



The President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, takes part in the Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and the donors' conference



"Many people are in need of humanitarian aid in Africa, of which 48 million are refu-

On friday may 27, 2022, the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye participated in the extraordinary summit of Heads of State and Government in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, the African Union summit on humanitarian action and the conference of donors.

The Heads of State and Government discussed the increase in humanitarian needs, the prolonged displacement of people in Africa due to armed conflicts, the effects of climate change and its natural disasters to decide on strategies aimed at revitalizing creative measures to durable solutions to situations of protracted displacement, and thus, strengthen the continental framework including the implementation of international legal instruments and the AU.

gees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons", said Moussa Faki Mahamat, chairperson of the AU Commission, during the opening ceremonies opening of the Humanitarian Summit and the Donors' Conference.

It is within this framework that, at the beginning of the afternoon, the Heads of State had a session of declarations of the Heads of State, during which they offered an envelope of more than 66 million dollars for the operationalization of the African Agency for Humanitarian Affairs.

Its main mission is to assist the populations in situations of humanitarian need (Victims of violent extremism, political instability or unconstitutional changes of Governments, food insecurity, climate change, etc.)

The second summit which opens on

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saturday, entitled: "Terrorism and unconstitutional changes of Government", will address "terrorism, which is gradually affecting all regions of the continent. Africa should not be the scene of a proliferation of terrorist groups that threaten peace and security as well as the integrity of States."

African leaders are called upon to share their experiences and must formulate concrete recommendations to strengthen peacebuilding and national appeasement initiatives while involving women and young people in the effective management of elections.

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The Head of State visits ELAGA



The Director of Projects at ELAGA, Mr Athanase Bagorikunda explained to the Head of State that to produce patchouli, a plant grown for its essential oil, the company supervises farmers in the production of the green leaf that it will buy from them by after.

On thursday, june 2, 2023, the Head of State His Excellence Evariste Ndayishimiye visited the ELAGA company based in Nyanza-lac commune of Makamba province. The ELAGA company (Livestock, Agriculture, Aquaculture) has two projects, namely the patchouli project and the fish farming project.

During this visit to the field, the Head of State first visited the patchouli plantations belonging to the Ihuriro cooperative.

Regarding the fish farming project, the ELAGA company wants to promote modern fish farming, by producing inputs, that is to say fingerlings and fish food, transforming fish for better conservation.

The company intends to popularize all these techniques throughout the country in order to increase fish production in order to improve the nutritional and financial situation of the population. (www.rtnb.bi)

The first lady of Burundi elected vice-president of the mipreda



From may 26 to 29, 2022, the First Lady of Burundi and President of OPDD-Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, paid a working visit to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to participate in the meeting of the Peace Mission of First Ladies of Africa (MIPREDA) held on the sidelines of the Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit of the African Union.

On the agenda of MIPREDA was also scheduled to participate in the opening session of the Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit of the African Union in which Her Excellency Aisha Halilu Buhari, the current President of MIPREDA, had the opportunity to give a statement on the humanitarian situation. After this session, the First Ladies took part in the MIPREDA meeting. On the agenda, the election of the Vice-President of MIPREDA was planned; the presentation and adoption of the MIPREDA Charter; provide an update on MIPREDA activities and discuss upcoming activities as well as proposals to be made during the United Nations General Assembly scheduled for September 2022.

In her words of welcome, Her Excellency Aisha Halilu Buhari, the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and President of MIPREDA appealed to her Sisters present to show solidarity by supporting the efforts of their husbands to establish peace and stability on the African continent.

The activities of this important meeting took place

in a climate of understanding and were especially marked by the election of Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of Burundi, as Vice-President of MIPREDA. After her election, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye gave her speech through which she first thanked her Sisters for the confidence they had just placed in her, and added that she is ready to work tirelessly for the building of this important organization.

Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye stressed that peace, as it is said, does not only mean the absence of war, but that hunger, poverty, illiteracy and other challenges in our society destabilize peace in our respective countries.

After this meeting, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye participated in other activity sessions such as a visit to the exhibition on the processing of national products, crafts and manual work organized by the Ministry of Social Affairs in collaboration with the Platform of Women Entrepreneurs.

On the second day of her visit, the First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye was received by her colleague Her Excellency Constanca Mangué De Obiang, the First Lady of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea in her Presential villa in Sipopo. Their talk focused on the activities of their respective foundations and the means of collaboration.

Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye also participated in the High Level Meeting of the Network of Women Leaders of Equatorial Guinea, held under the high patronage of H.E Mrs. Constanca Mangué De Obiang, the First Lady of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. During this meeting, the women leaders present reviewed various challenges that haunt the African continent and reiterated their determination to give their contribution to face these challenges. .

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The Vice-President the Right Honorable Bazombanza joins the Christians of the Christ King Parish of Cibitoke



On Sunday, May 29, 2022, the Vice-President of the Republic Honorable Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA accompanied by his wife, joined the Christians of the Christ King Parish of Cibitoke in the Eucharistic celebration and then offered bags of cement for construction of a church in this parish.

The priest who officiated this celebration encouraged Christians to be true imitators of Christ in their life of prayer and to safeguard the unity which has always characterized him during his time on earth, which is the foundation of social cohesion. On his turn, the Vice-President of the Republic began by conveying the warm and sincere greetings of the President of the Republic His Excellency General Major Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE to the Christians and took the opportunity to wish him a good return to Burundi from Equatorial Guinea where he had just taken part in the extraordinary summits of the Heads of State of the African Union.

Referring to the homily of the day, the Vice-

President of the Republic urged Christians to live love, unity and above all forgiveness in the image of Saint-Etienne of the Holy Scriptures. He did not forget to give advice to the students who will soon start the holidays, to occupy themselves usefully in the work of development, and all this for well being of their families and the country.

Finally, the priest of this parish did not fail to thank the Vice-President of the Republic for various advice given to Christians and the cement donation made to this parish. He wished his multiple and abundant blessings in all his activities. (www.presidency.gov.bi)

National Assembly: election of the members of the CVR



The National Assembly elected by secret ballot three members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission CVR during its plenary session of may 30, 2022.

The three commissioners elected are Ambassador Stella Budiriganya (Tutsi), Ambassador Laurent Kavakure (Hutu) and Sheikh Kajandi Sadiki Abdallah (Muslim Hutu).

These three commissioners were chosen from among the 9 who had been selected by the joint committee responsible for the pre-selection of candidate members of the CVR.

