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The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye paid a visit on Monday August 21, 2023, to the National Office of Peat (ONATOUR) to inquire about the progress of the production project of the carbonized briquettes manufactured based on peat.

That project initiated by the Government of Burundi aims to protect the environment by replacing the charcoal with the carbonized briquettes.

"Ten thousand tons of briquettes make it possible to preserve 80 hectares of forest", revealed Mr. Isidore Mbayahaga, General Manager of ONATOUR, before adding that the

factory for the manufacture of carbonized briquettes, the inauguration of which is planned for the month of September will have the production capacity of 140 tons of briquettes per day.

Created in 1977, the National Office of Peat has already exploited only 4 percent of its deposits located in Gisozi (Mwaro), Marangara (Ngozi), Kidimbagu (Bururi) and Gitanga (Gitega), continued the Director General who elsewhere indicates that that company will now have to increase its production to meet the demand.

"We are used to producing between 15 and 20 thousand tons of peat per

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year, but we will have to produce between 45 and 50 thousand tons per year," said Mr Mbayahaga, suggesting that the company will have to use a lot of means to produce a large quantity given that the carbonized bri-

quettes are intended mainly for Burundian households at a time when peat was only used by military camps. **(Presidency)**

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The Burundian Head of State and Current President of the East African Community, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye lead, on tuesday august 22, 2023 at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace, the swearing-in ceremonies of Hon. Omar Othman Makungu, the Judge at the Appeals Chamber of the East

African Community Court of Justice (EAC).

"I swear to do justice in accordance with the treaty establishing the East African Community and by established law and in accordance with the customs of the East African Community without fear or favour, affection or ill will", said the Judge of tanzanian nationality.

Appointed at the 21st Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State of the EAC, he has also sworn to be faithful and to bear the true allegiance to that community, for preserving, protecting and defending the treaty establishing the East African Community in accordance with the established law.

Created in 2001, the East African Community Court of Justice is composed of a Trial Division and an Appeals Chamber made up of five (5) members who are appointed by the East African Community Summit. **(Presidency)**

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Since Burundi became independent, it has set itself the imperative of regional integration centered on a political, economic, social and cultural vision. It is in this perspective that Burundi belongs to the several regional and sub-regional groups, including the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI).

It is within that framework that the Honorable Deputies, under the chairmanship of the Right Honorable Gelase Daniel NDABIRABE, President of the National Assembly, met on august 23, 2023 in order to analyze the bill on the ratification by the Republic of Burundi of the framework agreement on cooperation in the Nile basin which, at the end of the session, was adopted by 109 Deputies out of 110 sittings. The Minister in charge of environment was the Government envoy for explaining the reasons of that bill and providing the clarifications relating to the plenary.

The Nile Basin Initiative is a sub-regional organization bringing together eleven countries, namely Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania and South Sudan.

Among those countries, six have signed the framework agreement. Those are Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Ethiopia. The institutional basis for cooperation among the countries sharing the Nile basin is based on a shared vision in order to achieve a sustainable socio-economic development through the equitable use of the waters of the Nile River and its benefits from the common resources of that river.

The Nile Basin Initiative benefits from the international support to raise funds for the implement projects and plan others. It makes it possible to advance the socio-economic development projects of the countries sharing the basin, while contributing to the reducing conflicts and insecurity that may arise from the inequitable use of the water of the Nile by the riparian countries.



The framework agreement on cooperation in the Nile Basin presents the geopolitical challenges. Indeed, everyone knows that the water of the Nile River is the source of a "water war" between Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt. The Nile, the first water resource in Africa, is coveted by all the countries it crosses. It should be reminded that, for a long time, the project of a large dam in Ethiopia worries Sudan and Egypt, downstream, which are afraid of seeing their access to the water of the Nile reduced. It is also worth noting that the sharing of the waters of the Nile dates back to 1929 when a treaty on the exclusive use of the waters of the Nile was signed between Egypt and Sudan. It was an agreement that gave these two countries a right of veto on all hydraulic projects that could affect the waters of the Nile, thus excluding all countries upstream of the

river. In 1959, the renewed agreement largely granted Egypt a favor with regard to the exploitation of the waters of the Nile River. Thus, Egypt had just had a hegemony over the waters of the Nile. That hegemony was challenged in 2010 by a treaty signed between six countries of the Nile River basin, namely Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya. It was a treaty that allowed countries up the river to develop irrigation projects and hydroelectric dams without having to obtain prior approval from Egypt.



