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State Visit of the President Evariste Ndayishimiye to Kenya: Diplomatic Renewal



During a jointly animated press briefing, the two Heads of State affirmed that "the signing of these new agreements reflects their firm commitment to revitalize and develop political, diplomatic and commercial relations between Burundi and Kenya".

H.E President Evariste

On Monday, May 31, 2021, at the invitation of his Counterpart from Kenya, the President of the Republic of Burundi Her Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady His Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye and several Senior Officials of the Burundian State, began a visit of a two-day state visit in the Republic of Kenya where he has participated to the national "Madaraka Day" celebrations scheduled for June 1, 2021.

After being received with military honors at the State Lodge of Kisumu by his Kenyan counterpart His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta accompanied by his Spouse, the first day was marked by an important meeting between the members of the official delegations of the two countries at the end of which, were concluded and signed seven new cooperation agreements in several fields.

Ndayishimiye expressed his gratitude to H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta and the Kenyan people for the role played in the past by Kenya in stabilizing Burundi through international peacekeeping efforts and trade facilitation: "We value the ties between our two countries both in investment and in trade. We are grateful for the role played by Kenya in maintaining peace in Burundi and facilitating trade through the port of Mombasa, and the Kenyan investors already working in Burundi".

Indeed, the two Statesmen expressed their common desire to strengthen the fraternal and historical ties that unite the Burundian and Kenyan peoples, and as a sign of this brotherhood, the President of Kenya offered a herd of cows as a gift to his Burundian counterpart, a culturally strong symbol.

H.E President Evariste Ndayishimiye and his Kenyan counterpart also

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declared that they would continue to work together to advance the African agenda on the world stage, and reiterated their country's commitment to the progress of the African Community from the East.

"On international cooperation, we reiterated our commitment to continue to work closely together at the United Nations level, with a view to advancing the Common African Agenda for Integration and Sustainable Development", President Kenyatta said.

As part of efforts to strengthen bilateral relations between Burundi and Kenya, the two leaders agreed to review the 2018 agreement of the Permanent Joint Cooperation Commission with a view to ensuring the swift implementation of the agreed agreements.

On another hand, the discussions also placed the sharing of expertise at the center of the new course taken by Burundian-Kenyan relations and it is in this context that the two Heads of State inaugurated and visited together the shipyard of Kisumu; which will undoubtedly bring its know-how in the promotion of maritime transport in Burundi.

At the same time, the First Ladies of Burundi and Kenya had the opportunity to share their experiences in areas of common interest; especially in their action in favor of women and children. As such, the First Lady of Burundi H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye was accompanied by her counterpart from Kenya H.E Margaret Kenyatta to visit the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga hospital which hosts an innovative project of "Beyond Zero" mobile clinics to make health care more accessible to the needy, as well as the Empower project providing care adapted to women suffering from cancer. The First Lady of Burundi was also able to soak up the cultural heritage of Kisumu during the visit to the Impala Sanctuary.

For the second and last day of this State Visit, the Burundian Presidential Couple was welcomed on June 1, 2021 as Guests of Honor for the national "Madaraka Day" celebrations organized in Kisumu, Kenya's third largest city after Nairobi and Mombassa.

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Burundian and Kenyan Heads of State commit to immediately implement memorandums of understanding and other instruments of cooperation



On the evening of June 1, 2021, the Presidential Couple of Burundi arrived in Bujumbura on their return from a two-day State Visit to the Republic of Kenya, carried out at the invitation of His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya.

When he got off the plane at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport, His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye hosted a press briefing where he praised the progress of this State visit which was a great success for the Burundian and Kenyan peoples.

His Excellency President Ndayishimiye led a high-level

delegation from Burundi comprising Ministers, Senior Officials, business leaders and a cultural troop.

On the first day of this State visit, the two Heads of State, in a cordial atmosphere, held lengthy consultations during which they reaffirmed their firm commitment to deepen the long-standing fraternal relations between Kenya and Burundi. They noted with deep satisfaction that cooperation between the two countries was based on a foundation of common values and principles aimed at fostering sustained growth and mutual prosperity.

Welcoming the creation of the Permanent Joint Cooperation Commission in 2008, which continues to define a framework for bilateral cooperation between the two countries in various sectors, the two Heads of State assisted the successful signing of the following bilateral instruments:

- i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation of Burundi on political consultations;
- ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation of Burundi on diplomatic training;
- iii) Memorandum of Understanding on Agriculture, Li-

vestock and Fishing;
 iv) Memorandum of Understanding on Sports, Culture and Heritage;
 v) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperative Development;
 vi) Memorandum of Understanding in the field of the civil service;
 vii) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Tourism.

