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The Head of State calls on the Hospital Directors to ensure a good financial management of their establishments



n Thursday August 03, 2023, in the province of Ngozi, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated the Renato Monolo Regional Hospital of Kiremba commune in Ngozi province, a Mother -Child building built as a part of the implementation of the national program of free care for the women giving birth and the children under five (5) years old.

Before the cutting of the symbolic ribbon, a sign of the inauguration of the three (3) level infrastructure, built on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Hospital of Kiremba commune and at the own expense of that establishment, with a capacity of 200 hospital beds for hospitalization, the Head of State commended the enlightened leadership of the Priest in charge of that Hospital and called on the Directors of other hospitals to ensure a good financial and transparent management of their establishments.

The President of the Republic thanked

the Catholic Church, which always support the Government in promoting the worthy health of the population through the multiplication of the health infrastructures. He encouraged the Priest Director of the Hospital of kiremba commune after being informed that among the 200 employees who work there, only 8 are paid by the State and others by the hospital fees.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye also thanked the model hospitals in the good management and organization among which the Renato Monolo Regional Hospital of Kiremba and the military Hospital of Kamenge. He asks the Minister in charge of public health to draw up a schedule of visits to different hospitals to check the state of use of their revenues.

Burundian Number One also urged the Burundian citizens to work hard, to pay the taxes and the duties, sources of the sustainable development for all and above all to take the ownership of the Vision "Burundi emerging country in 2040 and developed country in 2060. He hurried at certain leaders with the misguided minds and reminded them to respect order, the population and the institutions for the development of their country. (**Presidency**)

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diaspora



losing his official visit to Shanghai in the Popular Republic of China, the Burundian Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, answered the various questions on the China Media Group station on August 1, 2023.

President Evariste Ndayishimiye said that that was the fourth time he has visited China and that the development works have inspired him a lot. "Today I am visiting China as a decision-maker, our 2040 vision will serve us a lot for profound changes in the development of Burundi." he said.

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye was especially impressed by the world power like China with a hardworking and welcoming the people like the Burundians. "The behavior of the Chinese and the Burundians are very similar," said H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye.

"President Xi Jinping is a far-sighted and pragmatic leader" hammered the Burundian Head of State, citing the excellent and the historic relations of sincere and faithful friendships between Burundi and China.

"China has always accompanied Burundi, and has agreed to stay with Burundi in peace and in hardships," remarked H.E Ndayishimiye "I would like to remind you here that it is in hard times that you recognize a true friend. He quoted the kirundi proverb reminding that China, under the leadership of far-sighted leaders, has always shown its attachment to the development of the Burundian people, in particular through the execution of the various socio-economic projects.

As for the secret of the sustainability of relations, the Number One said that it is development putting forward the interest and the happiness of the people, which translates into a culture of solidarity, sincere friendship

as well as a shared vision of a win-win cooperation and respect for the universal values of the United Nations Charter.

The Burundian President clarified that the development priorities and projects are similar to the priorities and projects announced by China (peace, security, health, education, agriculture, and infrastructure) without forgetting the cultural ties between the two respective peoples.

At the end of 2022, the President announced the Vision "Burundi emerging country in 2040 and developed country in 2060". To achieve these objectives, Burundi will revive its economy, said the President, citing the key points, the as-

sets and the challenges, in particular a large and dynamic youth, sources of energy not yet exploited (rivers, sun, wind, etc.). ...), agricultural production not yet transformed, abundant mineral resources not yet exploited, a very rich and undeveloped cultural, historical and natural heritage, abundant natural resources, a country conducive to investment, a hardworking people, but also a strategic geographical location.

The mechanism for implementing the vision will be based on the "Impulse plan for the emergence of Burundi 2024-2030" focused on priority programs with a triple character: "Strategic-Catalytic-Structuring" added President Ndavishimiye.

The Father of the Burundian Nation indicated that the key points for reviving the economy of Burundi are: Increasing and varying energy, developing transport and logistics infrastructure, strengthening the institutional and governance capacities of the mining sector, increasing production of goods and services and income, reduction and elimination of inequalities of all kinds, significant improvement in the level of well-being of the Burundian population, development of urbanization and access to decent housing.

