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## Burundi celebrates 59th anniversary of independence



The ceremonies continued at Independence Square where the Presidential Couple and the Dean of the diplomatic corps also laid wreaths of flowers. The actual ceremonies

took place at the Independence Boulevard, near the Intwari stadium, in the town hall of Bujumbura.

After the troops were reviewed by the Head of State, a long, colorful parade followed. The ceremonies were also livened up by the Burundian drum, the Intore dancers of Kirundo, the paratroopers, and military and police games in order to prove that the country can count on its sons and daughters to ensure the internal security of the country and protect the country limits.

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On July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, Burundi celebrates its independence. The 59th anniversary ceremonies, 2021 edition, were enhanced by the Head of State, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, accompanied by the First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, and many other authorities of the country and the foreign delegations, headed by the President of the Central African Republic, His Excellency Faustin Archange TOUADERA.

The ceremonies began with a meditation and laying of wreaths at the Mausoleum of Prince Louis Rwagasore by the Head of State and the First Lady, as well as the Representatives of the diplomatic and consular corps accredited to Burundi.

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## Presentation of Credentials: Bangladesh opens its representation in Burundi



The Head of State, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, received this Monday, June 28, 2021, the Credentials from Mr. Nazrul Islam, First Ambassador of Bangladesh to Burundi, with residence in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia.

This new representation in Burundi will "give a new impetus to the relations of cooperation between Burundi and Bangladesh", indicated the Bengalis Diplomat.

In addition to the exchange of expertise in agriculture, Ambassador Nazrul promised to do everything possible to stimulate investments, facilitate trade and cooperation in the Information and Communication Technologies sector and in the field of medicine.

President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE also granted an audience to the New Ambassador of Zimbabwe, Prof. Charity MANYERUKE having the residence in Kigali, that of South Korea, Mr Jin-Weon CHAE, also residing in Kigali, the Venezuelan Ambassador, Mr Modesto Ruiz Espinoza, having the residence in Addis Ababa, the Ambassador of Angola, Mr. Sandro Renato Agostinho de Oliveira residing in Dar Es Salaam as well as the Ambassador of Oman, Mr. Ali Bin Abdallah Bin Salim Al Mahruqi, residing in Dar Es Salaam, who also came to present their Credentials.

These new diplomats accredited to Burundi have pro-

mised to work in close collaboration with the Responsible and Laborious Government to strengthen the relations of friendship and cooperation that already exist between their countries and Burundi in the interest of the Burundian people and that of their respective peoples.

For countries like Zimbabwe and Venezuela which, like Burundi, are victims of sanctions imposed by the international community, their ambassadors intend to provide a lot of efforts to promote

mutual assistance between Burundi and their respective countries leading to the fight against poverty.

The Venezuelan Ambassador particularly congratulated the Head of State for having successfully managed the COVID-19 pandemic in Burundi. He also informed him of the Venezuelan President's wish to allow the Foreign Ministers of Burundi and Venezuela to meet in order to jointly analyze the ways and means of strengthening economic cooperation.

Exchanging with the Zimbabwean Ambassador, His Excellency the President of the Republic hinted that Burundi is counting on Zimbabwe's support for its membership in SADEC.

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## The President of the Republic committed to the fight against hunger



The President of the Republic H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE met on Tuesday, June 28, 2021, in the province of Gitega, Officials in the sectors of agriculture, livestock and the environment to discuss food security and the increase of production in order to implement its slogan "that every mouth should have food and every pocket money".

In his presentation on the inventory, the Minister in charge of agriculture and livestock Ir Déo Guide RUREMA said that they are at work while supervising the farmers grouped in cooperatives and raising awareness on the pooling of cultivable land in order to increase production.