His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye also said that a memorandum of understanding between the chambers of commerce of Burundi and Kenya was signed after rich discussions. The Heads of State welcomed the commitments made by the business community to strengthen cooperation and explore possibilities to strengthen bilateral trade and investment.

For a swift implementation of these Agreements, the two Heads of State stressed the urgent need to convene the next session of the Permanent Joint Cooperation Commission and to put in place strong monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. The two Heads of State further called on the Ministers con-

cerned to ensure the immediate implementation of the memoranda of understanding and other cooperation instruments to be signed in the near future.

It was also during their discussions that the President of Kenya called for the lifting of the sanctions taken by the European Union against Burundi.

In a spirit of friendship and solidarity between the two countries, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, as the main guest, joined with Kenyans in celebrating "Madaraka day" at the Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium in Kisumu City.

Following the State visit, His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, expressed his gratitude to His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Government and people of the Republic of Kenya for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to him and his delegation during the State visit.

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The President of the Republic of Burundi pays an official visit to Kenya



At the invitation of H.E Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya, the President of the Republic of Burundi H.E Evariste NDAYISMIYE accompanied by the First Lady H.E Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE paid an official visit to Kenya, with a delegation of other Burundian Senior Officials, including the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, H.E Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO.

This high-level delegation from Burundi was welcomed by the President of Kenya, who, together with his Burundian counterpart, officially inaugurated the company Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL), in the province of Kisumu.

Kenya Shipyards Limited is a new Government ship-building and repair facility, with construction sites at Mombasa and Kisumu.

The President of Kenya H.E Uhuru KENYATTA also offered, during this visit, a donation of about fifty cows to His Burundian counterpart H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.



As part of consolidating the long-standing bilateral relations between Burundi and Kenya, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation H.E Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, for his part, signed in the presence of the President of Kenya and the President of Burundi, several bilateral agreements in the fields of agriculture, public service, foreign affairs, trade, sports and culture, with his counterpart H.E Raychelle Omamo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kenya.

(Source: [MFADC-Newsroom](#))

The Prime Minister receives in audience the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi



China in Burundi, H.E Zhao Jiangping. During this meeting, the Prime Minister praised the good bilateral cooperation relations between China and Burundi.

The Ambassador reassured the Prime Minister that China supports the implementation of the National Development Plan through cooperation in the fields of training, health, agriculture, energy and mining.

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The Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni received in audience on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of

Burundi celebrates the International Day of the United Nations Peacekeepers



nal Day of the United Nations Peacekeepers.

In his speech for the occasion, the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs Ir Alain Tribert MUTABAZI indicated that Burundi recognizes the efforts of women and men who defend, on a daily basis, the values of the United Nations Charter in matters of peace, often in very difficult conditions and far from their families and their countries, and paid a deserved tribute to all those who lost their lives in this noble mission.

The whole world celebrates the International Day of the United Nations Peacekeepers, every year. This is an opportunity to pay tribute to civilian, police and military personnel for their invaluable contribution to the work of the United Nations. The theme chosen this year is "The Road to Lasting Peace: Leveraging the Power of Youth for Peace and Security".

In this context, Burundi joined this Tuesday, June 1, 2021, with other countries to celebrate this Internatio-



The Minister Ir Alain Tribert MUTABAZI said that Burundi joined other countries in peace missions by deploying its first contingent in 2007. He indicated that

today, Burundi has a staff of 4542 women and men deployed in United Nations and African Union peace missions.

A staff of 773 Burundian peacekeepers is currently deployed at MINUSCA (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Central African Republic), MINUSMA (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali) and UNISFA (United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei), he added.

The Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs explained that through these deployments, Burundi has realized that the success of the mis-

sion of peacekeepers is based on neutrality, impartiality, proactivity and self-giving in protection of the population of the mission area. It is this spirit that guides the Burundian soldiers deployed, not only in United Nations peacekeeping missions, but also in the difficult mission to combat terrorism in Somalia.

The Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs ended his remarks by reiterating Burundi's commitment to support peace in the world through its participation in peace missions and that he is even ready, today, to deploy additional troops to MINUSCA as requested by the United Nations.