Before the vote, each candidate presented his CV and what he intends to contribute to the activities of the CVR.

According to the President of the National Assembly, The Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe, this vote took place because the CVR wanted to replace three of its members, one Tutsi and two Hutu, including one Muslim.

Among the three Tutsi candidates, it was Ambassador Stella Budiriganya who received the most votes, 89 votes out of 120. On the Hutu candidate side, there were six, it was Ambassador Laurent Kavakure who came out on top with 119 votes out of 120. But among the 6 Hutu candidates there were two Muslims, it was Kajandi Sadiki Abdallah who won with 86 out of 120 votes, ahead of Haruna Nkunduwiga. (www.rtnb.bi)

Unanimous adoption of a bill on the 2020-2021 budget report



On Tuesday, May 31, 2022, the Burundian Senate met in plenary session to analyze the bill on the regulations and budget report for the 2020-2021 financial year. It was the Minister of Finance, Budget and Development Cooperation who represented the Government to present this bill and enlighten senators on its various aspects. In the presentation of the content of this bill, the Minister Domitien Ndiwokubwayo indicated that the general budget of the State was stopped at 1576 184 805 156 BIF, while the revenue forecasts were evaluated at 1422 810 975 516 BIF. According to the minister, the achievements (cash) during this period were 1569 696 382 223 BIF while the expenses are 1671 521 931 834 BIF.

During the speeches, the senators expressed their concern about this budget deficit (revenues which are lower than expenditure) which is pushing the State into debt. Faced with this problem, the senators proposed to put in place strategies to improve the business climate in order to increase the tax base.

They also pointed out that the bills on budget regulations and reports arrive late in parliament. On this subject, the Minister in charge of finance suggested that the State plans to set up a unified digitization of all services to control all State revenue and expenditure, which will make it

possible to give reports to time. Asked why there was an overrun of more than 800% in terms of exemptions which were esti-

estimated at BIF 18 billion, Minister Ndiwokubwayo said that this overrun comes from the investment code which gives advantages to investors for encouraging them to come and invest in Burundi on the one hand, and on the other hand, it is explained according to the minister by the activities and the material support of the development partners which are in principle always exempt, without forgetting imported medicines and fertilizers.

In his comment, the President of the Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera wished that the next report be presented in time to give senators the opportunity to do a posteriori control of the execution of the State budget. After analysis and debate, the senators unanimously adopted this bill. (www.rtnb.bi)

The President of the Senate joins the Christians of Golgotha Church in Sunday prayer



The President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera joined on Sunday, May 29, 2022 the Christians of the Golgotha Church of Kinama in Ntahangwa commune of the Town Hall of Bujumbura in Sunday prayer.

In his greetings, the President of the Senate Emmanuel Sinzohagera invited the Christians of the Golgotha Church to pray and invoke God to grant them his gifts during these ten days before the celebration of the feast of Pentecost. "

May the Holy Spirit help us to accomplish our mission well here on earth and give us the strength to achieve our objectives, especially the increase in production, as the Head of State never ceases to remind us", underlined the President of the senate.

Addressing the population living in the Town Hall of Bujumbura, during these three months of the summer, Sinzohagera urged everyone to take part in the community work organized every Saturday to clean the Town of Bujumbura, especially the cleaning of the gutters. And to invite town dwellers to clean up around their households.

The Senate Speaker also called on the population of

the city of Bujumbura to suspend the consumption of meat, because there is a disease (Rift Valley fever) that has attacked ruminants. To the local administrators and the police, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera recommended that they enforce the measures taken by the officials of

the ministry in charge of the environment, agriculture and livestock to deal with this disease.

He also urged the town dwellers to continue to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, because, he said, there is a certain relaxation in respecting the barrier measures against this pandemic.

In his sermon, the President of the Senate and legal representative of the United Methodist Church in Burundi based himself on the word of God taken from Psalms 136:33 where he reminded the present assembly of the love and mercy of God towards his people. (www.rtnb.bi)

The President of the Senate supports the construction of the modern market of Rubirizi



The President of the Burundian the Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera in the company of his wife joined on Saturday May 28, 2022 the population of Rubirizi Mutimbuzi commune in the province of Bujumbura in the community development work of paving the modern market of Rubirizi.

In his message to the population of Rubirizi, the President of the Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera appreciated the commitment of the population to build a modern market and suggests that they enhance this infrastructure by selling their production there instead of going to sell in the markets of the economic capital Bujumbura.

The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on the people of Bujumbura to get down to development work and safeguard public infrastructure. It is up to the natives to support the initiatives of the administration in all areas of provincial life.

At a time when Burundi is facing the disease of Rift Valley fever, the President of the Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, has called on the population of Bujumbura to abstain from the consump-

tion of meat from cattle and other ruminants to protect themselves from the consequences of this scourge which are harmful to human health. Emmanuel Sinzohagera asked breeders and the administration to ensure strict compliance with permanent housing to prevent the spread of Rift Valley fever.

The President of the Senate The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera urged young people and women to set up eligible income-generating projects

in the banks created for them such as the Youth Investment Bank (BIJE) and the Investment Bank and Development for Women (BIDF) to benefit from financing without guarantee funds because the Government of Burundi has also created the guarantee fund for them.

The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera reminded the young people that the Government of Burundi has no more jobs to offer that it is up to them to take advantage of the opportunities offered to create employment.

The President of the Senate The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera promised a contribution of 100 bags of cement and the deputies elected in the constituency of Bujumbura meanwhile promised 50 bags of cement to complete the construction works of this market which they wish to inaugurate as a work dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the independence of Burundi. (www.rtnb.bi)

Rehabilitation works on the Gitaza-Rumonge road about to restart



June 9, 2022 so that it can start the work.

Prime Minister Alain Guillaume Bunyoni has announced that an inspection mission from the prime minister will visit the week of June 16, 2022 to inquire about the implementation of the short roadmap agreed.

The 1st Minister recommended to the administration to hunt down

and bring to justice the population which cheats during the censuses of the goods to be compensated probably in complicity with the local chiefs by continuing to exert work there which would increase the allowances.

The Prime Minister finally recommended to the Ministry of Infrastructure via the Road Agency of Burundi each time to deliver well-updated project studies by making use of statistics specialists because it was recently noted that the endorsements are far superior to the forecasts, to the company SOGEA SATOM to deliver a work of quality and durability given that they are capable of it and to the ARB to launch early warnings, once irregularities or imperfections are observed before the situation degenerates.