The implementation of the framework agreement whose ratification bill was under analysis by the Honorable Deputies requires that six countries deposit the instruments of ratification with the African Union. However, four (4) countries have already ratified it, there are still Burundi and Kenya which will soon complete the formalities for the entry into force of the clauses of that framework agreement. (www.assemblee.bi)

The young people urged to integrate the notion of time into their activities



Under the high patronage of the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, President of the Senate at the same time the Legal Representative of the United Methodist Church in Burundi, the African Ministry of Compassion in Burundi organized, in Bujumbura town, on monday august 21, 2023, a seminar for the young people from the different Churches, to encourage them to a good economic organization, for a bright future. The seminar was organized under the theme: "The strength of the youth in the develop-

ment of the country".



During his teachings, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on the youth in knowing Burundi, because "one cannot contribute to the development of a country that one does not know," he said. He explained that youth is the pillar of development. The Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament urged her to try to create employment, avoid laziness, and integrate the notion of time into her activities. "Success belongs to determine of young people," he insisted. Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera encouraged the participants in that seminar to improving in their studies to have more opportunities, and to maintain their bodies well for good health. He asked them to be characterized by the science, intelligence, wisdom,

integrity, zeal, devotion and excellence. The day before, during a seminar for pastors, the President of the Senate challenged them to be the good models and the light of the world. He also called them

to preach by example to the believers, by tackling the various works to develop themselves. (www.senat.bi)

The Prime Minister receives in audience three leading authorities



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Burundi Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca received in audience, on Thursday August 24, 2023, the Resident Representative of the World Bank in Burundi Ms. Hawa C. Wagué. At the end of the audience, Ms. Hawa Wagué revealed to the press that the discussions with the Prime Minister focused on two subjects.

First, they discussed the Bank's portfolio for Burundi, its progress, the implementation of projects and the measures to be taken to accelerate that implementation to have more positive impacts on the populations.

That portfolio reaches one billion and 200 million dollars and covers several sectors, in particular the energy sector. Thus the two personalities mentioned in their interview, the Jiji-Mulembwe hydroelectric project, the construction of the bridge over the Rusizi River, etc.

Secondly, the resident Representative of the World Bank congratulated the Prime Minister for the approval of the International Monetary Fund program with Burundi. "That will allow the World Bank to be able to initiate the discussions on reforms and see to what extent we will provide budget support to the country, and we also discussed these reforms," said Ms. Hawa Wagué.

Before that meeting, the Prime Minister had received in audience Mr. Mathieu Ciowela, the Resident Representative of the UNDP in Burundi. They discussed, first on the program which is coming to an end because it was developed for the period 2019-2023.

Mr Mathieu CIOWELA then presented to Prime Minister Gervais Ndirakobuca the future program which was drawn up in consultation with the Government services under the leadership of the steering committee set up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and which will be discussed next month by the UNDP Executive Board in New York.

On the same morning of August 24, 2023, the Prime Minister received in audience the outgoing Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Jilly Elibariki Maleko who came to bid farewell after having spent three years and eight months in Burundi as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador.

They reviewed the state of cooperation between Burundi and Tanzania, as well as the implementation of joint projects, including the project railway construction that will link Tanzania, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. (rtnb)

Municipal administrators are called upon to contribute to the development of their municipality



Mr. Martin Niteretse, held on Thursday August 24, 2023 in Bujum-

The Minister of the Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security, Mr. Martin

bura, a meeting with all the communal administrators in order to discuss the achievements of communal plans community development (PCDC).

According to Minister Niteretse, the overall objective of this meeting was to sensitize all municipal administrators so that there is mobilization towards their constituents for more production for the implementation of the vision Burundi emergent in 2040 and developed in 2060.

He said that when the townships lag behind in development, the country cannot develop. Let know that the

Government helps those who are at work, while inviting them to prioritize agriculture and livestock. In addition, Mr. Niteretse reminded the municipal administrators that to achieve the development, it is necessary to complete and analyze the dashboards of the performance framework and to carefully follow the budget preparation schedule so as not to be bumped at the last minute.

Mr. Niteretse also asked the participants in the meeting to digitize the collection of data on the op-

erational part. For the performance framework, he called on them to carefully analyze the figures that were filled in the part of the PCDC, before the supervising ministry forwards the report to the ministry having finance in its attributions. He also advised the administrative participants in that meeting not to support the fraudsters and thieves of the country's wealth. (www.abpinfos.gov.com)

The Ministry in charge of Agriculture organizes irrigation works in three provinces



The Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock organized on tuesday august 22, 2023, a raid in the provinces of Kirundo, Karusi and Gitega. During that descent, the delegation of the Ministry was made up of the directors general of the various departments of the Ministry led by the Assistant to the Minister Mr Emmanuel Ndorimana.

The field visit started in Kirundo province where the ministerial delegation visited a maize field under small-scale irrigation in the Ruhohera marsh with an area of 200 ha in Vumbi commune, Kirundo province

After Kirundo, the Assistant to the Minister in charge of agriculture and agriculture accompanied by the Directors General paid a visit to Karusi province. In Bugenyuzi commune, he visited a model breeder with about 300 rabbits and in Gihogazi commune of the same province, the Assistant visited the fields of peas, onions, cabbage, potatoes, maize under irrigation on the Gasivya hill.