Minister Ir Déo Guide RUREMA said the farmers welcomed the measure taken by the Government to

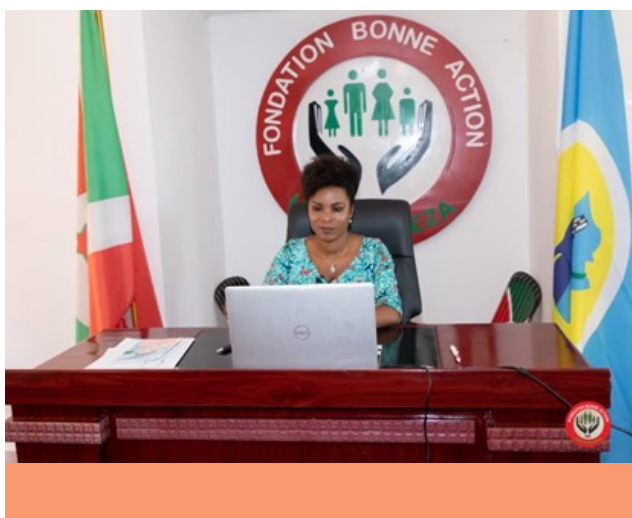
regulate the price of maize. He took the opportunity to ask to do the same for other foodstuffs, such as rice, beans, and others.

Speaking, the President of the Republic H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE said he was committed to the fight against hunger in Burundi and asked the providers of the agriculture sector to follow suit. He reminded them that their mission is to increase agricultural production while protecting the soil.

The President of the Republic then announced that henceforth all cultivable land of at least two hectares and which is not exploited, whether private or of the State, must be ceded to farmers in cooperatives to be exploited. For those who have cultivable land of at least two hectares and who are not able to obtain manure and selected seeds, the Head of State urged the Ministry in charge of agriculture to grant them as a kind of credit repayable after the crop has been sold.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The First Lady takes part in the annual Burundi Summit of the MERCK Foundation 2021



Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, First Lady of Burundi, enhanced with her presence by videoconference, the Burundi Annual Summit - MERCK Foundation 2021. The objective of this summit is to assess the achievements and to set the future prospects of the partnership of the MERCK Foundation and Burundi.

In her opening remarks, the First Lady of Burundi said she was grateful for the significant impact of the partnership with the MERCK Foundation in transforming patient care in terms of specialized training of doctors;



training and mentoring of media partners to enhance their essential role in effective community outreach.

She also pointed out that the Merck Foundation and the Fondation Bonne Action UMUGIRANEZA have implemented joint plans to strengthen health capacities, raise awareness through media partners and social networks to empower girls through education and break down infertility stigma and empower infertile women through access to information, education, and mindset change.

The First Lady of Burundi also underlined that through the "Merck More Than a Mother" campaign, a very important step will be taken by training the first 10 specialists in fertility and embryology in Burundi. This will allow the establishment of a solid platform to help infertile couples in Burundi.

As Ambassador of the "Merck More Than a Mother" Foundation, the First Lady of Burundi pledged to work in collaboration with ministries to sensitize communities in rural areas to better understand the phenomenon of infertility.

She also confided that it is within this same framework that the Fondation Bonne Action UMUGIRANEZA organized on April 14, in Bujumbura, an awareness-raising workshop on the problem of infertility

and the approaches to care, intended for senior Government officials, Parliamentarians and Senators, Representatives of religious denominations and senior military and police Officers.

Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE called on the Burundian population to stop blaming women for infertility because they are subjected to physical and psychological violence, although 50% of infertility is due to men. The First Lady of Burundi called on Burundians to encourage men to speak up and discuss their infertility issues openly and to know that fertility is a shared responsibility.

She finally invited all the media partners and the winners of the MERCK Foundation Awards to continue their awareness journey through the media, social networks which are very essential to create a culture change in order to break the stigma of infertility and raise awareness on the prevention of infertility.

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## The First Lady receives the United States Ambassador in Burundi



**O**n June 29, 2021, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, First Lady of Burundi, received in audience the Ambassador of the United States of America to Burundi, Mrs. Mélanie H. Higgins. The latter had come to learn about the activities of the

First Lady of Burundi and to analyze together the ways and means of collaboration between the Embassy and the institution of the First Lady.

Ambassador Higgins congratulated the First Lady for her achievements and commitment to promoting the well-being of children and women as well as the vulnerable. She particularly referred to two programs through which the United States of America could support the activities of the First Lady. This is the Zero Malnutrition Campaign in Burundi, launched last October by Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE. The other program that has attracted much attention from Ambassador Higgins is the school feeding program sponsored by the First Lady. Although Burundi is not

on the list of countries receiving support from the United States of America in this matter, Ambassador Higgins has promised to plead with his country for Burundi to be included on the list.