The meeting was attended by local administrators, senior executives from the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry having public infrastructure in its attributions, the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, the Ministry of Finance, of the winning company of the work execution contract SOGEA SATOM and of the monitoring house. (www.rtnb.bi)

On Thursday, June 02, 2022, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Burundi, Alain Guillaume Bunyoni met in Rutumo in Bugarama commune in the province of Rumonge, all the stakeholders in the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the National Road nr3 on the Gitaza-Rumonge section of 45km to analyze the challenges that delayed the start of work for more than 8 months.

Acknowledging that the controversy over undiscounted compensation rates has fueled this delay and that currently this issue has been resolved by the recent ministerial order which increased compensation rates up to fourfold, all stakeholders were unanimous that work will restart on June 9, 2022.

After giving the floor to all these stakeholders, it was noted that the works were blocked by the question of compensation for the property which is in the right-of-way and those of the kibozi laterite extraction site that the SOGEA SATOM company will use in the compaction of the road to carry out the works of redevelopment and rehabilitation of this roadway.

Prime Minister Alain Guillaume Bunyoni urged all the parties concerned by the granting of compensation to the population who is in the grip of the first ten km to work hard so that the minutes co-signed with the owners of the property reach SOGEA SATOM on

Launch of provincial and municipal food security platforms



forms is the culmination of multiple efforts. Here the Minister of the Interior has listed some as reference regulatory texts that have been developed, discussed and validated by authorized bodies of the Platform.

Minister

On Thursday, June 02, 2022, the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security Gervais Ndirakobuca proceeded in the province of Gitega, to the official launch of the provincial and municipal platforms for food and nutritional security coupled with the dissemination of the sheet national road for the strengthening of food systems in Burundi.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Local Development and Security, Gervais Ndirakobuca announced in his speech for the occasion that the provincial and municipal platforms for food security and nutrition respond in large part to the Government's concern to materialize its holistic vision for a complementarity of actions in favor of food and nutritional security and a channeling of the efforts of the various stakeholders.

According to the Minister, the multiplicity of stakeholders and sectors necessary for the achievement of sustainable results in nutrition, justifies more acutely the establishment of an effective coordination and monitoring-evaluation system. The official launch of the Provincial and Communal Food Security and Nutrition Plat-

Gervais Ndirakobuca urged Provincial Governors and all Communal Administrators to adopt much more pragmatic and managerial attitudes, in order to better coordinate actions at the national level.

The various interventions of government services and joint multi-actor projects must be synergistic, complement each other and converge towards reversing the trend of the nutritional situation in order to definitively break the intergenerational vicious circles linked to nutritional problems, he added.

During the launch of the provincial and communal food security and nutrition platforms, the Minister officially released the national roadmap for strengthening food systems in Burundi, a living document, aligned with national policies and sector strategies.

As highlighted by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, the roadmap document contains paths for reform actions for the transformation of food systems from "farm to fork" and from "stable to table". (www.rtnb.bi)

Launching of the national competition to access post-basic school



The Minister of National Education and Scientific Research François Havyarimana proceeded on tuesday, may 31, 2022, to the launch of the national competition for certification and orientation to the post fundamental edition 2022. The launch took place at the municipal high school of Nyabibuye, in Shombo commune of Karusi province.

According to the Minister in charge of National Education, 72,313 candidates at the national level take the competition in 920 examination centers with 2,200 supervisors. The number of proofreaders is also estimated at more than 2200. On the sidelines of the supervision activities for the national competition in Karusi province, Minister François Havyarimana paid a visit to the Rusi vocational training center under construction in Shombo commune.

After the guided tour of the site of this center, the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research said that he found that the staff in charge of the constructions are working hard to complete the work as soon as possible. He said that according to

estimates, until September 2022, the work will already be completed. At the beginning of next school year, these buildings will be ready to welcome students, he added. Minister François Havyarimana explained that this vocational training center in Rusi is an important center for the country where young people can learn many trades.

The Minister in charge of National Education stressed that the students will be accommodated in this center, an added value for Karusi province, he said.

Will be admitted to this vocational training center, students who have completed post-basic education and university graduates who would like to learn different trades, concluded the French Minister of National Education and Scientific Research Havyarimana. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Ombudsman supports the construction of Basic School Ntobwe



On wednesday, may 11, 2022, the Ombudsman of Burundi Honorable Édouard Nduwimana joined the population in the construction work of the administrative block of the Ntobwe Basic School, in the commune and province of Gitega, a school which has 18 classrooms . These are new buildings because Ecofo Ntobwe was housed in the premises of the local Modest United Church.

The construction of these new Basic School Ntobwe premises was initiated by the natives, including the current provincial secretary of the Cnnd -Fdd party, the deputy Georges Nshimirimana. The Ombudsman of Burundi Honorable Édouard Nduwimana took this opportunity to thank all those who played a role in the construction of Basic School Ntobwe, in particular FENACOBU which gave a lot of financial means, the Gitega commune, the natives who mobilized the people and the United Methodist Church who donated the land. Édouard Nduwimana gave a contribution of two million Burundian francs.

It was an opportunity for the Ombudsman to salute this synergy which proves that when there is peace and cohesion, people can carry out large-scale projects. Honorable Édouard Nduwimana particularly congratulated the United Methodist Church, not only for freeing the land for the construction of Basic School Ntobwe, but also for having succeeded in overcoming internal problems. He urged other churches to do the same, instead of getting bogged down in disputes fueled by self-interest. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Burundian Ombudsman supports the development projects of his native town Gahombo



On tuesday, may 31, 2022, the Ombudsman of the Republic of Burundi Edouard Nduwimana visited his native town of Gahombo in the province of Kayanza, as part of supporting development projects in this town.

Edouard Nduwimana first flew to the aid of CNDD-FDD party members in Gahombo commune by granting them 40 sheets and an envelope of 500,000 BIF to cover part of the roof of the communal office of this party which had been swept away by torrential rains.

Ombudsman Edouard Nduwimana also granted 40 hoes and lent 3ha of land to the Sangwe de Businde cooperative, of which he is an honorary member, to enable it to expand its fields and increase production in order to develop.

In the same context of supporting development projects, he gave a contribution of 500,000 BIF to finalize the construction of the Nyagatobo-Businde hill office.

In his message to the population of Gahombo, Edouard Nduwimana appreciated the efforts of grassroots administrators in development projects. He is also delighted with the solidarity of the natives

in supporting these efforts of the administrative staff at the base in the projects initiated by the population. And to ask the population to safeguard peace and security, the basis of sustainable development, to remain united in order to strengthen social cohesion and to coexist peacefully in the diversity of opinion and political persuasion.