After the bilateral meeting with the Chinese President, the Burundian President reminded that Burundi is a country that feeds itself and has enormous agricultural potential. "We are very grateful to China for the agricultural pilot project, which is likely to contribute to the implementation of my vision: every mouth has food and every pocket has money," he said. Burundian Number One said that that vision was inspired by the community work in China as well as the books of Mao Tsetung that he had read, and the trips he had made. (**Presidency**)

President Ndayishimiye returns from a mission to Russia and China



he Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, returned on Wednesday after a mission to Russia and China which was about the strengthening of bilateral cooperation between Burundi and those countries.

In an interview granted to the press upon his arrival at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport, the President of the Republic indeed indicated that his participation in the Russia-Africa Summit alongside other African Heads of State was for the reinforcement of the economic, political and socio-cultural relations in the face of global challenges related to the climate change, peace and security.

In addition, his mission to the Federal Republic of Russia enabled him to discuss bilateral cooperation with his Russian counterpart.

"We have agreed that we will soon move on signing the cooperation agreements in the field of security and the nuclear energy which will be used in medicine and in agriculture," hinted the Burundian President who also mentioned that it was an occasion of the official delivery by Russia of a mobile laboratory in Burundi which will contribute to the fight against

epidemiological diseases.

Talking about his visit to the Popular Republic of China, the Burundian Number One is delighted that thanks to talks with the Chinese authorities, Burundi and China intend to strengthen the cooperation relations in the road sector, agriculture, education, peace and security. "They promised to continue supporting Burundi; the modernization and the extension of the airport as well as the rehabilitation of the road passing through Kinama and Tenga towards the province of Gitega are among the priorities that we have set ourselves" a- he continued adding that during his stay in this country he attended the world university games in Chengdu in which four (4) Burundians took part.

"Not all countries were lucky enough to be represented in these games. I was then invited to support my Chinese counterpart," said President Ndayishimiye, also referring to visits to the city of Shanghai which allowed him and his delegation to learn about very advanced modern agricultural techniques.

Burundian Number One also spoke on economic and judicial issues at a time when he denounced the instrumentalization exercised by the commissioners and administrators who, by means of fraudulent sublettings, make small traders pay twice. He gave the Ministry of the Interior three days to restore order and crack down on those who hinder the smooth running of commercial activities.

It should be noted that is while in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Burundian Head of State and President of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union for the month of August 2023, opened a workshop on the integration of the young people living with disabilities in the Youth, Peace and Security Program which he winners. (**Presidency**)

Solemn opening ceremonies of the ordinary parliamentary session of August 2023



purpose". These are the remarks made by the President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe, during the opening

Given that we are in the middle of the dry season, the National Assembly asks the population to continue to irrigate the fields and cultivate in the marshes. Also, it must keep in mind not to consume or sell all the production to the market but to keep a part of it in the sheds intended for that ceremonies of the ordinary parliamentary session held on Tuesday August 1, 2023 at Kigobe Congress Center.

The Speaker of the Subordinate House of Parliament also indicated that six bills will be analyzed and adopted during the session. Among these bills are the bill amending Organic Law No. 1/21 of August 03, 2019 governing the Supreme Court and the bill ratifying by the Republic of Burundi of the military and technical cooperation agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

The Right Honorable Gelase Daniel Ndabirabe affirmed that the National Assembly supports the policy recently initiated by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, to clean up the justice sector in order to guarantee the rule of law. For this, the Subordinate House of Parliament challenges the judicial staff on their duty in order to guarantee a fair justice and to work for the interest of the country.

The National Assembly also addressed its congratula-

tions to the Burundians who devote themselves to their country, in particular the First Lady Angeline Ndayishimiye who has just brought honor to the country by winning the United Nations Population Award. The National Assembly encourages all patriots who, through their actions, work to restore the image of our country. The National Assembly recommends that the students in vacation combat idleness and avoid indulging in delinquency. It calls on them to set up the small development projects in financially supporting their parents who, in turn, must pull themselves together and establish a dialoaue for the education of their children. (www.assemblee.bi)

Official launch of the evaluation of the ethnic quota system in accordance with article 289 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi



be pared accordingly for giving its proposals. He

n Monday July 31, 2023, the Senate officially launched the evaluation of the ethnic guota system in the executive, legislative and judicial branches in accordance with article 289 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi. The ceremonies took place in Gitega, the political capital of Burundi.

