



### The CVR submits its progress report to the President of the Senate



The President of the Senate, the High Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, received in audience on wednesday, december 15, 2021, a delegation from the Truth Reconciliation Commission (CVR). On the sidelines of this hearing, the Vice-President of the CVR submitted to the President of the Senate in the presence of his two Vice-Presidents, a progress report on the achievements of this commission, fiscal year 2021.

The President of the Senate the High Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera praised the work done this year by the CVR, a work which, according to him, will allow reconciliation and mutual forgiveness between the Burundians to

build a Country without conflicts, indicated at the exit of the audience its spokesperson, Mr. Gabby Bugaga.

The Spokesman of the President of the Senate also indicated that the law requires the leaders of the CVR to present the report of the achievements to the institutions such as the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, the Vice-President of the Republic, the President of the National Assembly and the Senate. He indicated that this commission will publicly present the progress report of its achievements for fiscal year 2021 in front of the Parliament meeting in congress, on monday, december 20, 2021. (rtnb)

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## The Prime Minister receives in audience the members of the CNDS office



The Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni

received in audience on tuesday, december 14, 2021, the members of the office of the National Committee of Social Dialogue (CNDS), chaired by the former President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya for the first contact, so that this body starts. correctly its work, two months after its installation. (rtnb)

## Kabezi: The Prime Minister assists the poor



**P** rime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni accompanied by his wife provided food and non-food

assistance to 300 vulnerable people identified in the hills of Kabezi commune in Bujumbura province. It was on thursday, december 16, 2021

The assistance given by the family of the Prime Minister to the vulnerable of Kabezi consisted of rice, beans, palm oil, salt, loincloths, buckets, sports equipment for young people, 2,500 sheets for 50 households, soaps,

15 cell phones for the heads of areas and hills. According to the Prime Minister, the delivery of this assistance to the vulnerable is part of the desire to share divine blessings with others, to respect Burundian customs of mutual aid. It is also a way of encouraging the population for their current involvement in development activities compared to previous years.

On the occasion of the delivery of this aid to the destitute of the Kabezi commune, Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni recommended that the population relentlessly respect the COVID-19 barrier measures and be tested regularly. (Rtnb)

## Week dedicated to taxpayers: Burundian producers called to target the international market



**T** he Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Dr Domitien Ndi-hokubwayo together with the Commissioner General of the Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR)

Mr J. Claude Manirakiza, officially opened on Sunday December 19, 2021, an exhibition-sale fair at the INTWARI stadium in Bujumbura town hall, as part of

the week dedicated to taxpayers 6th edition. After the ribbon was cut, the Minister responsible for Finance accompanied by the Commissioner General of the OBR visited the stands of taxpayers who participated in this exhibition-sale fair, one of the activities organized as part of the dedicated week. to taxpayers.

Each taxpayer's day is preceded by an exhibition-sale which gives taxpayers an opportunity to exhibit their products and improve their visibility. This exhibition offers the opportunity for taxpayers to express their pride in contributing to the development of the country.

It also demonstrates the commitment of the Government of Burundi to support taxpayers through collaboration and strengthening the relationships that exist between taxpayers and the Government.

On the sidelines of the visit to the stands of the exhibition-sale fair, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Dr Domitien Ndiokubwayo congratulated and encouraged the exhibitors who participate in this fair. Obviously they bring typically Burundian products made for the most part with Burundian raw material, he said.

Dr Domitien Ndiokubwayo was delighted that even if there are producers who mix the Burundian raw material and the imported one, the main thing is to create jobs. He nevertheless deplores the counterfeiters who market fake products passing them off as original products.

Minister Ndiokubwayo also encouraged Burundians to consume products made in Burundi to reduce external dependence which takes away the little foreign currency available to the Country. He urged producers not only to target the Burundian market, but rather to break into the regional and international market.

The Minister of Finance reassured Burundians in general and producers in particular that the government of Burundi has already taken charge of the issue of counterfeits through the BBN because these counterfeits can harm public health.