He called on people who have not yet joined cooperatives to follow in the footsteps of others so as not to be left behind in development because unity is strength, adding that cooperatives have been proven

to strengthen social cohesion.

He urged the people of Kayanza to avoid wasting the harvest but rather to take advantage of this period of the dry season by practicing hillside irrigation.

Ombudsman Edouard Nduwimana asked Administrative Officials to prepare for the supervision of students who will soon start the holidays so that they contribute to community development work. (www.rtnb.bi)

The celebration of Africa's Day in Bujumbura



related the message of the President of the African Union Commission Mr. Moussa

FAKI MAHAMAT said that the date of may 25 carries with it a double power of evocation. In terms of memory, it plunges back into the youthful freshness of the first moments of the Organization of African Unity. At the geopolitical and institutional level, it constant-

On the evening of may 25, 2022, the African Union Commission for the Great Lakes Region and Burundi organized a warm dinner for the celebration of Africa's Day. The Ambassadors of the Member States of the African Union accredited to Burundi were present at this event as well as other Diplomats accredited in Burundi, representatives of civil society as well as the Permanent Secretary at in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation in Development Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO who represented the Government of Burundi. In his speech, the representative of the President of the African Commission for the Great Lakes Region and Burundi Mr. Gonzague-Patrick H.Balagizi who

ly questions the individual and collective capacity to build the Africa then dreamed of by our founding fathers. In the trajectory of its evolution, the Organization of African Unity has changed into the African Union, thus demonstrating a break in paradigm due to strategic adjustment and operational efficiency with the sole objective of giving substance and consistency to "the Africa we want". More than in the past, the challenges are always more numerous and sometimes more complex, making it more difficult to face them successfully.

For the past ten years, Africa has been confronted with the challenges of terrorism, violent extremism and transnational crime (trafficking in human beings,

drugs, arms). Added to all these constraints is the economic crisis, which is watering down the burden of debt, the climate and energy crisis, which itself has repercussions on the prices of foodstuffs through the exorbitant cost of transport, while the crisis health following the appearance of covid-19, weakens the production capacities of the various economic agents. Faced with all these challenges, the African Union reacted rationally through a series of actions and an abundant normative production broken down into decisions, conventions and strategies defining the mechanisms of action with a view to achieving the desired objectives: the courageous reform institution of the African Union engaged since 2016 and whose goal is to improve the governance of the institution and make a key player in multilateralism, the African Continental Free Trade Area (ZLECAF) coming into force in 2021, which makes Africa's largest common market in the world and constitutes an accelerator of continental integration, voluntarism and solidarity have shown themselves in a striking manner in the face of the onset of the covid-19 pandemic, the African Union has taken a series of initiatives, the most important of which is the Comprehensive Program for the Development of African Agriculture (CAADP) and it has endeavored to respond, as far as its means permit it, concerning health, education, infrastructure, energy, science and research, sectors whose promotion and achievement are necessary conditions for Africa's development.

The reasoned pooling of all energies and geographically dispersed resources will bring out a new Africa "The Africa we want" as well as the identification and uncompromising recovery of the evils that plague actions and hinder the effective implementation of decisions, strategies and instruments indicated in order to provide them with the appropriate treatment.

According to Mrs. Kgomoiso Jolobe, the Ambassador of South Africa to Burundi who spoke on behalf of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, General Major Matayo Kyaligonza, Ambassador of Uganda to Burundi, in remission at home and on behalf of the Group of African Ambassadors accredited to Burundi, the meet-

ing to celebrate the creation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) on may 25, 1963, is a historic moment recalling the period when Africa claimed its own history in order to lead collectively his people towards freedom, peace and prosperity. Africans continue to realize the value of their common goal to achieve the Africa they want under the banner of the African Union which is spearheading crucial initiatives on the African continent.

According to Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation who represented the Government, the date of may 25, considered World Africa's Day, is a moment of joy, pride and recognition of the efforts made by the African leaders of the time, on the one hand, and on the other hand, it is an opportunity for meditation and awareness in order to take charge of the destiny of the African continent. In fifty-nine years of birth, Africa has been able to achieve so many things, in particular to await its wish to build an African Economic Community allowing the free movement of people, goods and capital thanks in particular to the implementation of flagship projects of the African Union-Africa Agenda 2063 we want.

The Unity and solidarity sought at the time of the creation of the OAU should be a reality for all Africans. Africa must have a voice in international fora for issues of common interest and it must initiate its political unity and cultural social progress.

Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO took this opportunity to ask everyone to combine their efforts to participate in the inclusion of young Africans so that they contribute effectively to the recovery of their respective countries in particular and of Africa in general. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, the Permanent Secretary reiterated his thanks to the African Union for its unwavering support that it has shown to him in difficult times until the culmination of the lifting of sanctions by international partners, namely: the European Union, the International Organization of La Francophonie, the USA and the United Nations.

This evening was enhanced by the sharing of meals from each member country of the African Union accredited to Burundi, that of the host country as well as music from across the continent. (MFADC)

National Round Table on Peace Education



On tuesday may 31, 2022, Ambassador Bernard NTAHIRAJA, National Coordinator of the International

Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) opened the work of the round table on "Education for Peace », in Bujumbura, King's Conference Center.

In her speech, Mrs. Flaviana Charles MAYUTTA, Director of the Gender, Women and Children Program at the ICGLR, Representative of the Executive Secretary of the ICGLR recalled that in february 2022, experts in peace education met in a training workshop, which was rich in lessons and experience sharing.

Mrs. Flaviana Charles MAYUTTA said that it is common knowledge that the Great Lakes region has been the scene of many violent conflicts in the past, both within countries and beyond borders. Therefore, these evil forces for the region require a regional approach to put an end to them. This approach is in line with the mandate and mission of the ICGLR as defined in the PACT on peace, security, stability and development in the Great Lakes region.

According to the Representative of the Executive Secretary, this round table in Burundi, which comes after that of Uganda, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, illustrates the cooperation between countries and between the various partners involved in the promotion of peace and stability in the region. It is the culmination of the efforts of the ICGLR to promote peace and security in the Great Lakes region through the implementation by the Peace Education Project of its comprehensive re-

gional approach to peace and security. . It is also the prelude to a Joint Regional Table with the Internal Mediation Project, which is being prepared and will be held here in Bujumbura, bringing together actors from the ICGLR sub-region.

