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The Head of State receives Congolese Minister of Agriculture in Makamba



On Monday, November 22, 2021, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE received in Makamba, the Congolese Minister of Agriculture Mr. M'ZINGA Birihanze Désiré who concludes a five-day visit to Burundi, as part of the realization of the Cooperation Agreements signed in July 2021 between Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, it was during the visit of the Burundian President His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE in the DRC.

During this hearing, the Burundian

Number One outlined various agricultural strategies undertaken by the Burundian Government in order to increase production. He spoke in particular of the awareness of new agricultural techniques such as the rehabilitation and development of land to increase production, the initiative campaign with quick results, the policy of sensitizing all officials to have at least one agricultural project. so that the peasant mass can imitate new agricultural technologies, facilitate businessmen to invest in this area so that the processing and marketing of agricul-

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tural products can win the bet, etc.

In an interview with the press at the end of the hearing, the Congolese Minister of Agriculture recalled that during His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE's visit to the DRC, some of the points discussed with his Congolese counterpart in matters of bilateral cooperation were focused on strengthening and developing the agricultural sector, exchanging agricultural experience, etc. "It is in this context that I and my entire delegation have just made a field visit, in particular to the various agro-pastoral sites set up in various provinces of Burundi, to strengthen our capacities and to discover the experience of our Burundian brothers in agriculture," He said.

As such, he appreciates and encourages good agricultural practices which have contributed to the increase in production in Burundi. He greatly salutes the agricultural achievements of the Burundian people, considered as an agricultural army where the Supreme Commander himself is on the ground to fight mercilessly hunger and

poverty.

"The mobilization of the Burundian population by their Dear President Himself on the policy of soil study, land development, irrigation, anti-erosion control, control of marshes, pooling of land,... has enabled the Burundians to cultivate and produce a lot at all times of the year, even during the dry season " " The experience we have just received from our Burundian brothers will help us to know how to value our lands in the DRC, so that Central Africa can feed a large part of the continent ", He insisted.

The Congolese Minister of Agriculture salutes, to this end, the determination of the President of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, whom he describes as "Supreme Agricultural Commander", to have mobilized all the agricultural battalions in all countries to eradicate forever hunger. in Burundi, to the point of even having an overproduction of certain agricultural products. This is the case with maize.

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COMESA will adopt an economic integration strategy



After the welcome word to the participants of the said Summit by the Egyptian President His Excellency Abdel Fattah El Sisi, the outgoing President of this great international institution and President of Madagascar His Excellency Andry Nirina Rajoelina passed the baton of command to the new Leader His Excellency Abdel Fattah El Sisi from Egypt.

"Joint action is imperative for a solution of resilience and revival of economies now at half-mast following the Covid19", said President NDAYISHIMIYE, stressing that few products have been exchanged during this period of the Covid19 pandemic.

All member countries, through their statements made in turn, have committed to building resilience through strategic economic integration. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE participated on tuesday by videoconference in the 21st COMESA Summit held in Cairo, Egypt, where participated virtually or physically the Heads of State and Government of the 21 Member States of the large International Organization.

Burundian women called on to support peacekeeping

On her arrival in the country after a visit to Abuja in Nigeria, where she took part in the 9th General Assembly of the Peace Mission of the First Ladies of Africa (MIPREDA), the First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE called on all Burundian women to combine their efforts to contribute to the maintenance of peace.

"As First Ladies, we are committed to strengthening our support to Heads of State and Government to establish peace in Africa, each in her country. In our country, I could not win this bet without the support of all Burundian women, «she said to the women, inviting them to work each in their locality to bring a stone to the building.

Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE further



revealed that in relation to the Organization of African First Ladies for Development (OPDAD) which is interested in the well-being of women and children in order to promote their development, MIPREDA on its side invests in peacekeeping but that the two organizations are complementary because they both work to improve the living conditions of citizens.

The First Lady of Burundi also informed that on the sidelines of the 9th General Assembly of MIPREDA, the First Ladies proceeded to the laying of the first stone of the headquarters of MIPREDA, after the elections which put at the head of this organization Her Excellency Aisha Buhari, First Lady of Nigeria, who is committed to working for its revitalization.

It should be noted that MIPREDA was created in 1995 and its last summit was held in 2015.