The Very Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, President of the Senate, reminded in his speech that article 289 of the Constitution adopted by the Burundians in 2018, stipulates that "a period of five years is granted to the Senate to evaluate in order to end or extend the system of ethnic quotas in the Executive, the Legislative and the Judiciary after the establishment of the Institutions resulting from the Constitution".

He reassured that that assessment is not aimed at restoring ethnic divisions. The President of the Senate reminded that among the missions of the Senate include in particular the fact of ensuring the reconciliation and social cohesion of the Burundian people.

The Right Honorable Sinzohagera informed the participants that the Senate will soon carry out the visits to all the provinces of the country, in order to collect the proposals of the population through the meetings, for the report to the Head of State. He called on the leaders to transmit this message to the population they represent, asked them to check whether all categories of the population are represented during these meetings.

The Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament has appealed to journalists to publish reliable information that does not scare Burundians and does not create ethnic divisions.

Some participants in that activity expressed their wishes, some for supporting the abolition of the system of ethnic quotas, others proposing its extension.

The speaker of the day, Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, former Head of State, presented the tragic facts which marked the past of Burundi, and which are at the origin of the establishment of the system of ethnic guotas in the Constitution, as a remedies. He explained that the notion of ethnic quotas was provided for in the Arusha peace and reconciliation agreements in 2000. For him, it was a transitional measure to calm the ethnic tensions that were observed in the country.

He advised the Burundians to transcend their sectarian interests in order to build a united nation. He demonstrated that the sustainable solution for that problem is to seek for achieving the sustainable development. (www.senat.bi)

The Ambassador of the European Union to Burundi bids farewell



Burndian Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca received in audience on Wednesday August 02, 2023, Ambassador Claude Bochu, the Head of the European Union (EU) Delegation in Burundi, who came to bid farewell at the end of his four (4) years term as European Union Ambassador to Burundi. Prime Minister Gervais Ndirakobuca thanked Ambassador Claude Bochu for his efforts to improve the diplomatic relations and cooperation between Burundi and the European Union because, since, upon the arrival, relations were not as they are today.

The two personalities also discussed about the major projects funded by the EU, in particular the reception and reintegration of returnees, because this component has received an additional envelope from the EU.

Other development projects supported by the EU include the modernization and extension of the port of Bujumbura, the Jiji-Murembwe electricity connection to the political capital, the solar energy project worth one million 'Euro, the protection of the environment and the biodiversity in the Cibitoke and Bubanza provinces at the Rusizi Park and the overlooking locality.

They also talked about a new project of the European Union aimed at the modernization of certain justice services and finally the Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca wished Claude Bochu every success in other functions that he will be entrusted.(rtnb)

Commemoration of the 8th anniversary of the assassination of Lieutenant General Adolphe Nshimirimana



The CNDD-FDD party organized, on Wednesday August 2, 2023, in Bujumbura, the ceremonies marking the 8th anniversary of the assassination of Lieutenant General Adolphe Nshimirimana, under the theme: "The CNDD-FDD party will always remember the bravery, and patriotism that characterized Lieutenant General Adolphe Nshimirimana

The ceremonies began with the laying of the wreaths at on the junction of National Road No. 1 (RN1) and Boulevard Mwezi Gisabo where he was assassinated and at his grave located in the Kamenge area, on the RN1. The wreaths were laid by the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo and his Deputy, the members of his biological family, his companions in the fight for democracy. The ceremonies continued with a requiem mass celebrated at the Guido Maria

Conforti parish in Ntahangwa commune.

In the same context, a public conference was held at Nyabagere Conference Center (located at the Gare du Nord), on the menu of which appeared testimonies on the bravery of the illustrious deceased.

On that occasion, a moralization session was laid by the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD party. He indicated that this commemoration is organized to remember the bravery of Adolphe Nshimirimana.

He called on the Burundians to immerse themselves in the reading of the history of the country marked by different heroes, who gave themselves body and soul to make Burundi what it is today. He quoted the King Ntare Rushatsi who did everything to enlarge the territory of Burundi, Mwezi Gisabo, and Bihome, who waged a war against the colonizers for the dignity of the country, without forgetting Prince Louis Rwagasore hero of the independence of the Burundi. He further called on the Burundians to safeguard the culture, customs and mores of their ancestors. He urged members of his party to educate their children by instilling in them patriotic love in order to bequeath worthy daughters and sons to Burundi.