The delegation led by the Assistant to the Minister of environment and Livestock visited the various rabbit breeders on the Zege hill in the commune and Gitega Province.

After the field trips to the provinces of Kirundo, Karusi and Gitega, the Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana specified that they noted that the activities of the season C concerning hill and marsh irrigation are very satisfactory.

Concerning the breeding of rabbits, the delegation noted that the breeders have built the modern hutches and brought the rabbits of good breeds in order to distribute them in their localities.

The Assistant to the Minister Mr Emmanuel Ndorimana thanked and encouraged the population because, according to him, they understood the activity of raising rabbits and this with the aim of responding to the call of the President of the Republic of Burundi .(rtnb)

"Imbonerakure days": arrival of the 1st foreign delegations



The first delegations, including the Algerian and Zambian delegation, arrived on tuesday august 21, 2023 at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport to participate in the day dedicated to Imbonerakure youth, a day which would be celebrated on saturday august 26, 2023 in Makamba province. Those delegations were welcomed by the National Sec-

retary of the CNDD-FDD party in charge of legal and political issues Mr.J Marie Muhirwa and the President of the Imbonerakure National Youth League Mr Eric Nshimirimana

The National Secretary of the CND-FDD party Mr J Marie Muhirwa said that those delegation came at the invitation of the CNDD-FDD party addressed to the political parties in power in various African countries and even other political parties which are not in power in order to share ideas and experiences and actively contribute to the reconstruction of Africa, said Mr J Marie Muhirwa.

The Representative of the delegation of the ruling party in Algeria FLN, Salem IDDA indicated that he is very happy with the invitation, a good opportunity of exchanging ideas and making the proposals for the future of Africa, specifies the representative of the ruling party in Algeria.

Note that an exchange conference was scheduled for august 2023. (rtnb)

Passage of the caravan of the European Union in Ruyigi province



Ruyigi province hosted, on Wednesday August 23, the caravan of the European Union on tour in six provinces of the country, aiming to inform the populations on the actions of the European Union in Burundi, and with the objective of strengthening the peaceful coexistence and social cohesion in the community. That passage took place on three sites, namely the Nyankanda refugee camp in Butezi commune, Mwegereza in Nyabitsinda commune and the capital of Ruyigi province, at the old stadium commonly called Urumuri Stadium. That activity was enhanced by

the Representative of the European Union in Burundi Mr. Luca Rondi and the Chief of the Staff of the Governor of Ruyigi, Mr Valery Nkunzimana.

In his opening remarks, and during the interview granted to the local press, the Chief of the Staff of the Governor of Ruyigi, Mr. Valery Nkunzimana specified that Ruyigi province is delighted with the actions carried out and the development initiatives carried out in collaboration with the European Union. He cited, among other things, the field of energy with the proliferation and cheaper sale of equipment constituting the kits for solar electricity, within the framework of the project called umuco w'iterambere in the national language, which can be translated as "the source of energy for development", and which has been operating since the beginning of the year 2020 until the present time, the protection of the environment with the manufacture of stoves called ziganyigiti "save the trees". That chief of the staff affirms that the European Union contributes positively to the development but regrets that certain municipalities do not benefit from that progress in development.

He therefore calls on the European Union to extend its activities, especially to the regions that do not yet have hydroelectric power. Above all, he underlined that the aspect of strengthening the social cohesion is particular-

ly evident in projects initiated within refugee camps where local communities, Burundians, close to those camps also benefit from the achievements and that the social base between those communities is seen well woven.

The Representative of the European Union Mr. Luca Rondi, for his part, thanked the Burundian Government and the authorities of the province in particular for that recognition of the achievements made by the European Union. He said that the ultimate objective of the European Union is to support the populations in sustainable development projects, and develop the resilience of the population, focusing on three aspects, namely; health, energy, and good living conditions. He thus asked the population of Ruyigi to develop the culture of resilience

and continue their march towards the development. During that visit to Nyankanda, a football match opposed two teams formed on one side by the population of the Bwagiriza refugee camp and their Burundian neighbors and on the other by the refugees of the Nyankanda camp and their neighbors. That match ended with the score of 2 goals to 1 in favor of the Nyankanda team. At the mwegereza site in Nyabitsinda, the European Union delegation visited the households using the solar energy and the inhabitants testified to their progress in the development thanks to those energy sources. The visit ended with a free concert at the Ruyigi stadium (the old one) with the presence of the icon of Burundian music, Aboubacar Kurume alias Sat-b. (www.abpinfos.gov.com)

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