the bill fixing the general budget of the State, financial year 2023-2024. The Minister having finances in his attributions was the representative of the Government to give clarifications

on the project to the Senators.

In his explanatory memorandum, the Minister of Finance told senators that the total expenditure of the State goes from 2392.3 billion BIF in 2022-2023 to 3952.9 billion BIF for the draft state budget. for the 2023-2024 financial year, an increase of 65.23%.

As Minister Audace Niyonzima pointed out, the 2023-2024 draft budget was inspired by the draft document "Vision Burundi Emerging Country in 2040 and Developed in 2060". This Vision identifies five closely linked pillars, namely: State commitment, economic efficiency, social equity, tolerable ecology and fruitful partnership. Thus, the development planning tools including the PND/PAP, the sectoral strategies are being revised to align with this new Vision, said the Minister of Finance before the Burundian Senate.

After several questions from the Senators and the answers given by the Minister in charge of finance in his attributions, the Senators unanimously adopted the bill fixing the general budget of the State for the financial year 2023-2024. **(rtnb)**

### The Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs answers the questions from Senators



from the Senators. That session was led by the Presi-

**T**he Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, HE Ambassador Albert Shingiro was, on Tuesday June 20, 2023, the guest in the upper house of parliament in Gitega, to answer the questions

dent of the Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera.

The questions asked by most Senators related to the migration of Burundians to foreign countries, among other Arab countries in search of employment, taking into account that recently Burundi has approved the recruitment agencies to facilitate this movement. The Senators wanted to know if those who will be sent by these agencies will be protected or not and if the country will not lose the workforce.

Minister Albert Shingiro reassured the Senators that

these employees will be spared the problems that others have encountered in the past, taking into account the agreements that Burundi has signed with countries in need of employees and companies responsible for hosting them. He further explained that there has been the establishment of a joint commission to closely monitor their treatment in these countries, which, according to him, guarantees them the protection of their right as a man. He clarified that until July 24, 2023, the worker recruitment agencies are licensed according to the law, 17 agencies have already started working and 500 employees are already deployed. The senators, among other things, wanted to know the positive impact of this migration on the country. As a response, the Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation indicated that the country will benefit from so many things such as currencies, the reduction in the unemployment rate among young people and reassured that there will be no shortage of workers taking into account the rate of young graduates seeking employment.

The Minister also pointed out to the Senators that before their departure, these employees receive training on various topics including entrepreneurship, so that upon their return, they can carry out projects from the capital drawn in these countries to self-sufficient development. Another positive impact of this migration that these agencies pay the taxes. Burundi has already received an amount of 3.5 billion Burundian francs from these agencies.

The Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, said that labor is also a product to be exported to benefit from foreign exchange, in addition to coffee and tea, and asked that there have in each embassy of the countries which welcome these workers, a diplomat who takes care of these workers from day to day. The President of the Senate asked the Ministry in charge of Development Cooperation to sign agreements with neighboring countries, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Uganda, to have arable land, in order to improve the food production in Burundi. ([abpinfos.com](http://abpinfos.com))

### Holding of the 5<sup>th</sup> session Political dialogue between the Government of Burundi and the European Union



**O**n Friday June 22, 2023, the Government of Burundi represented by HE Mr. Ambassador SHINGIRO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and the European Union in Burundi represented by Mrs. Martina BOROVAR PEKAREVIC, the Head of Delegation of the European Union Deputy, Chargé d'Affaires and the Ambassadors of the Member States of the European Union resident in Burundi, namely Germany, Belgium, France and the Netherlands, resumed their exchanges, the 5<sup>th</sup> session of political dialogue, such as provided for in Article 8 of the Cotonou Agreement binding on the one hand, the countries of Africa, the Caribbean and the

Pacific and on the other hand, the European Union and its Member States.

In his brief speech before the exchanges, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO, did not fail to express his satisfaction with the holding of these political dialogues. He indicated that this 5<sup>th</sup> session of political dialogue is being held at a time when the partnership between the Government of Burundi and the European Union has strengthened with the lifting in February 2022 of the economic sanctions taken against Burundi. He said that this dialogue would also make it possible to assess the state of cooperation between the European Union and Burundi.

According to the press release made public after the exchanges, it was indicated that during this fifth edition, the two parties exchanged on subjects of common interest, in particular: the modalities of EU-Burundi cooperation, the economic situation and business climate, the rule of law and human rights and cooperation on the regional and international scene.

According to this press release, with regard to issues of



peace and security, the two parties reiterated their commitment to the principles and values of the United Nations Charter and to international law.

Both parties welcomed the constructive atmosphere that prevailed during their exchanges. The continuation of the political dialogue is inspired by a shared desire for commitment for the benefit of the peoples of Burundi and Europe. **(Redaction-MAECD)**

### More than 40 tons of hybrid maize seeds available for 900 ha of developed marshes



The provincial environment, agriculture and livestock office in Cankuzo has more than 40 tons of hybrid maize seeds for 900 ha of developed marshes, indicated the Director of this office, Mr. Melchiade Ntahondereye, during a meeting of members of the Agriculture and Rural Development Sector Group, GSADR, for the evaluation of cropping season B and the preparation of cropping season C, held on Wednesday June 21, 2023 in Kigamba commune. As indicated by the Director of the office of the environment, agriculture and breeding in this province Cankuzo the population has not yet understood that the marshes require the use of manure to be productive.

According to him, the low harvest is observed especially on bean and maize crops due to soil degradation. To improve this production, Mr. Melchiade Ntahondereye

indicated that more than 40 tons of hybrid maize seeds are available in the stocks, which are intended to be sown alone on nearly 900 ha of the developed marshes during the growing season C of this agricultural year 2022-2023.

These seeds subsidized by the Government and even organo-mineral fertilizers will then be distributed to the farmers of these marshes but in groups to facilitate monitoring. These beneficiaries are called upon to have only organic manure to mix with this fertilizer mentioned above.

As for the chief of staff of the Governor of the Cankuzo Province Mr. Pierre Claver Nakumuryango, he asked the development partners to train the population on rabbit breeding techniques given that the use of its manure contributes a lot in the improvement of agricultural production.

Also, in the context of the fight against poverty, the chief of staff called on the participants to combine all possible efforts in sensitizing the population for the promotion of fields with hill irrigation of at least 10 by 20 m which is d' elsewhere become an obligation.

It should be noted that the production of the cropping season B was insufficient following the overabundance of rains during the months of March and April. ([www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

### Mpimba: two charities provide aid to the prisoners



Two organizations Ywam and the Good News for prisoners have granted aid to prisoners in the central prison of Mpimba. The Representative of Ywam Burundi, Reverend Pastor Nzunguri Guramari JAGEN said that it is an international missionary organization with the young people driven by the passion to know God and to make him known to others, that is why

they came to manifest the love because, Jesus said: "I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me", he said.

For the Representative of Good News for prisoners Mr. Ntakamurenga Théophile, he specified that this international organization on mission 10 years ago is there to announce and proclaim the good news to the vulnerable, particularly the prisoners from where he made it known that he visits several prisons with help to show charitable love.

On the side of the prisoners, they warmly thanked these

benefactors and asked that they be judged according to the law and that those who have served their sentence can be released.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of national solidarity, Mr. Pontien Hatungimana calls on all prisoners not to sell this aid received, but rather to

use it themselves.

These two organizations have granted aid of five tons of fortified rice, clothing, and shoes for ladies and children worth approximately 125 million Francs Bu. (rtnb)

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