She underlined that the national round table making a training workshop for experts in peace education which took place is an important activity which comes to support the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, to establish the capacities acquired for the continuing education for peace and security in the Great Lakes Region.

Mrs. Flaviana Charles MAYUTTA added that it is necessary to find adequate responses to all sources likely to disturb peace and to make a contribution to the promotion of peace in society, in schools, during religious gatherings and to prevent conflicts and promote human rights awareness.

In his speech, Ambassador Bernard NTAHIRAJA recalled that education is the formidable weapon to change the world as Nelson MANDELA pointed out. He added that peace education is the formidable weapon to pacify the world in order to develop it. Ambassador Bernard NTAHIRAJA reminded that the Peace Education project falls under the recommendations of the ICGLR Summit on Peace Education held in 2016, as part of the implementation of the Pact on Peace, the Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, signed in Nairobi in december 2006, which responds to the imperative of making a contribution to peace, to the gradual passage from a culture of violence to a culture of peace, with the aim of preventing violent conflicts and raising awareness of human rights in society as well as fostering cooperation between countries affected by conflict and instability.

The Peace Education Project is a regional project that is implemented in each of the four pilot countries namely Burundi, DRC, Rwanda and Uganda. The organization of this round table is planned in each of the pilot countries. It aims in particular to provide an opportunity for peace education actors from each of the four pilot countries to exchange and expand their network, to raise awareness among

stakeholders on the importance of education for peace and to strengthen the commitment of peace education actors, stakeholders and decision-makers to strengthen peace education in their countries.

In Burundi, peace education is a reality. Ambassador Bernard NTAHIRAJA hailed to this

end the activities of moralization, especially of youth, under the leadership of His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi, which occupy a prominent place in education for peace, respect others and patriotism. The next regional round table of the four pilot countries and other partners, planned for the near future, will also be held in Burundi. (MFADC)

The United Nations Permanent Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa commemorates its 30th anniversary



From may 23 to 25, 2022, at Amphitheater No 350 of the Institute of International Relations of

Cameroon (IRIC), created in 1971, in Yaoundé, the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Issues in Central Africa commemorated its 30th anniversary at the service of the activities of the States of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee in charge of security issues in Central Africa. This committee was set up on may 28, 1992 by the Secretary General of the United Nations (UN), in accordance with Resolution 46/37 B adopted on december 6, 1991 by the General Assembly of the United Nations. This committee is a response to a request made on November 28, 1986 by the member countries of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), who wanted to have a tool to deal with the many conflicts with which they had been confronted since 1980.

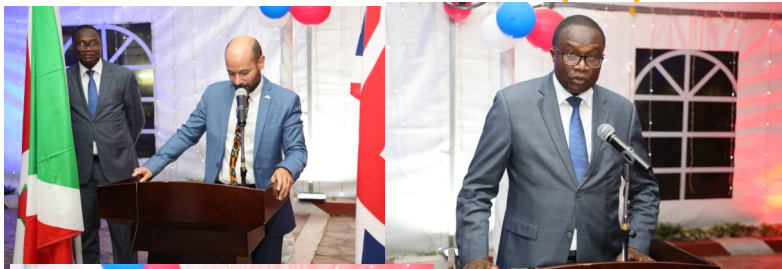
This committee has an office commonly referred to as the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa as its Secretariat. Previously, this mission fell to the United Nations Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament in Central

Africa (UNREC). This committee's main mission is to carry out "activities for the reconstruction and strengthening of confidence between its member states, in particular through confidence-building measures and the limitation of armaments". In 30 years of life, we recognize that the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Issues in Central Africa has achieved its objectives. Despite the reform of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), this committee remains a laboratory for the commission in the architecture of peace and security in Central Africa.

This committee has been able to implement several mechanisms and instruments in favor of peace and security in Central Africa. This specifically concerns: the Central African Convention for the control of small arms and light weapons, their ammunition, and all parts and components that can be used for their manufacture, repair and assembly approved on april 30, 2010 during the 30th UNSAC meeting held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo; the non-aggression pact signed in Yaoundé on july 8, 1996 by the Heads of State and Government of Central Africa; the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa (COPAX); the United Nations Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (1999); of the Parliament of the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC), which is governed by a Convention dated june 24, 2008.

In this celebration, Burundi was represented by Mrs. Domitille NDIKURIYO, Director of the Promotion of Migrants within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation (MFACD)

The Office of the British Embassy in Burundi celebrates the 70th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



On June 1, 2022, the Office of the British Embassy in Burundi

organized the celebration of the 70th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II (PLATINUM JUBILEE). In his remarks, the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Burundi His Excellency Mr. Omar Talah Ali Daair said that this is the first time that these ceremonies have been organized since 2019. He said that in recent years the world has experienced many challenges including the health crisis (COVID 19), the war between Russia and Ukraine which caused the price of certain products to soar. The Ambassador appreciates the strengthening of relations between the United Kingdom and Burundi despite the difficulties known to the whole world. He said that the United Kingdom thanks the Government of Burundi for its contribution to maintaining peace in the world.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO, who represented the Minister at these ceremonies, addressed, on behalf of the Minister and on his own behalf, his warm and hearty congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II and her people. He announced that the government of Burundi recognizes the contribution of the United Kingdom in certain sectors of the life of the country.

Indeed, within the framework of bilateral coop-

eration between our two countries, certain programs are carried out through British NGOs operating in the Burundian field, mainly in the sectors of basic social infrastructure, gender and social inclusion, education and health, the fight against HIV/AIDS, aid for orphans and vulnerable children as

well as the humanitarian component.

The closure of the DFID (Department for International Development) office in Burundi in 2012 following the overall review of its bilateral programs has certainly left the Burundian communities benefiting from these programs in turmoil, suggested Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO. But he reassured that despite this we could not speak of a failure at the level of cooperation. The most ardent hope is that a global reassessment of the situation which led to this decision will be carried out in a constructive and united spirit and in the dialogue which characterizes mutual understanding and a common vision of the future of the world, he added.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation then shared Burundi's experience in the field of governance. He indicated that after having recovered peace and stability, the Government of Burundi under the leadership of the President of the Republic His Excellence Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE is committed to the fight against poverty to push our dear homeland towards sustainable development, despite the challenges it faces like most developing countries. He said that to get there, His Excellence the President of the Republic has taken as his battle horse, good governance, the fight against the scourge of corruption and economic embezzlement.

