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Burundian Head of State opens 2021 African Caucus



The President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste Ndayishimiye proceeded Wednesday August 4, 2021, to the opening of the 58th edition of the African Caucus 2021 of the Ministers of Finance, Development Planning and the Governors of the Central Banks at the Palais des congrès de Kigobe in Bujumbura in the economic capital of Burundi.

In his welcome address, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Dr Domitien Ndiwokubwayo recalled that the African Caucus has been a platform for exchanges since 1963, which for this 58th edition has for theme: "digitization for a inclusive recovery and sustained growth. "

During the African Caucus 2021, according to the Burundian Minister in charge of finance, various themes will be debated: from resource mobilization to digital

financial services and currency through jobs and digital transformation, the other theme to be addressed is the thorny issue of illicit financial flows, the governors will also discuss challenges, solutions and prospects.

Minister Domitien Ndiwokubwayo remains confident that at the end of this 2021 African Caucus, Africa will speak with one and audible voice the same language, that it must act so as not to always drag its feet but that it must pluck the dividends from digitization.

The President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste Ndayishimiye gave thanks to Almighty God for keeping them in good health until this momentous and historic day. Thanks to its power and kindness, Burundi is honored to host the 58th edition of the African Caucus.

According to him, the theme of this

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58th Edition of the African Caucus fits well with the moments that the world is going through in the era of technological development and the experiences left by the management of the current global health crisis which, by its murderous nature, has had unprecedented economic and financial repercussions on a global scale.

This meeting constitutes a privileged framework of exchange and dialogue between the African Governors of the central banks, the Bretton Woods Institutions and the leaders of the latter, on the issues of development and the implementation of appropriate policies and strategies in accordance with the issues, challenges and opportunities presented by African countries continued the President of the Republic.

It is within this framework that the Government of Burundi, acting in strict compliance with this principle, remains focused on the implementation of all strategies and policies aimed at ensuring the profound transformation and modernization of the national economy, in order to guarantee prosperity for all and a bright future for all the girls and all the sons of Burundi. In this perspective, Burundi is off to a good start in terms of growth and sustainable development and has already recorded significant and considerable achievements.

According to HE Evariste Ndayishimiye, to successfully implement this program, Burundi has undertaken to carry out all the necessary reforms to successfully ensure the structural transformation of the national economy, in accordance with other planning and management instruments. the national economy, including the National Development Plan (PND) 2018-2027.

Returning to the theme of the African Caucus 2021, the

Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye indicated that the digital economy is one of the major sectors of investment in African countries, especially when it comes to impacting all areas of economic life.

Aware of the contribution of the digital economy to socio-economic development, the Government of Burundi is also in a perspective of deploying visible efforts on the development of this sector and especially the digitization of government action and the state-civil.

HE Evariste Ndayishimiye indicated that he remains convinced that the discussions planned on the sidelines of this 58th Edition of the African Caucus will make it possible to draw conclusions that will further strengthen initiatives to support the economic and social development of African countries, on the one hand, and strengthening international transactions and, on the other hand, taking advantage of digital development.

The session continued with exchanges between the delegations present and those who participated in virtual mode. Panels also followed in the work of the 58th session of the African caucus where Honorable Mey Alamine, Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development in Cameroon moderated the first panel relating to the mobilization of resources for digital infrastructure.

The second panel, on strengthening Africa's capacity to harness the potentials of digitization, was moderated by Honorable. Anthian Ding Athian, Minister of Finance and Planning in South Sudan with virtual interventions by other participants and experts from Bretton Woods institutions. (www.rtnb.bi)

Kayanza: the Head of State encourages irrigated agriculture in the dry season

The President of the Republic H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye paid an encouraging visit to the farmers of Butaganzwa, Muruta and Gahombo communes of Kayanza province on Thursday, August 5, 2021. During this visit, the Head of State encouraged the population to practice agriculture by hill



irrigation during the dry season and invited him to make more commitments to increase agricultural production and definitively fight famine. During this descent, the President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye visited the farms on Ninga hill in Butaganzwa commune where local farmers are practicing irrigated block agricultu-

re over an area of more than 20ha. These include fields of corn, onions and cabbages.

On this occasion, the Head of State joined the population in preparing the onion nurseries and lent them a hand. He congratulated the farmers of this locality because they quickly understood the importance of the pooling of land in order to increase agricultural production. The President of the Republic also encouraged them to continue irrigated agriculture on the hills during the dry season as to eradicate famine.