On the sidelines of the exhibition-sale fair, certificates of participation in this fair were awarded by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Planning Dr Domitien Ndiokubwayo in the company of the Commissioner General of the OBR.



**T**he Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema hosted a press briefing on

tuesday december 15, 2021 on the importation of plants, pesticides and other regulated articles within the framework of the counter. electronic single on foreign trade. Minister Dr Deo Guide Rurema first recalled that the responsible and hard-working Government is concerned about increasing agricultural production so that every mouth has food and every pocket has money.

Unfortunately, imports of plants including seeds, plant products and regulated articles are often the cause of the introduction and spread of diseases and pests of crops which considerably reduce agricultural production in quality and quantity when these exchanges are carried out without respecting the sanitary and phytosanitary requirements required for importation, continued the Minister.

He indicated that this is the reason why he informs the public that international trade in plants, plant products and pesticides are regulated and must be accompanied by documents attesting to their good phytosanitary status. He added that in order to

facilitate these exchanges, documents that were previously issued manually on paper will now be issued electronically in the electronic single window system.

The Minister in charge of Agriculture explained that given that trade facilitation is currently a concern of the policy of Governments around the world including that of Burundi is part, it is in this context that the customs administrations have set up automated systems. The aim being to improve trade facilitation in order to effectively achieve their objectives of collecting revenue, protecting society and providing data and information to governments to inform management decisions and of politics.

Minister Dr Déo Guide Rurema specified that various tools have been developed for this purpose by international organizations, in particular the Electronic Single Window (GUE). The latter is a computer instrument allowing the electronic processing of authorizations, permits, certificates or any other customs document issued by the competent State bodies. This instrument is provided for by the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA) in its article 10.4.

In order for Burundi to keep pace with other Countries, the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock requested technical support from the Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) with funding from Trade Mark East. Africa (TMEA). And the contract for the execution of this work was concluded between

## COVID-19: the Minister in charge of health urges the population to respect the barrier



**T**he Minister in charge of Public Health along with the Chairman of the COVID-19 response committee and the Mayor of the city of Bujumbura paid a visit to various public places in the city of Bujumbura and certain markets of the City of Bujumbura . The objective was to inquire about the state of play of the implementation of barrier measures against COVID-19.

Among the places visited, we can mention the so-called "ideal" place in the city center, the parking lot

for buses coming from the north of Bujumbura, the Chez Sion market, the COTEBU market, the Kamenge market in Bujumbura town hall and the screening site. of covid19 called Chez Ntiba. According to Minister Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana, there is a slackening in the implementation of barrier measures against Covid-19 in the various places visited and currently, the numbers of positive cases are starting to increase even if they are not alarming , underlined Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana.

She then reminded the population to redouble their efforts in the strict implementation of barrier measures to protect themselves and others.

In the various places visited, Minister Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana made the population aware of the respect of barrier gestures against Covid-19, to carry out early screening, to provide customers with soap and clean water, etc. "The population must celebrate the end of the year celebrations in good health," concluded the Minister in charge of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS. (Rtnb)

## IOM presents risk mapping in Burundi



**I**OM Burundi presented on tuesday, december 14, 2021 the multi-risk card to the Government represented by the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security. This multi-risk map was developed as part of the project to strengthen resilience to the risks of natural disasters in Burundi, funded by the European Union. The multirisk mapping in Burundi covers each of the 119 municipalities on the 5 most common natural disasters

that strike Burundi: torrential rains, strong winds, landslides, floods, earthquakes.

Compiled by a consortium of Experts who have used cutting-edge technologies, such as satellites to gather information, the risk maps provide an understanding of which specific geographic areas of the country are exposed to each of the 5 hazards that have been mapped. Risk mapping is intended to be used by the Government and other stakeholders to support planning, decision making, prioritization of investments. Risk mapping is also designed to create a culture of understanding risks that can lead to the creation of early warning systems, contingency plans and mitigation targeted and updated to local risks.