The First Lady of Burundi, in turn, thanked Ambassador Higgins for the visit and for his appreciation of the activities already carried out. She said her wish is that all children in the country would benefit from the school feeding program. She asked Am-

bassador Higgins to mobilize support in the direction of sensitizing the population on the fight against malnutrition because, according to the First Lady, the population does not suffer from hunger but from ignorance and bad eating habits.

(Source: [www.presidence.gov.bi](http://www.presidence.gov.bi))

## Launch of national consultations on food systems



The Prime Minister organized a workshop on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 to launch national consultations on food systems as part of Burundi's preparation for participation in the world summit on food systems. The World Summit on Food Systems for which Burundi is preparing will be convened in September by the Secretary General of the United Nations Mr. Antonio Guterres and will take place under the theme: "The transformation of food systems is essential to achieve all the 17 Goals of Sustainable Development SDGs".

According to the Chief of Staff at the Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Déo Bède MPFUBUSA, Delegate of the Prime Minister to proceed to the opening of this workshop, food systems concern all the actors and all the processes involved in agriculture and breeding, and other forms of food production, harvesting, processing, packaging, distribution, storage, marketing, consumption and disposal of waste, therefore from farm to fork, from barn to

farm table including waste management system. "Everyone has a role to play and we all have a responsibility to ensure that these systems work correctly, without leaving anyone behind", said Mr. Déo Bède MPFUBUSA, Chief of Staff at the Prime Minister's Office.

The objective of this launch of national consultations is to mobilize all stakeholders in the Burundian food systems, to contribute effectively to discussions on high impact policies and interventions to develop national path-

ways towards healthy, sustainable and nutritional food systems and resilient, so that Burundi can meet national and international goals.

At the end of these consultations, the products and the reflections will be capitalized in a document which will serve as a basis for other consultations at the intermediate and peripheral level. The results of these consultations, the scientific data available in the country will make it possible to have the final document which will be validated in the presence of all the stakeholders and transmitted to the authority; which will constitute the technical file of the Burundian delegation which will take part in the world summit on food systems scheduled for September 2021.

Regarding Burundi, this summit on food systems is in line with the Government's desire to base the country's economic growth on an agricultural sector, dynamic, diversified and competitive, said Mr. Richmond Tiemoko, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations Food System in Burundi. He is pleased to note that the Government

has set up a consultation coordination structure which was subsequently extended to include partners, thus constituting a mixed team.

" The United Nations System in Burundi reaffirms its commitment to support as much as possible the dialogue process, in particular by providing its expertise and, within the limits of the possible, budgetary sup-

port for the proper implementation of this important initiative for the country and the whole planet", said Mr. Richmond Tiemoko at the opening of the workshop.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Opening of the diplomatic week 2021 edition



**T**he Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA, opened, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, on Monday June 28, 2021, the Diplomatic Week 2021 edition at the same time, 6th edition time. The theme for this year is "economic diplomacy through the promotion of public-private partnership and local entrepreneurship for the implementation of the National Development Plan of Burundi 2018-2027".

Mr. NTIRAMPEBA specified in his speech that the chosen theme reflects the main orientations of responsible and hard-working Government. On the one hand, it is about working to strengthen the partnership between the public sector and the private sector in achieving the objectives of the PND through international relations based on economic cooperation. It is also about the combined efforts of the people for their self-development, he added.

According to Mr. NTIRAMPEBA, the Diplomatic Week aims to make Burundi known with its physical beauty, its cultural identity as well as the efforts made by the Government to improve the well-being of the population.

The Diplomatic Week also offers a special moment for Burundian actors in diplomacy, members of the diplomatic corps and Representatives of International and Regional Organizations, to discuss in a relaxed atmosphere on national, regional and international issues of common interest and to fraternize more. It is also an opportunity for diplomats residing in the country to be together in a relaxed and free environment. For those who do not reside in Burundi, this is an opportunity to discover the best of this country and this people.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation further in-



formed that the President of the Republic of Burundi wants to make Burundi a hardworking state. "It is in this line that are placed various sites of an economic



nature or promoters of projects that they are going to visit, which aim at self-employment among young people as a solution to unemployment and support for producing companies with a view to achieve self-sufficiency”.