Note in conclusion that various personalities were present in these Platinum Jubilee ceremonies of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom. (MFADC)

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REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat-General of the State**MEDIA RELEASE N°10 CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 01 JUNE 2022**

A Cabinet meeting was held in Gitega on Wednesday 1st of June 2022, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Major General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi.

After the presentation 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 Monday 30 May 2022, 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. Bill fixing the general State budget for the 2022-2023 Financial year, presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning.

The 2022/2023 finance bill is prepared in a particular context of the implementation of public finance management reforms, aimed at migrating from the medium budget to the program budget. For the 2022/2023 financial year, the draft State budget is therefore transitional with results-based budgeting where budget allocations are made on the basis of well-planned projects/programmes/activities in order to be able to migrate completely to budgeting in "program mode" from the Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

This way of budgeting implies that the budget appropriations allocated to

activities through the Annual Work Plan and Budget constitute a capital investment that will generate interest in terms of expected results.

The 2022/2023 draft State budget, which marks the transition to the program budget, introduces the Annual Work Plan and Budget as a tool for its implementation. To do this, all the ministries and institutions, the Personalized Administrations of the State, the Public Establishments of an Administrative Nature, the Companies with Public Participation and all the municipalities of the country have prepared their budget forecasts by indicating the activities to be carried out with objectively verifiable indicators, to allow monitoring and evaluation of the expected results on a quarterly basis.

As part of the 2022/2023 budgetary transparency and traceability, the revenue that was collected by the Personalized Administrations of the State, the Public Establishments of an Administrative Nature and other public services operating on the basis of State subsidies fall into taxation managed by the Burundi Revenue Authority.

In the field of agriculture and livestock, the 2022-2023 draft budget places particular emphasis on financing the increase in agro-pastoral production through the subsidy of organo-mineral fertilizers and the production of selected seeds, the cattle herd restocking program in favor of the population grouped in agro-pastoral cooperatives.

To encourage producers, a remunerative purchase price for the production will be set to find sustainable solutions related to the problems of crop management.

In the field of economic and social infrastructure, in terms of transport, the construction of the railway linking Uvinza-Maragarazi-Musongati-Gitega has been highly privileged.

In order to finance development projects and youth employment, the Government will grant allocations to the Youth Economic Empowerment and

Employment Program and increase the capital in the Youth Investment Bank and the Impulse, Guarantee and Accompaniment Fund.

The 2022/2023 draft budget provides financial support consisting of the digitization of public services, which is a reform to modernize the collection of public revenue.

In an effort to increase revenues, significant measures are planned to ensure that the set objective is achieved. Thus, the OBR will pursue and undertake the following actions:

- Strengthening the collection of taxes on mining sector activities;
- Taking steps to reduce the informal sector through local taxation;
- Rigorous application of the law concerning dividends to be paid to the State;
- The initiation of the revision of texts and the procedure for granting exemptions;
- Acceleration of the process of recovery of arrears by the Burundi Revenue Authority;
- The collection of non-tax revenue, hitherto carried out by the administrations in violation of the law, will be carried out by the OBR;
- The improvement of revenue collection tools, namely the revised laws and the IT infrastructure;
- The strengthening of mechanisms to fight against corruption, fraud and smuggling;
- Improving mechanisms for broadening the tax base;
- Computerization of all OBR services;
- Rigorous monitoring of VAT refunds.

For this budget year 2022/2023, overall revenue increases from BIF 1,562.06 billion in 2021/2022 to BIF 2,193.6 billion in 2022/2023, an increase of 40.4%.

As for expenses, they go from 1,713.8 billion BIF in the State budget, Fiscal Year 2021/2022 to 2,391.08 billion BIF in the draft State budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, an increase of 39.5%.

The overall deficit of the 2022/2023 General Budget project amounts to BIF

197.4 billion against BIF 151.8 billion (2.02%) in 2021/2022, an increase of 2.38%

As part of the execution of the budget for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023, a quarterly expenditure commitment plan will be prepared and implemented based on the Work Plans and Annual Budget of the ministries and institutions, and a plan rolling cash. The quarterly commitment plan will be validated by the Council of Ministers.

All budgetary expenditure must be subject to the prior authorization of the Minister in charge of Finance and executed taking into account available resources.

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

- Specify that the payment of school and academic fees or any other transactions must be made in local currency;
- Increase the renewal costs of IT plates to 300,000 FBu;
- Project vehicles that will be transferred to the State after their closure must pay license plate fees like other vehicles;
- Accommodate all budget headings related to the construction of infrastructure at the level of the Ministry in charge of Infrastructure from the 2022/2023 budget year. The sectoral ministries are required to make forecasts of the necessary constructions and send them to the Ministry in charge of Infrastructure and ensure the joint monitoring of the execution of the projects;
- With regard to the driving license, apply the tax of 100,000 FBu, especially since the contract with the partner who was responsible for their production has been closed;
- Continue to detect investments made especially in commercial banks by state structures so that they are included in the state budget;
- Continue to broaden the tax base by identifying other sources;
- Proceed directly to the collection of taxes in mobile telephone companies;
- Adjust the budget taking into account the taxes collected in mobile telephony

to take into account the tariffs which will be applied following Burundi's accession to the single communication network of the East African Community under the "One Network Area" initiative

- Carry out the forced recovery of funds owed to the State by mobile telephone companies
- Revise the law governing income tax to broaden the category of taxpayers;
- Carefully study the system of collection and marketing of food products to fight against rising prices;

2. Note on the participation of BANCOBU in the share capital of the Burundi Stock Exchange, presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning.

After the promulgation of the 2019 law governing the capital market in Burundi and the 2020 law governing the Capital Markets Regulatory Authority in Burundi, Capital Market activities are centered on the Stock Exchange. The current stage concerns the establishment and operationalization of this market, by setting up a mixed company called "Burundi Stock Exchange", whose role will be to manage the stock market, to help and control the purchase and sale of securities.

The Burundi Stock Exchange will be established as a commercial entity, registered under the Code of Private Companies with Public Participation.

On December 01, 2021, the Central Bank wrote a correspondence to BANCOBU to request its subscription to the share capital of the Burundi Stock Exchange. The same correspondence was sent to all commercial banks carrying out these activities in Burundi.

The BANCOBU Board of Directors voted for the subscription of five hundred million Burundian francs (500,000,000 Fbu) out of a total capital of 2,500,000,000 Fbu.

This note was prepared to collect the orientation of the Council of Ministers as

well as the non-objection for the continuation of the procedures.