H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye subsequently visited Myugariro hill in Muruta commune in the same province of Kayanza where the Minister in charge of

agriculture and livestock carried out an agro-pastoral project covering an area of more than eight hectares. This agro-pastoral complex includes the breeding of cows, goats, pigs, chickens and geese. It also includes fields of potatoes, wheat, a banana plantation, apple crops without forgetting olive trees and vines, crops which are being tested in Burundi.

To finish, the Head of State visited another agro-pastoral project of Minister Déo Guide Rurema on Businde hill in Gahombo commune in the same province of Kayanza, a pastoral complex which covers 20ha.

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The Good Action Umugiraneza Foundation marks its solidarity with the needy of Bujumbura



As part of the week dedicated to local solidarity, assistance consisting of food and non-food was delivered to the Sainte Elisabeth de Rohero hospice held by the Congregation Sisters Bene Mukama in the town hall of Bujumbura, Wednesday, August 04, 2021, by the "Fondation Bonne action Umugiraneza" directed by the First Lady H.E Angéline Ndayishimiye.

Beans, milk, laundry soaps and men's clothes were given to 48 old people housed in this hospice.

After having thanked the "Fondation Bonne action Umugiraneza", for its assistance, the Head of the Hospice Sainte Elisabeth de Rohero, Sister Revocate Nizigiyimana took this opportunity to request from this Foundation, medicines against pain and antibiotics for patients. Care of the elderly who are accommodated there.

Mr. Joseph Ndayisenga, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the "Bonne action Umugiraneza" Foun-

ation reassured: the drugs will soon be available and the Bonne action Umugiraneza Foundation "will always remain alongside this hospice to provide it with support, in favor of the elderly. that it hosts.

He expressed his gratitude to those in charge of this hospice for the care he brings to the elderly. He encouraged them and asked them to always welcome, whenever necessary, other old people, especially those who do not have children to take care of them.

After the Sainte Elisabeth hospice, the delegation of the "Good deed Umugiraneza" visited the orphanage Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary and granted him assistance consisting of beans, milk, laundry soap and sports clothes, intended for 72 orphan children in this orphanage.

On this occasion, the person in charge of this brother orphanage Ntakirutimana Albert thanked the Government for its multiple support which it continues to grant to this orphanage. However, he noted that there are still challenges to overcome, including the rent costs which amount to 600 thousand Burundian Francs, the salaries of 8 employees who take care of the children and the food for the 72 orphans accommodated.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fondation Bonne action Umugiraneza congratulated and encouraged the manager of this orphanage and promised him, on behalf of the Foundation, unwavering support.

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The outgoing Permanent Secretary and the outgoing Minister's Assistant of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation carry out a handover and a takeover with the new Permanent Secretary and the new Minister's Assistant



This Monday August 2nd, 2021, the outgoing Permanent Secretary Ambassador Isidore NTIRAMPEBA and the incoming Permanent Secretary Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO proceeded to the handover and the takeover ceremonies of the files of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

On the same occasion, the outgoing Minister's Assistant Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO and the incoming Minister's Assistant Mr. Syldie MANIREREKANA also proceeded to the handover and the takeover in front of the

Executives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

The outgoing Permanent Secretary first congratulated the incoming Permanent Secretary as well as the incoming Minister's Assistant for the confidence placed in them by the High Authorities of the country. He subsequently noted that the new bodies are coming into operation when many files were at an appreciable stage of completion.

The outgoing Permanent Secretary Ambassador Isidore NTIRAMPEBA also made a briefing on major files already carried out and others which are in progress. He cited as an example the adoption of the foreign policy document, the approval by the Council of Ministers of the bill on the organization of the Diplomatic Service of the Republic of Burundi, the adoption of the protocol manual as well as the development of

the Ministry's sector strategy, the Ministry's internal and external communication strategy, the statistical yearbook, the sectoral strategy for the development of the Ministry's statics, etc. He recalled that alongside the above-mentioned documents, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation has carried out other actions within the framework of strengthening and warming cooperation with the international community.

In turn, the incoming Permanent Secretary Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO thanked His Excellency the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation for the honor and confidence they have placed in him. He then called on all the personnel of the Ministry to always work with courage and to show selflessness at work for a better performance in the service of the Nation.