Mr. NTIRAMPEBA ended his remarks by reminding diplomats not to lower their guard in observing the

barrier measures against COVID-19 during the excursion.

It should be noted that the diplomatic week 2021 edition lasted three days from June 28 to 30, 2021.

(Source: ABPinfos N°12375)

## Karusi: the Minister in charge of Public Health appreciates the work of community health workers



The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Thaddee NDIKUMANA proceeded on Tuesday,

June 29, 2021 to the distribution of bicycles and a kit of equipment to 334 community health workers from the health district of Buhiga and to 188 officers from the health district of Nyabikere in the health province of Karusi to facilitate their monitoring of the health of the population.

These community health workers elected on all the hills and sub-hills of all the provinces of Karusi received bicycles, cell phones, megaphones, boots, overalls, trash buckets, lamps, Ari timer, etc.; but also drugs to support these community health workers who, in the national health development plan, are intermediaries between the population and the healthcare structures. Community health is one of the priorities of the Government of Burundi.

The Minister in charge of Public Health Dr. Thaddee NDIKUMANA appreciates the work of community health workers and the effective and efficient collaboration between the territorial administration and the health administration in the province of Karusi which is reflected by the good health of the population of this province.

This good collaboration has meant that, in an interval of one month, no case of COVID-19 has manifested itself in this province thanks to the collegial effort of this trilogy. The same is true for other pathologies such as malaria and dirty hand diseases. Through the commendable work of community health workers, the Government of Burundi asks them to act in associations so that it is easy to motivate them.

This motivation is calculated by the work accomplished, which manifests itself in the reports provided to the supervising care structures which forward them to the central administration in order to measure the motivation to give them. These incentive funds are granted to them via associations to finance themselves in income-generating projects.

The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr Thaddee NDIKUMANA paid a supervision visit to the site of the Nyabikere district hospital where work is progressing normally, the 1st block under construction will be delivered in two months, according to the Supervisor of this site. As for the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr Thaddee NDIKUMANA, the Government of Burundi plans to continue the construction of other blocks so that by 2022 this hospital is operational.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Launch of the consultation process on the revision of the press law in Burundi



The Minister in charge of Communication Madam Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE launched on Monday, July 28, 2021, a workshop of the consultation process on the revision of the press law in Burundi.

The reason for launching this process, according to the Minister of Communication, Media and Information, is that it has been found that the law in force is incomplete: following the new information technology, we see the proliferation of online media that are not

stipulated in this law, said the Minister in charge of Communication.

During this 3-day workshop, we will also discuss the status of the journalist and the status of community radio stations. The new law should also contain more moderation clauses for certain You-tube content that undermines Burundian culture, identify measures to prohibit films banned for certain age categories such as minors, said the Minister in charge of communication.

As stipulated in article 23 of the code of ethics put in place by Burundian journalists, in consideration of his function and responsibilities, the journalist is entitled not only to the benefits of a collective agreement, but also to an individual contract ensuring security material and moral as well as a remuneration which guarantees its economic independence, specified the Minister in charge of Communication.

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## UNITED NATIONS MULTIDIMENSIONAL INTEGRATED MISSION FOR STABILIZATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (MINUSCA): HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF BURUNDI FOR PEACE IN CAR



A total of 750 members of the Burundian battalion of MINUSCA received, on Thursday, July 1, 2021 in Sibut (Kémo prefecture), the United Nations medal, honoring their contribution to the return of peace in the Central African Republic (CAR). A colorful event that took place under the chairmanship of the

Mission Force Commander, Lieutenant General Daniel Sidiki Traoré. "It's a memorable day for us", whispers an officer who is about to receive the first



UN decoration of his career as a peacekeeper.

In addition to the honorary distinction bestowed on them, it is a day which also marks the commemora-



tion of Burundi's independence. To combine the useful with the pleasant, the recipients brought out not only the most beautiful ornaments and colors, but also the drums that accompany the war dance, their cultural heritage, as if to ward off all the challenges they faced or who would come to stand in their way.

"Your deployment in this mission came at the right time, as the country was going through a very important phase, which was the process of the 2020-2021 general elections", General Traoré testified. The MINUSCA Force Chief then recalled the good conduct of the Burundian contingent during major operations in Dekoa, Sibut, Damara, and Grimari, during the attacks by elements of the Coalition of Patriots for Change (CPC) in December 2020 and January 2021.