At the end of the analysis, the Council of Ministers gave its agreement for BANCOBU to participate in the Social Capital of the Burundi Stock Exchange and to proceed to the following procedures.

3. Note on the national census of georeferenced and digitized real estate assets of the State, presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning.

This note was drawn up with the aim of implementing the recommendations of government retreats relating to the proper management of State assets, as well as the Government Action Plan 2021-2022 which included, among other things, the national census of State property assets among the priority actions.

Given that the State's assets cover a very vast field (real estate assets, financial assets and movable assets including rolling stock and machinery), the Government has seen fit to start with the State's real estate assets (land and/or real estate) which occupies a very predominant part in the country's economy.

It is within this framework that the Ministry in charge of Finance, in technical collaboration with ISTEERU, has just carried out this action.

As a result, a total of 17,545 buildings were identified. The majority of buildings are made up of schools and administrative buildings.

Data from the census show a number of 372 state buildings that are rented.

For this category of rented buildings, the finding is that:

- The list of rented buildings is not exhaustive, because some managers in charge of State assets did not want to communicate the number of employees

in these buildings and the actual amount received;

- The established rental contracts do not comply with the regulations in force;
- Rental revenue is not paid directly into the general Treasury account;
- Rented State buildings are poorly maintained with poorly maintained equipment.

This census therefore constitutes an important database that will allow:

- The easy implementation of actions related to the proper management of this State heritage;
- Automatic updating of data without resorting to another census;
- Consultation at any time and in real time of the desired data of the components of the State's real estate assets.

For good financial governance, this work should be supplemented by the identification of other categories of State assets, in particular financial assets, in order to have complete basic tools with a view to contributing to the development of the national economy. Other actions are also necessary, in particular the creation of State heritage management services in all ministries, in order to guarantee the sustainability of this work.

This census constitutes an important database which will allow the taking into account of the real estate heritage of the State in the national accounts and which will change in a significant way the index of human development of our country which is often classified among the poorest countries on the planet.

After analysis, the Council of Ministers appreciated the work carried out and made the following observations and recommendations:

- For regular monitoring of State buildings, it is necessary to update these buildings annually;
- For buildings in poor condition, it is necessary to establish responsibilities so that the State can take the necessary measures;

- All buildings belonging to the State must be valued;
- The regulations that set the rental rates for State buildings must be applied;
- The census is to be continued to have the complete situation of the State's assets.

4. Bill on the ratification by the Republic of Burundi of the Bilateral Agreement on the abolition of visas for the benefit of holders of diplomatic or service passports between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria , signed on March 17, 2022 in Algiers,

5. Bill on ratification between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Burundi with a view to avoiding double taxation and preventing tax evasion with respect to income tax

6. Bill on the ratification by the Republic of Burundi of the General Cooperation Agreement between the Government of Burundi and the State of Israel.

These three projects were presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

These three projects aim to intensify the ties of friendship and cooperation, to further strengthen the bilateral relations between Burundi and these three countries.

Ratification of the bilateral agreement on the abolition of visas for the benefit of holders of diplomatic or service passports between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria will facilitate the movement of national populations of the parties to the agreement on the one hand and the intra-African movement of nationals of the continent on the other.

With regard to the agreement between the Government of the Republic of

Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Burundi with a view to avoiding double taxation and preventing tax evasion with respect to income tax, with the aim of promoting economic relations and above all of improving cooperation in tax matters.

This agreement constitutes an appropriate framework for economic cooperation and a basic instrument for commercial exchanges, intending to eliminate double taxation and prevent tax evasion with respect to taxes, without creating possibilities of non-taxation or reduced taxation through tax evasion or evasion.

With regard to the General Cooperation Agreement between the Government of Burundi and the Government of the State of Israel, the areas of cooperation within the framework of the said agreement are, among others, agriculture, research and development, economic and fiscal matters, trade, technical cooperation and other areas of mutual interest on which the two Parties will agree.

After discussion and debate, the three projects were adopted.

7. Information note on the "e-nama" platform integrating the interconnection of members of the Government, presented by the Minister of Communication, Information Technologies and the Media.

In order to boost the digital sector, the Government of Burundi has developed and implemented the National Policy for the Development of Information and Communication Technologies since 2011.

This policy provides for the digitization of public institutions.

This note highlights a project that aims to use information and communication technologies in the management of the process of preparing meetings of the Council of Ministers.

This project includes the development of a communication and data exchange platform between government institutions, and electronic document

management.

The objective sought is to optimize government work through the use of information and communication technologies to make these tools a powerful lever for socio-economic development.

The e-nama Platform accessible online is one of the digital solutions that the Executive Secretariat of Information and Communication Technologies offers to the Government in order to reduce all expenses related to cost and time on the one hand and improve the performance of the Council of Ministers with the "Zero Paper" Policy.

The note indicates the means necessary to achieve this objective.

After discussions and discussions, the following observations and recommendations were made:

- It is necessary to improve the performance of the local computer networks of all the ministerial cabinets, and of the General Secretariat of the State in addition to the superstructure (Presidency, Vice-Presidency and the Prime Minister);
- The funds necessary for the operationalization of the "e-nama" platform integrating the interconnection of Members of the Government will come from the Universal Service Fund.
- The Executive Secretariat for Information and Communication Technologies is to be supported in the work of digitizing government services;

8. Draft decree on the accession of Burundi to the single communication network of the East African Community at the "One Network Area" (ONA) initiative, presented by the Services of the Presidency of the Republic.

During the 5th Northern Corridor Heads of State Summit held in Nairobi on May 2, 2014, the Heads of State adopted several guidelines aimed at fostering deeper integration within the sub-region.

Recognizing that roaming charges are too high for trade and have an impact on regional integration and on the prices of goods and services within the sub-

region, the Heads of State of the East - African region have adopted concrete measures to reduce the costs of roaming for citizens, through an initiative called "One Network-Area (ONA) / Zone à Réseau Unique de communications, whose deadline for implementation was set at the end of year 2014.

As a reminder, the initiative to create a Single Communication Network Zone "ONA" within the East African Community was taken by the Heads of State of the region for two major reasons:

- Instill regional cooperation between operators, regulators and governments of the East African Community, in order to facilitate and encourage the exchange of goods and services;
- Solve the thorny problem of the high cost of roaming (communication service in roaming mode) within the Community.

During the other meetings that followed, Burundi committed to implement the East African Community roaming framework no later than June 30, 2022.

It should be noted that among the members of the East African Community, only Burundi has not yet joined this project, as well as the Democratic Republic of Congo which has just joined this Community very recently.