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Official launch of the rehabilitation of the RN3 road

The Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni proceeded on thursday, november 25, 2021, on the Rutunga hill of the Muhuta commune, to the official launch of the rehabilitation works of the RN3 section Gitaza-Rumonge. This work is being carried out with funding from the African Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Burundi to the tune of approximately \$ 66 million. The SOGEA Satom and GETRA group of companies is responsible for rehabilitating this section. ADB Representative Daniel Ndoye said that the rehabilitation of this road will facilitate traffic and reduce the prices of transport tickets. The ADB is committed to supporting Burundi in its development efforts, continued Mr. Daniel Ndoye. As the contracting authority, the Minister in charge of Infrastructures Mr. Déogratias Nsanganiyumwami promised that his Ministry will do its best to closely follow the



rehabilitation works of the RN3 Gitaza - Rumonge. Mr. Déogratias Nsanganiyumwami urged the Burundian population to protect the roads while avoiding cultivating close to the border and respecting the distance of 6 m from the border to build. Speaking, Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni warmly thanked the African Development Bank for its remarkable efforts and asked

it to continue to support Burundi in its development projects. The project to rehabilitate roads that are in poor condition is among the priorities of the responsible and hard-working government, underlined CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni.

The Prime Minister asked the Burundi Road Agency to be always vigilant, and the companies in charge of the execution to use their knowledge, skills and experiences so that the quality of the road conforms to the expected results.

According to Mr. Daniel Ndoye, Representative of the

ADB, the rehabilitation project of the RN3 section Gitaza-Rumonge provides for other social infrastructure including the rehabilitation of the markets of Magara and Minago, the secondary school of Bitare and the establishment of a tree seedling production unit.

The ceremonies for the official launch of the rehabilitation of the RN3 also saw the presence of the Minister in charge of Finance, the Minister of Justice and executives from the Burundi Road Agency.

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Ombudsman: Community networks help reduce conflict

The institution of the Ombudsman of Burundi with the support of the UNDP organized on Monday, November 23, 2021 in Ngozi a workshop to present the mid-term evaluation report of the action of community mechanisms for the prevention and management of risk of conflict.

This workshop was organized for members of community mediation and conflict prevention networks as well as socio-cultural advisers. The Honorable Burundian Ombudsman Edouard NDUWIMANA indicated that the objective of this workshop is to assess the level reached by the project in terms of conflict prevention and management, the relevance of the project, its impact and its effectiveness.

During his presentation, the Consultant Mr. Dieudonné Nshimirimana said that the conflict prevention and management project has contributed to behavior change in the range of 62 to 88%. Administrators and members of community conflict prevention and risk



management mechanisms also affirmed that conflict reduction is visible in the community.

Mr. Dieudonné Nshimirimana also specified that the project contributed to the strengthening of skills through training, the quality of complaints management, the reduction of conflicts and the active participation of women in social cohesion.

The Burundian Ombudsman said that the establishment of members of community networks will allow the consolidation of peace and good governance. He asked the participants to continue to work actively in collaboration with the administrators.

During the discussions, the participants put forward some challenges encountered in the prevention and management of conflicts such as the non-recognition of certain members of community mediation and conflict prevention networks because, not having presented to the administration, an insufficient training for some and a problem of means of transport in remote areas. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation provides assistance to the DISARA Center

On Tuesday, November 23, 2021, the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation handed over assistance consisting of food and school materials to the Disability Response Association (DISARA) center which supports people living with disabilities in Buganda commune in Cibitoke

province.

Mr. Désiré MPFUBUSA, Assistant to the President of the Fondation Bonne Action Umugiraneza indicated that the delivery of this aid to the DISARA center is part of its missions to support the government in terms of assistance to the vulnerable.

The handing over of the aid to the DISARA center is, for the president of the Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza, the First Lady SE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, a way of showing love towards these people living with disabilities and wishing them to spend the holidays of the end of year in joy, said Mr. Désiré MPFUBUSA.



their contribution in the care of people living with disabilities. The legal representative of the DISARA Center has requested multifaceted support so that the center can successfully accomplish its mission.

Among other things, the center needs means of locomotion to move people living with disabilities, equipment to teach

He took this opportunity to launch the message of the First Lady, who calls on all Burundian citizens to make

them trades, tricycles, health care for the mentally ill, etc. (www.rtnb.bi)

FIGA: Young people asked to develop eligible projects

The Support Guarantee Impulse Fund (FIGA) organized in Gitega from 22 to 23 november 2021, an exchange workshop on support mechanisms for young project promoters.



agreement between FIGA and the Youth Investment Bank (BIJE) was signed on june 25, 2021.