He took this opportunity to advise members of his par-

ty to be inspired by the model of the late Lieutenant General Adolphe Nshimirimana, who was characterized by love of his country, ready to sacrifice himself for the country.

In his testimony, General Miburo Emmanuel, one of the companions of the deceased, evoked the memory of a

unifying, patriotic man, characterized by the love of his neighbor.

Mr. Jacques Bigirimana, president of the FNL party, also testified that Nshimirimana put forward social cohesion and love of his country. (https://abpinfo.bi)

Presentation of the report on achievements in the Ministry in charge of the public service



he Ministry in charge of the public service presented on Wednesday August 02, 2023 the report of

the major achievements from june 2022 to june 30, 2023. The Minister in charge of the public service Mr. Déo Rusengwamihigo indicated that among the major achievements, the civil servants having perceived unduly the wages were identified and flushed out and counts were made.

He added that the report was sent to the special brigade at the Anti-Corruption Court for the recovery of an amount of 337,292,355 Fbu unduly collected. An amount of 50,057,609 Fbu unduly collected has already been recovered and forwarded to the public treasury. He pointed out that there were apprehensions of 430 civil servants whose salaries converged on identical accounts.

The authenticity of 2026 diplomas was carried out and 9 fraudulent diplomas were flushed out, the reports were transmitted to the special anti-corruption brigade for legal action.

The Minister in charge of the public service indicated that there has been a popularization of the two major innovations of the fair wage policy, namely: the performance management policy in the public sector and its implementation tools, the classification of civil service jobs with 240 senior managers and executives. (rtnb)

Official launch of the emergency agricultural production project



he Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock launched onThursday August 03, 2023, in Kayanza in the Nyaw-

isesera marshes straddling the Gatara and Matongo communes, the activities of the Emergency Agricultural Production Project in Burundi ((AEFPF) with the support of the African Development Bank (ADB). It is a project initiated as part of the resilience of African countries to the consequences of the Russo-Ukrainian crisis and COVID-19.

In his welcome address, the Governor of the Kayanza province Colonel Rémy Cishahayo indicated that the population of this province quickly understood the vision of the Head of State that every mouth has something to eat and every pocket has money. And to add that the population is therefore at work for the cropping season C by grouping the fields to form crop blocks and by practicing irrigation.

This AEFPF-Burundi project, which has been

launched, will cover 17 out of 18 provinces in Burundi. The direct beneficiaries of the project are estimated at more than forty-eight thousand households, or about 255,000 people, 60% of whom are women. The project supports different categories of actors including seed multipliers, rice farmers and maize producers.

This emergency agricultural production project in Burundi AEFPF-Burundi which will extend over two years with a total amount of 15 billion has already subsidized for this cropping season C 571.6 tons of hybrid corn from 8000BIF to 4500/kg, 1560 tons of fertilizer up to 60% and phytosanitary products, said J Claude Nsabimana representing the AfDB in these ceremonies.

According to J Claude Nsabimana, the AEFPF-Burundi project aims to intensify the production of cereals (maize and rice) using varieties resilient to climate change, to promote digitalization to provide support to farmers in order to guarantee transparency and inclusion. at the level of seeds and phytosanitary products as well as to promote gender-sensitive policies by facilitating accessibility to agricultural inputs.

As for the Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, he indicated that the government

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of Burundi has obtained a donation from the AfDB to finance the AEFPF-Burundi project, which is implemented by the management unit of the PATAREB project and PADCAE-B. Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana, Assistant to the Minister in charge of Agriculture warmly thanked the AfDB Group which provides a lot of support to the agricultural sector representing more than 84% of employability in Burundi.

The launch activity of this project falls within the framework of the orientations of the government of Burundi which considers that the agricultural activities of season C are crucial in the increase in production and the fight against food insecurity, specified Mr Emmanuel Ndorimana.

He invited all the stakeholders in the implementation of that project, in particular the administrators, the agricultural monitors to take an ownership of it in order to have a Burundi rich in cereals (rice and corn) for food security. Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana reminded that the use of fertilizers must be combined with manure, it is in this logic that he reminded the population to raise the small livestock and the ruminants and increase the organic manure. (rtnb)

Launch of the supervision activities for the young students in vacation



he Red Cross in Rutana province officially launched, on Tuesday August 1, 2023, the supervision activities for the young people in vacation which will consist of their participation in community development work and teaching sessions on various subjects of the young people's lives.