For the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, mapping will allow knowledge of risks to better manage them in anticipation and the making of good decisions based on the trade-off between the impacts of risk and the cost of actions to be taken in order to significantly reduce losses linked to natural disasters. Different actors will use this risk mapping,

for sectoral development planning, particularly those in the field of scientific research, town planning, land use planning, agriculture, transport, land titles, national cadastre, infrastructure, etc.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security indicated that risk mapping is the first phase of the project to strengthen resilience in the face of natural disaster risks in Burundi TUBEHONEZA. And to add that the other phases of the project are:

- The strengthening of institutional mechanisms to contribute to better management and implementation of contingency plans and the coordination of the actors concerned.

- The involvement of communities in disaster risk reduction initiatives to strengthen their resilience and their capacities for risk prevention and mitigation.

The disaster risk reduction project is implemented by IOM in collaboration with the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. Disaster risk reduction arises from the need to integrate risk into sustainable development in order to link emergency humanitarian response with development efforts. The risk mapping will serve as an open source tool accessible to all via a free online platform-online portal for information on risks and disasters. All risk data and information compiled and generated by the risk assessment project are integrated, organized and made available to the general public on the portal. (Rtnb)

## Gitega: More than 8 thousand eucalyptus plants planted on the Cene-Murago mountain range



As part of Thursday dedicated to the environment, the Governor of Gitega province Monsieur Venant Manirambona

joined the population of Makebuko commune, Maramvya zone on December 16, 2021 in the work of planting seedlings of trees. eucalyptus trees on the Cene-Murago mountain range. The work of planting tree plants on this chain saw the participation of administrative and communal authorities, law enforcement and security forces, from different camps. They were able to plant over 8 thousand tree plants.

In his message to the population of the Maramvya zone, Makebuko commune, on the sidelines of this work, the Governor of Gitega Mr. Venant Manirambona thanked the police units, the military and the population for their massive participation in the work to protect the city. environment within the framework of the "Ewe Burundi urambaye" project. He then sensitized the population of his province to respond to the "Ewe Burundi urambaye" project in order to protect the environment.

Mr. Venant Manirambona invited the population to

plant eucalyptus trees on the mountains and to plant agro-forestry trees in crop fields. He urged the population of Gitega to properly maintain the plans for trees planted as part of the government project "Ewe Burundi urambaye" and especially to avoid bush fires.

After the Maramvya zone, the Governor of Gitega continued his work in the Murenda zone of the commune of Makebuko where he distributed 560 sheets to cover 28 houses of the population of the Batwa community living in the village of Murenda. The Governor urged this Batwa population of Murenda Village in Makabuko commune to avoid the bad habit of selling the sheets given to them as they did in the past. He indicated that these sheets are given by the government to provide them with better housing.

The distribution of the sheets will continue in other Batwa sites in Gitega province as promised by the hard-working and responsible government, which wants the well-being of its population, insisted the governor of Gitega. (Rtnb)

## The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation receives in audience a group of sustainable health care architecture PAN SANTÉ

**O**n december 13, 2021, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO received in audience a group of sustainable healthcare architecture PAN SANTÉ, from Germany who wish to invest in the public health sector in Burundi.

In fact, the members of this group indicated that they have a project to build hospitals in Burundi and to make available the electricity which is necessary for these hospitals in order to promote public health in Burundi.

The Permanent Secretary welcomed their project wish because the public health sector is among the priorities of the Government of Burundi.

Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO only wanted to know how they plan to get back the means that would be used during this work. He also wanted to know if there would be other African countries where they have already implemented this project.

Responding to the questions asked, the members of this group indicated that for the way of getting back the means, it will be carried out gradually by these hospitals on the basis of their income. Regarding the implementation of this project in Africa, they replied that it is already present in Tanzania and in South Africa.

Then the Permanent Secretary asked them to contact the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS in Burundi to present this project.

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