Since deploying to the mission on July 26, 2020, the battalion, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Pierre HAKIZIMANA, has made enormous sacrifices. He lost five of his soldiers. Brave men who fell on the battlefield in CAR in clashes with armed groups. "We have a special thought for them. They made the ultimate sacrifice by falling valiantly, arms in hand, onto

the field of honor", General Traore said, bowing. Beyond the operational aspects, the battalion also carried out various other actions including civil-military activities, and sensitization in the localities of Kaga-Bandoro, Ndomete, Damara, Grimari, among others. Completely natural gestures, according to Lieutenant-Colonel Hakizimana. "Our interventions were often supported by gestures to materialize the African values of UBUNTU, in particular the organization of free consultation and care days for the populations", he said.

Note that the Burundian community in the Central African Republic was also in the game. It was represented by Ambassador Adolphe NAHAYO, also Special Representative of the Chairman of the Commission of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) in CAR.

(Source: <https://minusca.unmissions.org/honorer-le-sacrifice-du-burundi-pour-la-paix-en-rca>)

## CNIDH notified of its re-accreditation to A status



Through a declaration made public by the President of the Independent National Commission for Human Rights (CNIDH), Dr. Sixte Vigny NIMURABA, the CNIDH announced to national and international opinion that it was notified on June 28 2021 of its

re-accreditation to A status by the SCA.

The CNIDH thanks the Burundian population which has never ceased to show its confidence in the accomplishment of its missions. The CNIDH is delighted that Burundi remains keen to honor its international obligations inherent in the protection and promotion of human rights. It expresses its gratitude to the Government of Burundi which has provided it with the assistance and the necessary means for the accomplishment of its mission.

The CNIDH salutes the action of the organization RINADH, the United Nations, the African Union, Burundian Civil Society, National and International Technical and Financial Partners for their unwavering support. She thanks the media who have always supported her in the accomplishment of her mission.

The CNIDH reaffirms its commitment to properly accomplish its threefold mission, namely: protection, promotion and advisory role in the field of human rights. She finally launches a vibrant appeal to all Burundians

to work in synergy to make Burundi a legendary state with respect for human rights by fighting against any person who attempts to infringe human rights.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Inauguration ceremony of the Karate Dojo room in Bujumbura of the Burundian Karate Federation



On Tuesday, June 29, 2021, the Ambassador of Japan to Burundi His Excellency Mr. Masahiro IMAI and the Director General of Youth, Sports and Culture Mr. Samuel NIYUBAHWE, proceeded to the inauguration of the Dojo karate room of the Burundian Karate Federation "FEBUKA".

This room is located in the Kiyange district, Zone Buterere, Commune Ntahangwa in the Town Hall of Bujumbura, and was built, thanks to a donation of the amount of 90.22 USD which had been signed on September 10, 2019 in Bujumbura between the Embassy of Japan in Burundi and the Burundian Karate Federation "FEBUKA". The purpose of this donation was to ensure the implementation of the activities of the construction of the sports hall of the Karate Dojo and the construction of a sanitary block.

The President of the Burundian Karate Federation Mr. Christophe NKURUNZIZA and the Advisor in charge of Social and Cultural Affairs in the Office of the Mayor of the city of Bujumbura Mr. Christophe KINSHASA, all thanked the Government of Japan through the Embassy of Japan in Burundi to have financed the construction project of this Dojo.

The President of the Burundian Karate Federation Mr.

Christophe NKURUNZIZA recalled that the Karate Federation has 3326 practitioners in 66 clubs and the national team has occupied the 1st place in regional competitions (Zone 5) since 2007 and in the games of the East African community with silver and bronze medals at the African Youth Games of Algiers 2018, 3rd place in kata 2 times and 3 athletes ranked 5th in the Continental Ranking in Yaoundé 2017; 11th place out of 158 countries participating in the world championship and with two certificates in refereeing and coaching.

According to Mr. Christophe NKURUNZIZA, the construction of the Karate room will allow them to continue their project to make this land a karate development center in Burundi and in the East African Community. The first center will facilitate the



development of practice and the development of staff

throughout the country through internships and various bodies.