According to the Director of FIGA, this workshop organized by FIGA on support mechanisms for project promoters was an opportunity to define the role of each stakeholder in the supervision of young people grouped within cooperatives (or

The objective of this workshop was to set up a support mechanism for young project promoters (applicants or beneficiaries of loans through the partnership between

holders of SMEs) from the start up to the implementation of their project.

Mrs. Gloria Olga Nyampundu nevertheless deplored that most young people submit projects to the BIJE which are not bankable. Young people do not have enough capacity in developing and implementing projects, she added.



For the director of FIGA, the fund is not for the moment able to respond to all the funding requests of young people grouped in cooperatives or associations.

the financial institution and FIGA) before, during and after the start of their projects according to Mr. Radjabu Songambere Director in charge of youth. In her presentation, the Director of FIGA Mrs. Gloria Olga Nyampundu indicated that this fund was created by the government with a view to promoting income-generating projects and financing projects leading to economic growth. She announced that a partnership



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PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat-General of the State**MEDIA RELEASE NO 29 CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2021**

A Cabinet Meeting was held on Wednesday 24th of November 2021, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi.

Before presenting the agenda, His Excellency the President of the Republic congratulated the new Ministers for the trust bestowed upon them and welcomed them to the Council of Ministers.

He also wished them good success in the mission of implementing the country's policy in the areas under their responsibility.

He also congratulated the ministers who changed ministries. It is also for them, a sign of a confidence placed in them, because they have been sent to these Ministries to strengthen them due to the skills detected in them.

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 Wednesday 11 November 2021, and which was devoted to the analysis of the same items on the agenda.

Taking the floor, the Prime Minister first thanked His Excellency the President of the Republic for the new appointments of the members of the Government as they bring new blood and new energies to the government team. They are now part of a family where they will feel at ease, a united and united team within the responsible and hard-working Government (Reta Mvyeyi, Reta Nkozi).

He also congratulated the ministers who changed ministries because this change took into account their knowledge and skills necessary to revitalize the ministries for which they were appointed.

After restitution by the Prime Minister to the President of the Republic, the following items were analyzed:

1. Bill on the status of support staff of the National Police of Burundi, presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security

The National Police of Burundi is made up of Officers, Brigadiers, Agents, chaplains and Support Staff.

Since its creation in 2004, the personnel of the National Police of Burundi was governed by law n ° 1/06 of March 02, 2006.

By decree n ° 100/127 of April 23, 2015, measures were put in place for the application of law n ° 1/016 of March 02, 2006 relating to the Staff Regulations of the National Police of Burundi, with regard to support staff. This decree is still in force.

Since February 2017, the National Police of Burundi has been governed by organic law n ° 1/03 of February 20, 2017.

The promulgation of this law made the decree on the status of support staff contradictory.

The Constitution of the Republic of Burundi of 2018, for its part, provides that the statutes of the personnel of the defense and security corps are the domain of the law.

This project intervenes, on the one hand, to implement the organic law n ° 1/03 of February 20, 2017, in its article 313, which provides that "the practical modalities of the management of the career of the personnel of the National Police of Burundi are defined by the statutes of the personnel of the National Police of Burundi ", and on the other hand, to comply with the Constitution which sets the statutes of the personnel of

the defense and security corps in matters falling within the domain of the law.

At the end of the debate, the Council of Ministers noted that indeed, according to the Constitution, the support staff of the National Police must be governed by a law and adopted the project. It was recommended to:

- In Chapter II, insert a provision indicating that the method of recruiting staff as well as the complaints process will be specified in a regulatory text;
- Check in articles 40 and 41 because certain facts are mentioned at the same time as constituting disciplinary faults and as serious faults;
- In Article 41, 1), delete the word "seriously" in the sentence "seriously undermine the Constitution".
- Revisit the text to correct any formatting errors.

With regard to the discordance which would exist between the advantages granted to the support staff of the National Police of Burundi and to the civilian staff of the National Defense Force, the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs was asked to visit the texts which govern these two bodies, establish comparisons and produce a note for the Council of Ministers.

2. Draft decree establishing the national qualification and certification framework in Burundi, presented by the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research.

The national qualification and certification framework in Burundi is a reference and guidance tool making it possible to describe and define the training levels of the education system, the admission conditions as well as the titles issued at the end of training.