In an interview with the media, the representative of young people in the red cross in Rutana province, Miss Ange Bella Kampimbare, said that that organization decided to bring together the young students in vacation for the lessons on good behavior, after finding that they come home from school with different behaviors, which could lead to problems like annoying pregnancies in young girls. She pointed out that among the lessons they give to the young people are those aiming at giving up drug use, social cohesion, peaceful resolution of conflicts, as well as how to protect themselves in order to fight pregnancies early.

Miss Kampimbare also explained that these young people will also contribute to the develop-

ment of the country by participating in the various community development works which will be organized by the administrative authorities.

At the end of that activity, scheduled for the last day of the month of August, the participants in that work will benefit from the school kit including the notebooks, pens and the slats for the school year which begins next September. she clarified.

She invited all the parents to send their children to that framework, noting that they benefit a lot from it. It should be noted that out of six communes in Rutana province, the activities will take place in the communes of Rutana, Bukemba and Musongati. (https://abpinfo.bi)

Official launch of the "Five dollars a month" action initiated by the Burundian diaspora



Some members of the Burundian diaspora launched, on Wednesday August 2, 2023, the action called "five

dollars per month" which consists in contributing to the development of the country up to 5 dollars per month. In an interview granted to the press, the Vice-President of the Burundian diaspora association, Mr. Jean Berchmas Manirakiza, said that some members of the Burundian diaspora present in Bujumbura met at the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB) to officially launch a Diaspora project called "Action 5 dollars per month". According to him, it is a project that was recommended during the Diaspora Week in past years and which was supported by the President of the Republic of Burundi, H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye, who then instructed the technical services of open a diaspora account at the Bank of the Republic of Burundi. "This is the reason why we came to officially launch this activity by depositing currencies in this account," said Mr. Manirakiza.

He also indicated that this is an action that will continue every month and that at the end of the year, there will be a joint evaluation, in order to assess the progress of that activity.Mr. Manirakiza pointed out that it is a little difficult to determine the amount to be reached but he estimates, all the same, that based on the number of the members of the Burundian diaspora established abroad which amounts to 500,000 people, one can provisionally imagine the amount, if each individual deposits 5 dollars per month.

He assured that it would be a significant sum that could contribute to the development of the country. And to mention that the Head of State wanted the amount to be injected into income-generating activities initiated by the young people.

He launched a vibrant appeal to any member of the Burundian diaspora to respond massively to the appeal launched by the President of the Republic, in order to contribute to the construction of the country. (https:// abpinfo.bi)

Visits by the foreign tourists to the tourist sites in the east of the country are increasing while those of the natives are decreasing



hile the number of the tourists visiting Karera Falls, a tourist site located in Shanga Zone, Musongati Commune, Rutana Province, increased in

the first half of that year compared to last year, of Burundians who went there has fallen.

Those are the words of the head of natural monuments in eastern Burundi, Mr. Désiré Manirakiza, on Wednesday August 2, 2023, in an interview with the Burundian News Agency.

Mr. Manirakiza said that these sites receive more visitors during the dry season than during the rainy season. At the end of the first half of 2022, three hundred tourists were welcomed compared to four hundred this year, which made it possible to collect more foreign currency than last year. In the same period in 2022, there was no currency in the boxes, but this year, two thousand US dollars and two hundred and eighty euros, are available in the boxes, he said.

Regarding the Burundians who visited the site, there were already two thousand three hundred in the aforementioned period in 2022, against one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three, this year. This caused receipts in Burundian francs to drop from fifteen million last year to eight million this year, Manirakiza said.

That official, however, deplores the poor condition of the road leading there, pointing out that the small cars have difficulty getting there.

He called on the media to publicize those beautiful sites for both national and international audiences. He also called on the Government to rehabilitate that road, which will allow an increase in visitors. (https://abpinfo.bi)

COGERGO, satisfied with the cotton production this year



he cotton management company (COGERCO), is satisfied with the cotton production obtained this year 2023 compared to that of the year

2022, indicated the head of the Gatumba sector, Mr. Boniface Habonayo, to the Burundian Agency Presse (ABP),on Monday July 31 in Gatumba.