In his speech, the Japanese Ambassador to Burundi His Excellency Mr. Masahiro IMAI said that Japan and Burundi have established solid bilateral relations, which are beautiful and well symbolized by several projects carried out including the development of the Port of Bujumbura.

Mr. Samuel NIYUBAHWE, Director General of

Youth, Sports and Culture who represented the Government of Burundi thanked the Government of Japan for its involvement in the success of this construction project of the Karate Dojo room in favor of the Burundian youth. The Government of Burundi recognizes the efforts that Japan has never ceased to provide so that Burundi benefits from this donation in Dojo.

As part of the sustainability of this project, he hoped that Japan would also take the lead in building the capacity of Burundian coaches in order to facilitate the detection of young talents in Karate throughout the country. He also expressed the wish to develop this place well so that it can be a regional center of influence to serve other young Karatekas in the sub-region.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)

## WORKING VISIT OF H.E THE AMBASSADOR OF BURUNDI IN FRANCE TO THE TOWN HALL OF MANS



On Friday June 18, 2021, as part of the resumption of cooperation with the Pays de la Loire region in various fields, HE Mr. Ernest NIYOKINDI, Ambassador of Burundi in France, made a working visit on June 18, 2021 in the Town Hall of MANS, one of the towns of the Pays de la Loire region.

The Ambassador was received by Mr. Stéphane LE FOLL, Mayor of the City of Mans, former Minister of Agriculture from 2012 to 2017 and his team.

After the Mayor's welcome, in which the major sectors that could be the subject of cooperation were detailed, the floor was given to the Ambassador of Burundi in France. The latter gave a general overview of the socio-political and economic situation of the country and welcomed the initiative to resume cooperation between the Pays de la Loire and BURUNDI.

In the field of health: it was agreed to carry out a cooperation project between the city of MANS and that of BUJUMBURA.

This project would consist in the management of diseases such as hepatitis B and C in addition to HIV-AIDS with the target of mothers and children.

During the discussions, it was pointed out the actions that would be carried out, among others: determining the training actions for technicians requiring the on-site trainers to come and those that could be provided by videoconference, studying the possibility of bringing in the trainers on site, specifying local needs in collaboration with local technicians working in the field of health, carry out an inventory of fixtures at the level of the city of Bujumbura, inventory the infrastructures, list the level of support, transmit the data to the Town Hall of Mans .

Taking the floor, H.E the Ambassador promised to put in contact the team of the Town Hall of Mans and the authority of the Ministry in charge of Health in BURUNDI to discuss the practical modalities of feasibility of the project.

Given the opportunities offered by the city of Mans, it was agreed to explore the possibilities of signing a cooperative partnership in the fields of Health, Agri-food and University Research.

The visit ended with the exchange of gifts and the two parties agreed to meet again in September 2021 to continue discussions in order to arrive at a Partnership Document which will allow the implementation of certain actions of common interest in the above-mentioned sectors.

(Source : Embassy of Burundi in Paris)



## The defense of mutual interests between China and Burundi, one of the pillars of their cooperation, according to the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Burundi



The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Burundi, Madam Zhao Jiangping, mentioned, within the framework of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party (CPC), the mutual support between Burundi and China for the defense of their common interest.

China has spoken loud and clear to defend Burundi's vital interests in the UN Security Council and the Human Rights Council, including for its removal from the Security Council agenda, she indicated.

Likewise, the Chinese will never forget that Burundian friends have given their strong support to issues touching on China's vital interests and major concerns, and have made its strongest voice heard at best in international forums, while opposing hegemonism, she added.

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Burundi noted that the CPC attaches great importance to the exchange of experiences on good governance and the strengthening of the capacity for autonomous development. Regarding China's involvement in this framework, Mrs. Zhao Jiangping recalled a few dates: signing of the first Sino-Burundian economic and technical cooperation agreement in 1972; financing in 1977 of the construction of the Mugere hydropower plant; construction in 1985 of the Kamenge Handicraft Training Center.

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Burundi pointed out that this bilateral cooperation is

based on the principle of China's non-interference in the internal affairs of African countries. The principle she called the "Five No", as Chinese President Xi Jinping launched at the opening ceremony of the Beijing summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in September 2018.