It responds to the regional need for the harmonization of education systems in the East African community in accordance with the protocol of the Common Market for East Africa which enshrines the mobility of students and workers.

It should be noted that Burundi remained the only country in the East African Community that did not have this reference tool.

In addition, the 2020 law which reorganizes higher education as well as the 2020 decree which organizes the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research provide for the establishment of a decree establishing the national qualification framework and certification.

This project brings a number of innovations such as the relationships between different qualifications at different levels of basic education, post-basic education, and higher education as well as technical and vocational training.

It also defines a scale of comparability of the different qualifications and certifications corresponding to these levels.

Following the analysis of this project, the Council of Ministers adopted it with the following recommendations:

- Restructure Chapter III relating to the qualification and certification scale by subdividing Articles 10 and 11 into sections according to the different levels for greater readability;
- Add a provision in this project that talks about the validation of acquired experience or professional achievements;
- Popularize the national qualification and certification framework in Burundi to public and private institutions, employers and workers;
- Take into account the proven skills of people who excel in areas in which they have not been trained.

3. Draft decree updating the Land Use and Urban Planning Master Plan for the City of Gitega by 2050

4. Draft decree on the perimeter of the City of Gitega

These two projects were presented by the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing.

The Government of Burundi has proclaimed the City of Gitega as the Political Capital of Burundi. But this city requires an upgrade in terms of urbanization to meet the criteria, requirements and realities of a City that fulfils the functions of a Capital City.

The functions of the City must be planned in order to articulate the different levels towards its sustainability. This is the *raison d'être* of the Master Plan for Land Use Planning and Development.

The Land Use and Town Planning Master Plan is a long-term city planning tool with a minimum period of fifteen years. It must take into account:

- Population growth
- Environmental protection
- Service orientation
- Public infrastructure that will be built there
- Housing to be built
- Activities and jobs that will be carried out there

With the proclamation of the City of Gitega as political capital, the population could increase, by 2050, from one to five times.

The realization of the Master Plan of Development and Urbanism of the City of Gitega by 2050 becomes, therefore, one of the first urgencies, in order to have a legal instrument, in order to avoid an uncontrolled urbanization.

The establishment of this Scheme and its zoning were drawn up while respecting the balance between the zones intended for different activities (housing, infrastructure, agriculture, livestock, etc.).

The existing Master Plan for Development and Town Planning of the City of Gitega dates from 1986, hence the need for its updating.

In total, 4,800 hectares of areas to be urbanized have been identified for the next thirty years, and the potential for hosting is around 405,000 inhabitants.

Among other innovative features in this Master Plan for Development and Urbanism of the City of Gitega, it should be noted that:

- All national roads entering the City of Gitega will be double-lane;

- Double lanes will be designed to reserve cycle paths and for pedestrians;
- The Road linking the Town of Gitega to the Airport of Bugendana will be double-lane;
- The areas to be protected will be bypassed by tracks.

This Master Plan does not envisage annexing the territories of the border municipalities of the current Municipality of Gitega to modify the administrative limits in place, but rather envisages clearing the new limits of the urban perimeter of the City of Gitega projected in 2050, to ensure better planning.

At the end of the debate on these two projects, the Council of Ministers adopted them with the following recommendations:

- Refer to the master plan of the City of Gitega from 1986 by including it in the visas;
- For the implementation of the new Master Plan for Development and Town Planning of the City of Gitega, make an inventory of the areas to be developed in order to know the existing situation and facilitate compensation, if necessary;
- Prohibit any new activity in these sectors without prior authorization from the authorized services;
- Put in place a text which regulates land development by integration;
- Officially ban new buyers to build without the approval of the Planning and Urbanization Commission and validation of plans according to the type of district;
- Popularize this Master Plan for Development and Town Planning of the City of Gitega so that all stakeholders take ownership of it so that everyone knows what is allowed and what is prohibited;
- Bring the provincial and communal planning and town planning committees to assume their responsibilities in the fight against anarchic constructions;
- Speed up the completion of the social housing policy under development.
- Show the layouts of the various roads by staking out, within a period not exceeding three months;

- Avoid giving away plots but rather build turnkey houses according to the standings;
- Avoid moving the city limits by considering the beautiful houses built in the outskirts.
- Take accompanying measures so that this Master Plan for Development and Urbanism for the City of Gitega does not fall into oblivion as was the case for the City of Bujumbura.