Contacted by the ABP at the Ruzizi shed where the harvest was weighed and the trucks loaded, Mr. Habonayo indicated that in that sector, an area of 230 hectares has been cultivated and 65 tons of cotton while 2022 production was 30 tones. The harvest continues and the head of the Gatumba sector estimates that the production will be more than 90 tons, specifying that the price to the producer is 90 FBu per kilogram. He reminded that the Gatumba floods have damaged cotton and vegetable crops, with the cotton loss estimated at 30%.

Speaking of the constraints recorded during the cultivation of cotton, he pointed out, in addition to the floods by the Rusizi River, that the population has not cultivated all the land that should be sown. Mr. Habonayo asked the Government to build the dykes on the banks of the Rusizi River to prevent flooding. He also asked the people of Gatumba to cultivate the lands of Nkanga located on the Burundi-Congolese border to increase the sown area and increase cotton production. (https:// abpinfo.bi)

OBR officially launches online the tax filing and payment system



he Burundi Revenue Authority (OBR), officially launched, on Tuesday August 1, 2023, in Bujumbura, an online tax declara-

tion and payment system in Burundi called E-Kori by the "Umutangakori" portal.

In his speech for the occasion, the general commissioner of the OBR, Mr.Jean Claude Manirakiza indicated that this new portal is set up in order to pursue the objective of facilitating and securing the business in general and more particularly operations the declaration and the payment of the taxes and the duties.

According to Mr. Manirakiza, this is another step in the process of digitizing the OBR services. He reported that in that new portal, taxpayers can make their tax and tax declarations and payments while staying at home, at their offices or wherever they are, using machines, mobile phones or any other computer medium with access to the internet connection. It is the means and the large taxpayers who will be served by this system first, and the others, after, he specified.

In addition to the advantages mentioned above, this innovation will allow the OBR to constitute a database of historical, reliable databases making it possible to strengthen controls by freeing up the personnel who currently received, entered and classified the declarations filed on the paper. The Commissioner General of the OBR went on saying that that portal will help combat the tax evasion. He asked the taxpayers to adapt as quickly as possible to the pace of digitalization in order to enjoy the facility and allow an efficient collection of revenue for the sustainable development of the country. The period from August 2 to 6 is devoted to the recovery of identified persons, taxpayers or their legal representatives are invited to respect this appointment because, no manual declaration will no longer be received at the OBR for medium and large taxpayers. The participants in that ceremony raised the concern of the French language which is used in the system while the use of French is not easy for some Burundians. On this, the Commissioner General of the OBR indicated that a version in Kirundi is being prepared to facilitate the task of taxpayers whose language seems difficult to them.

The chairman of the board of the Directors at the OBR, Mr.Audace Ndayizeye, also insisted on the fact that the main mission of the "Umutangakori" portal is to facilitate work by reducing the inconveniences linked to the use of the paper with their cost and the environmental impact and multiple the visits to OBR offices for the same declaration.

The platform will also allow that office to have the reliable statistics which constitute a tool for the development planning. He then call on the OBR Staff to take an ownership of that innovation in the first place in order to provide a better service to the taxpayer. (https://abpinfo.bi)

The inhabitants of Karagara locality request that the thermal waters of that locality be developed



rrived on the Gafumbe sublocality of the Karagara locality, Buruhukiro zone, in Rumonge commune where there is a site of thermal

waters, there are the local young people and adults and those from the surroundings who come to bathe. Those with whom the Burundi News Agency spoke on the spot revealed the importance of the waters on their health. They specified that when they feel tired, they resort to those thermal waters. The inhabitants of the locality and especially the women testify that they do not need to boil water for the bath of their husbands during the evening.

However, they regret that this site is not developed. The inhabitants organized themselves and separated, with the help of the oil palm leaves, different places for bathing, according to the categories.

According to the inhabitants of that locality, the nondevelopment of that site constitutes a loss for the municipality in particular and for the country in general, once developed, they hammered, and it could welcome the tourists and increase the municipal revenue and advance the economy. They asked that that site be developed by reserving the free places for the locals and the visitors. Faced with those concerns of the

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inhabitants of the Karagara locality, the administrator of the Rumonge commune, Mr. Augustin Minani, said that this site has been identified for the development. The development work on that site was entrusted to a busi-

nessman who requested it, according to him. He finally promised that the municipality will take charge of the concern after finding that that businessman has failed. (https://abpinfo.bi)

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