Taking the floor, the incoming Minister's Assistant Mr. Syldie MANIREREKANA said that he will work together to continue the commendable work already done in order to achieve good results.

The handover and the takeover ceremonies were closed with the handover and take-

over of files from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation between the incoming and outgoing bodies.



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Burundi hosts the 58th edition of the African caucus



Bujumbura, the economic capital of Burundi will host from August 3 to 5, 2021, the 58th edition of the African Caucus of African Ministers of Finance and Development Planning as well as central banks under the theme: "Digitization for an inclusive recovery and growth sustained".

The Minister in charge of finance indicated that the discussions will focus on the major challenges that hamper the structural transformation of the continent especially with regard to digital development and on exit routes thanks to the technical support adapted to make African economies more resilient.

Minister Domitien Ndiokubwayo said that the African Ministers in charge of Finance and Development Planning as well as the Governors of the Central Banks of Africa meet every year within the framework of the African Caucus for them.

He added that on the sidelines of the African Caucus 2021, a moment of exchange between the major African economic actors on the preponderant and relevant information for the future of Africa will be opened during the 3 days of meetings of the governors of the central banks. African.

According to the Minister in charge of Finance, these discussions constitute an opening for Burundi since it hosts the 58th edition of the African caucus. The Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Dr Domitien Ndiokubwayo was delighted that several delegations are already present in Burundi despite the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and

that others will participate in virtual mode.

The various delegations that came to Burundi to participate in the 58th edition of the 2021 African caucus made an excursion inside the country in the province of Muramvya. They also visited the Teza tea processing plant where they could see the processing chain from green leaf to tea ready for consumption.

In the evening, during the banquet offered, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Dr Domitien Ndiokubwayo suggested that Burundi is very honored to welcome this strong delegation coming to participate in the 58th edition of the African Caucus 2021 for lead discussions on their common destiny because African countries share the sorrows and successes.

Minister Domitien Ndiokubwayo praised the great sacrifice of the delegations present who, despite all the constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic in the travels of recent days, still made the trip.

Before the holding of this event, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Dr Domitien Ndiokubwayo, hosted on Tuesday, July 3, 2021, a press point to announce the holding of the African Caucus, Edition 2021, from 03- 05 August 2021, in Bujumbura at the Kigobe convention center.

At the same time, he announced that the African Caucus was created in 1963 with the aim of strengthening the voice of African Governors within the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Minister in charge of agriculture calls on project coordinators to ensure good management of funds



During his period of leave, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Dr Deo Guide Rurema carried out a field visit on Monday, August 2, 2021, in the provinces of Kayanza and Ngozi.

In the province of Kanyanza, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock in collaboration with the local administration handed over the land of more than 2 hectares to Mr. Déo Wakana, the returnee victim of the 1972 war at Bushoka hill, Mubogora Zone, Muhanga commune of Kayanza province.

In the same commune of Muhanga, the Minister visited a henhouse of the breeders' cooperative of Kayanza province on the kibimba hill, Muhanga zone and commune with more than 1000 improved breed hens. He encouraged these breeders and promised them that the Ministry in charge of breeding will remain at their side for technical supervision.

After Kayanza province, Minister Déo Guide RUREMA continued his visit to Kirundo province. He visited a rice-growing agricultural center located in the 200-hectare

Muhara-kagera-ruhohera swamp in Vumbi commune. This area is exploited by cooperatives under the supervision of BPEAE Kirundo.

Arrived at the place, the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock deplored that rice production in this center will be unsatisfactory. He stressed that a commission will be set up very soon to produce a report showing the shortfall and establish everyone's responsibilities. He did not fail to remind the executives of the projects that come under the Ministry, to the good management of funds because these funds belong to the Government to support in its various activities. Thus, any project that supports in the agricultural sector must be reassured of the agricultural calendar to make agricultural inputs available to the beneficiaries on time; insisted the Minister.