Regarding the Master Plan for the City of Bujumbura, which was initially listed under Any Other Business section, it was analyzed compared to that of Gitega to serve as lessons learned.

In this regard, the Minister in charge of Infrastructure informed the Council of Ministers that its development was launched in 2014 with funding from the UNDP, but that activities were disrupted with the crisis of 2015, and the project had to be extended to twice in 2017 and in 2018.

He said that unfortunately, no legal framework for the adoption of this Scheme has ever been put in place, hence its non-operationalization. It has become obsolete because it has been overtaken by anarchic constructions.

He was asked to prepare a complete file with concrete proposals on this file to be submitted to the Council of Ministers for analysis.

He was also asked to study the issue of anarchic constructions where entire neighborhoods are built without streets.

5. Note on the current situation of the Agronomic and Zootechnical Research Institute (IRAZ), presented by the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock.

The Agronomic and Zootechnical Research Institute (IRAZ) created in 1979 by the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL) which are Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been experiencing serious operating difficulties for several years which have paralyzed almost all of its activities.

This paralysis is mainly due to the civil wars which have not spared any of the three member countries, particularly since 1993. The headquarters of the Institute being located on Burundian territory, the country's authorities currently feel called upon to try, as much as they can, to take their responsibilities in order to rectify the situation and to preserve the heritage of the IRAZ as well as the numerous research achievements which the Institute had achieved before its dysfunction, without however violating the commitments of Burundi vis-à-vis -to other member countries.

While waiting for the situation to normalize and taking into account the state of this community wealth, it is the highest responsibility of the State of Burundi to safeguard it because, if nothing is done, all the responsibility could fall on the country for not having acted correctly at the appropriate time in the interest of the entire CEPGL in general and that of Burundi in particular.

The assets of IRAZ includes among others:

- ❖ A land rich in all crops of 350 unused hectares;
- ❖ A building with more than 50 offices that risks deteriorating if nothing is done;
- ❖ 13 residential villas illegally occupied by former IRAZ employees without paying rent;
- ❖ Afforestation threatened by fires from neighbors who covet this land;
- ❖ Unmaintained seed conservation laboratories;
- ❖ Seed varieties that have been stored for several years which risk deteriorating;
- ❖ Rich plantations of improved bananas of several varieties.

After discussion and debate on this file, the Council of Ministers recommended the following:

- Existing texts must be examined to find out who is currently authorized to convene a meeting of the General Assembly;
- Make an inventory of the assets in place and its condition and communicate it to other members;

- There is no downside to exploiting the IRAZ land;
- Decide on strategies to safeguard the assets of the IRAZ and highlight the heritage which is at risk of deteriorating, including genetic material;
- It is necessary to inform the other member countries on the activities which are being carried out;
- Revive diplomatic contacts;
- Immediately evict those who illegally exploit the IRAZ heritage, especially houses;
- Bring back into the hands of the state the school which accommodated the children of the officials of the IRAZ.

6. Any Other Business

- The Minister of Interior, Community Development and Public Security informed the Council of Ministers on the seizure of 230 tons of maize fraudulently imported in Makamba and Ruyigi Provinces. These quantities will be distributed to the needy (orphanages, care centers for the elderly, victims of floods and torrential rains, etc.).
- Before adjourning the Meeting, His Excellency the President of the Republic provided advice to the new members of the Government. He recalled the Government's principle of unity, complementarity and solidarity.

He told them that the Government must always work in close collaboration as a whole, be united and complementary in all sectors, and that we should not hesitate to seek the advice or support of colleagues in the event of need.

He told them that they are at the service of the people and that they must listen to their grievances and find solutions.

It will also be necessary to be clairvoyant, to be constantly on the ground so as not to rely solely on the reports of the technicians, because sometimes they can knowingly mislead them, because of their interests.

For both new ministers and those who have changed ministries, he said that their knowledge, skills and expertise were taken into account in appointing them, in order to revitalize these ministerial departments. It's a matter of judgment, to get the right man in the right place and at the

right time.

His Excellency the President of the Republic further congratulated the Prime Minister for the excellent work he is doing in his role of overseeing and coordinating the action of the Government.

The meeting was closed with the introduction of the new members of the Government, and His Excellency the President of the Republic wished them every success in their new functions.

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Done at Bujumbura, November 25th,

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Secretary-General and Spokesman.

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