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Closing ceremonies of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Burundi (OESG-BURUNDI)



The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA, enhanced with his presence the official closing ceremonies in the company of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the United Nations in the Great Lakes Region Mr. Huang XIA, in the presence of Senior Officials of the Government of Burundi, Representatives of Political parties and civil society organizations, members of the diplomatic community as well as Heads of United Nations agencies, funds and programs in the country. The closing ceremonies of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Burundi (BESSG-B) occurred after more than four years of operations in the country.

In his speech, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA announced that

the closure of the office does not mean the end of cooperation with the United Nations, noting that the collaboration with the United Nations will continue through the Resident Coordinator and Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region.

The Office was created in 2015 as part of providing the country with peacebuilding support, in cooperation with the East African Community (EAC), the African Union (AU) and other partners.

According to a Press release made public by the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the Nations, the Office is closed in accordance with the Presidential Declaration of the United Nations Security Council of December 4, 2020, in which, among others, the Council noted the improvement of the security situation in Burundi, recognized the progress made to date and requested the Secretariat to cease periodic reporting on the situation in the country. In addition, the Security Council has underlined the importance of continued support to Burundi as the country embarks on the next stage of its development.

To this end, the United Nations will continue to work in close coordination with international, regional and other partners, with a view to supporting the efforts of the Government and the people of Burundi in the consolidation of social cohesion and stability and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in Burundi, the spirit of the Arusha Agreements, as Special Envoy Mr. Huang Xia underlined in his remarks: "BESSG-B is leaving, but the United Nations family and Burundi are determined to

strengthen their cooperation, building on the progress made, mainly by the United Nations country team and

under the leadership of the Acting Resident Coordinator”.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)

Ngozi: the Minister in charge of Solidarity visits the orphanage "Le Bon Samaritain" in Buye



The Minister in charge of National Solidarity Mrs. Immelde Sabushimike visited on Monday, May 31, 2021, the orphanage "The Good Samaritan" of Buye in Ngozi Province. During this visit, the Minister granted this orphanage food and other goods' assistance for the 73 orphan children who are accommodated there.

On this occasion, the Minister in charge of National Solidarity congratulated and encouraged the Ex First Lady, Mrs. Denise BUCUMI, responsible for this orphanage, for her dedication to children in difficulty. She let it be known that her Ministry knows how heavy the task is being accomplished by this orphanage and has promised her unwavering support.

The Minister Immelde SABUSHIMIKE took this opportunity to stress that many Burundians should be inspired by the humanitarian act taken by the Ex First Lady to save children in difficulty who are more and more numerous throughout the country.

Taking the floor, the head of the orphanage "The Good Samaritan", the former First Lady Denise Bucumi expressed her gratitude to the Minister in charge of

National Solidarity for the assistance she had just granted to the children of this orphanage.

She said that this orphanage is experiencing challenges related to reception capacity. She stressed that this orphanage, which had a capacity of 70 children, already has 73 and continues to welcome others, although the means are not suitable.

It was the occasion for the Minister to launch an appeal to all charitable souls to bring its support to the persons in charge of the orphanage "The Good Samaritan" in order to allow them to extend this orphanage in order to welcome other children in difficulty.



It should be noted that the assistance consisted of rice, beans, sugar, porridge flour, powdered milk (Nido and France lait), powdered soaps and lye as well as pampers.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Gitega: Cow vaccination campaign against lumpy skin disease



The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana accompanied by the Director General of Livestock, Mr. Serges Nkurunziza proceeded on Monday May 31, 2021, to the official launch of the campaign of vaccination of cows against lumpy skin disease on Rubamvyi hill in Gitega, commune and province.

In his remarks, Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana specified that the cow vaccination campaign will last 5 days and 400,000 cows will be vaccinated nationally. He called on all breeders to have their cows vaccinated without exception.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock also called on breeders to adhere to the policy of permanent stabling, a practice that will ensure a large production of meat, milk and organic manure.

Keeping livestock in stables also helps prevent the spread of domestic animal diseases and conflicts related to pasture between herders and farmers, continued Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana. And to add that the law on the permanent housing of domestic animals was put in place by the State following the cramped nature of arable land. He asked herders to look for

improved breed cattle and urged them to approach artificial insemination centers to get good seeds.

To businessmen, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of Agriculture and Livestock asked to get involved in the livestock sector by creating in particular food processing companies for li-

vestock and to establish large livestock farms of improved breeds. Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana assures the breeders of the Government's support because the latter has placed the agriculture and livestock sector among its priorities, he concluded.

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