The interest of implementing the East African Community Roaming Framework will be important for Burundian citizens faced with the high costs of roaming in general and regional roaming in particular. By integrating the single network of the East African Community, communication will become easier and increase traffic allowing an increase in related taxes.

A draft decree is proposed that can serve as a basis for the implementation of this project in Burundi. This draft decree indicates that the regional retail rate is capped at USD 0.10 per minute including applicable taxes in each country of the East African Community, and the interoperator rate for the region is capped at USD 0.07 per minute.

After exchanges and debates, the project was adopted subject to a few formal corrections.

9. Note on the management of problems caused by the non-compliance with legal texts by certain managers of basic, post-basic and university education establishments, presented by the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research.

Fundamental, post-basic and university education establishments are governed by legal texts that those in charge must imperatively respect.

However, some of them, out of bad faith or ignorance, do not respect them and the application of the sanctions provided for in these texts works to the detriment of pupils and students. This creates conflicts either between the pupils/students and their establishments, or between the Ministry and these establishments. This note first presents the problems observed at the level of Basic and Post-Basic Education and then those observed in higher education while proposing possible solutions.

The cases observed at the level of basic and post-basic education are in particular:

- the opening of schools without authorization;
- The enrollment of students at all levels while the opening ordinance only provides for enrollment in the first years (1st kindergarten, 1st fundamental and first post-fundamental)
- Reception of students in the middle of the year without authorization.

All these three cases are frequently observed in private schools located in urban centers and especially in the City of Bujumbura.

At the level of higher education, there are irregularities in higher education institutions, particularly private ones, in relation to non-compliance with the legal framework governing higher education.

The challenges related to graduation in Higher Education Institutions are

mainly due to non-compliance with the legal framework. To this end, the following challenges should be mentioned, among others:

- Non-compliance with the conditions of access to higher education;
- Opening of training programs and Organization of lessons without a ministerial order authorizing the opening;
- Graduation without having the program accreditation order;
- Non-compliance with regulations on the organization of administrative and academic governance;
- Insufficient financial means.

After Analysis and discussions, the following observations and recommendations were made:

A. For fundamental and post-basic establishments, apply the following measures:

- Close, from the 2022/2023 school year, all establishments that have opened without authorization;
- Sanction establishments that have committed faults in accordance with the texts in force;
- Review the ordinance prohibiting the enrollment of students at all levels when the establishment is regular and has sufficient reception capacity;
- Identify at the level of the State services those who are last in this situation and punish them.

B. For higher education institutions, the following measures are taken in particular:

- For graduates of technical education who were not entitled to the national test and who began their university studies after the entry into force of Law No. 1/22 of December 30, 2011 on the Reorganization of Higher Education in Burundi, their diplomas will not be recognized and will have to pass the State Examination to start university again if they want to.

- For students who do not hold a State diploma who have followed professional level programs that are not authorized or approved and have been enrolled against Decree No. 100/140 of June 6, 2013 on the organization of Professional Higher Education Medical and Paramedical in Burundi, they must be granted the diploma of Higher Technician level A1 by derogation;
- The educational institutions at various levels responsible for these irregularities must be prosecuted.

10. Any Other Business

- The Minister in charge of Infrastructure presented the progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Council of Ministers of May 18, 2022 in relation to the issue of execution of the contract for the sale of the land housing the former AFB stadium concluded between the State of Burundi and TOYOTA BURUNDI.

He indicated that all the elements attesting to the fraudulent maneuvers used in obtaining and transferring the title of ownership of this land have been gathered. The procedures for terminating the contract in connection with the sale of this land and its return to the heritage of the State have been initiated. The implementation of the other recommendations is also continuing.

- The Minister of Communication, Information Technologies and the Media spoke about the progress of negotiations on the Support Project for the Foundations of the Digital Economy in Burundi with the partner. She indicated that this Project will be presented to the IDA Board of Directors on June 22, 2022.

She also informed the Council of Ministers on the equipment of the Digital Broadcasting Company of Burundi which is in the stocks of Startimes. She indicated that the answer to the question of storage of material posed by the Startimes group and delivery-receipt of this material can only find its answer

with the start of the Digital Broadcasting Company of Burundi, because once the material is received, the next step would be its distribution to the beneficiaries. However, this cannot be done without the start-up of the Company. The Council of Ministers asked him to find another place to store this material while waiting for its distribution.

- The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock informed the Council of Ministers on the appearance of the Rift Valley fever epizootic in Burundi and the means necessary for the control of this disease.

He indicated that this disease is observed in the Provinces of Ngozi, Kirundo, Muyinga, Kayanza, Karusi, Cibitoke, Bujumbura and Makamba.

Since the appearance of the disease, a total of 482 cases of cattle have been reported, of which 114 heads have died.

Contagion in animals is ensured mainly by the bite of hematophagous insects (mosquito in particular), and in humans by direct contact with blood and other secretions and organs, by consumption of poorly cooked contaminated meat and raw milk, by mosquito bites or by inhaling viral particles. Necessary measures must be taken to prevent its spread.

He indicated that the urgent measures taken include: the temporary ban on the movement of susceptible animals, the closure of livestock markets and the ban on the slaughter of ruminants in the affected areas, the rigorous management of corpses of animals and individual protection measures.

A disease control action plan has been developed and the budget for its implementation is estimated at eight million six hundred ninety-seven thousand one hundred and eighty-eight US dollars (8,697,188 USD) whose activities will be extended over a period of 12 months.

- The Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mining presented to the Council of Ministers a Note on the terms and conditions of the Project for the exploitation of the Musongati nickel deposit and associated minerals.

The East African Region Project Group (EAR) has expressed an interest to

invest in the mining sector to exploit Musongati nickel and associated minerals.

On March 29, 2022, the Government of Burundi and the EAR Company signed the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the exploitation of the Musongati Nickel deposit and associated Minerals.

Given that the life of this Memorandum had expired, the purpose of this Note was to request the approval of the Government on the change of the expiry date of the Memorandum and the signature of a sheet of modalities to allow the transfer money as security, which was the condition in the Memorandum before the negotiation and the outcome of the agreement itself.

The Council of Ministers gave its approval.

- Finally, His Excellency the President of the Republic reminded the members of the Government to communicate to the staff of their ministries the account number on which the contributions for the construction of the Gitega Palace are paid. He also recalled that the contribution is in no way obligatory and that everyone does so according to their possibilities.

Done at Bujumbura, 02 June 2022
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