To close his activities, the Minister took the opportunity to visit the Yaranda site on Lake Cohoha, a site that will house a floating cage farming project and a fish processing plant. (www.rtnb.bi)

Many roads were built and paved during the 2020-2021 budget year

The Minister of Infrastructures, Equipment and Social Housing, Ir Déogratias Nsanganiyumwami presented, Thursday August 5, 2021, a report of satisfactory achievements for the fiscal year 2020-2021 where the road sector played an important part. Minister Nsanganiyumwami said that during this fiscal year 2020-2021, in terms of infrastructure, many roads were built. According to this report, the construction and asphaltting works of the RN18 II, Kibumbu-Gitega with a

length of 24 kilometers are being carried out by the Chinese company HUNAN Construction, with financing from the African Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Burundi. These works are currently at 87.69% completion according to Minister Nsanganiyumwami. It also concerns the rehabilitation, expansion and asphaltting works of the RN5, Bujumbura-Nyamitanga with a length of 30.1 km with a doubling of the section, Rond-point Chanic-Rond-

point International Airport Melchior Ndadaye, long of 5 km, which are executed by the SOGEA-SATOM company with funding from the Organization of Petroleum Producing Countries (OFID), BADEA, the Kuwaiti Fund (FK), the Saudi Fund (FS) and the Government. The development and asphaltting works of the RN16, Bururi-Gakuba, 34.72 km long are being carried out by the CFHEC company and are 40% funded by BADEA, FK, FS, OFID and the Government of Burundi. He also indicated that the development and asphaltting works of the RN3, Gitaza Rumonge section, with a length of 45 km will soon begin with funding from the ADB and the Government of Burundi and will be executed by SOGEA-SATOM. The contract for the execution of the development and asphaltting works of the RN3, Nyanza lac-Rumonge section, 52 km long are being negotiated and the works will be financed by BADEA, FK, FS, OFID and the Government of Burundi. The contract was awarded to the Chinese company



CHICO. The development and asphaltting works of the Makamba urban road network with funding from the AfDB and the Burundian Government have been completed. He pointed out that as part of the paving of urban centers for the promotion of roads in urban centers, a lot of work has been carried out, in particular the work of paving the streets in the town hall of Bujumbura, that is to say, 1st avenue Mutakura and those of rue Nyuminkwi and those of the administrative centers of Kayanza, Bubanza and Gitega provinces, with World Bank financing, have been completed and received. According to this report, in terms of road maintenance, various critical points were also addressed as part of the work under the supervision of financing from the Government of Burundi through the Burundi Road Agency (ARB). www.abpinfos.com

CVR / Bujumbura Town Hall: investigations into the events of 1972

The CVR hosted this Thursday, August 5, 2021, a press conference on the current state of inquiries and investigations into human rights violations and mass graves of the 1972 crisis in the town hall of Bujumbura and its surroundings.

According to Pierre Claver Ndayicariye, President of the CVR, since the start of its activities, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has already heard from more than 50 people aged 60 to 85 from different categories: men, women, widows, orphans, former student drivers and civil servants. . In these investigations into the events of 1972 in the town hall of Bujumbura, the CVR consulted the archives which provide information on the names of the people arrested in May 1972, on the vehicles and houses seized, the bank accounts seized as well as the people sentenced to death. by the war council of May 1972.

The CVR carried out investigations at the Ministry of Justice, the Public Prosecutor's Office, Burundian



Press Publications, the Ministry in charge of Education and the RTNB. The TRC investigated what happened in schools such as the "Athénée royal de Bujumbura", the "Collège du Saint Esprit", "ETS Kamenge" and the Official University of Burundi.

At ETS Kamenge, students were taken to an unknown destination by an army officer on May 17, 1972. All the students abducted that day were killed and the Burundian state never told parents where they are. their children, said the President of the TRC in his presentation. During the investigations, the CVR checked and exhumed mass graves in Buterere in the town hall of Bujumbura at a place called Kubumwe. The CVR found human remains, clothes and belts worn by the victims. Witnesses also say mass graves were often dug during the day to receive corpses at night. According to the witnesses interviewed by the CVR, the army, the Security, the Uprona party ... were directly involved in the arrests and killings. These kil-

lings targeted the Bahutu who had studied or had a comfortable standard of living.

The soldiers said they were looking for Mayi Mulele insurgents who had come to help the Bahutu to wage war in Burundi. The victims were arrested, taken to military camps where they were killed. Many innocent citizens have been arrested on the basis of pre-established lists.

According to the TRC, parents were discouraged by the arrests of officials and intellectuals and prevented their

children from continuing their education. In Buyenzi, several Bahutu had to change their nationality, saying that they were Zairians in order to escape the roundups. The Burundian State, the President of the Republic Michel Micombero first, is responsible for the massacres of the populations according to the information collected by the CVR in the town hall of Bujumbura. (www.rtnb.bi)

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