For the People's Republic of China, it is a question of "not interfering in the search for a development path adapted to their national conditions by the African countries", according to this declaration issued by the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Burundi. Do not interfere in African internal affairs, do not impose your will on Africa. It is also a question of not making the aid of the People's Republic of China to Africa, subject to any political conditions.

Finally, it is about not seeking selfish political interests in this investment and financing cooperation with Africa, again according to the statement released by Ms. Zhao Jiangping.

(Source: ABPinfos N°12375)

## The achievements of the NGO One Acre Fund-TUBURA in Gitega



On June 21, 2021, the United States Ambassador to Burundi, Mrs. Mélanie Harris Higgins with Senior executives from the Ministries of the Interior and Community Development and the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock as well as the local authorities of the commune of Giheta carried out a field visit to discover the achievements of the NGO One Acre Fund - TUBURA in Gitega.

One Acre Fund - TUBURA is an agricultural NGO that has been operating in Burundi since 2012 with the aim of creating a significant impact on the lives of many farmers as far as possible with small areas of land, in terms of harvest, productivity and income. This organization currently serves around 125,000 households spread over 335 hills in Muramvya provinces, where its national headquarters are located, in Gitega, Kayanza, Mwaro and Ngozi.

During season 21B, TUBURA distributed 6,900 tonnes of "Fomi Imbura", "Fomi Totahaza" and "Fomi Bagara" type fertilizer, 11,800 solar lamps on credit that can be paid back in 6 months.

As stated by Mr. Ryan Martin, Director of One Acre Fund - Tubura, the purpose of the visit was to show the guests "how our program fits into the general framework of PND implementation through its first pillar which is linked improving the Burundian economy through agricultural investment".

During this visit, the guests were able to gather testimonies from members who benefit from the support of One Acre Fund - Tubura in agricultural inputs and training on modern agricultural practices on the hills of Rwingiri and Kiremera in the commune of Giheta in the province by Gitega.

Among the members we met, Baravuga Prisca, shared his story with us "since I joined One Acre Fund -

Tubura in 2015, my life has changed. Thanks to the profit from my crops, I was able not only to send my children to university but also to build a house for my son. Today, I was also able to buy cows, pigs and goats which allow me to have access to organic fertilizer."

It was also an opportunity for the NGO to present its partnership with Sangwe cooperatives. Indeed, One Acre Fund - Tubura is already working for Sangwe cooperatives in the province of Gitega which has provided access to our services for 864 new farmers. With season 22A, it will support 20 cooperatives with the same objective of agricultural intensification for the development of members. These cooperatives receive the same services as the members of TUBURA, with additional support in building the capacities of managers and supervision in financial manage-



ment as well as the development of radiation fields.

According to the President of Sangwe cooperative of Kiremera hill, "in just 1 agricultural season, the members have already seen a big change in their fields and the adoption of modern practices has been very rapid. Since we started working with TUBURA, we have also noticed an increase in requests for membership in our cooperative."

The Director General of ANAGESSA, Mr. Evariste MANIRABONA, indicated that this NGO should be more supported to spread over the entire territory because its axes of intervention meet the needs of the country in terms of intensification of agricultural production to increase the Food Safety.

"I am very happy to see the impact of TUBURA on the members and I am ready to support all the initiatives of this program in the expansion of its area of action to reach more growers in other municipalities

and provinces of the country”, he said.

Madam Ambassador was delighted to see the activities of this NGO of American origin which is making such a great impact and was particularly proud of the partnership in place with government and local authorities, going so far as to participate in certain agricultural practices like threshing beans with members of the Kiremera cooperative.

The members benefiting from the support of One Acre Fund - Tubura testified to the positive impact of this received supervision which resulted in the massive increase in the agricultural yield of the beans of agricultural season A during harvest, as indicated Mr. Sindaka Bernard: “with TUBURA, we say goodbye to poverty”!

(Source : One Acre Fund- Burundi)

## From now on, all fishing vessels will be registered



The General Directorate of the Maritime, Port and Railway Authority (AMPF) carried out on Monday June 28, 2021, a working visit to the fishing beach located in the Nyabutgete district of Muha commune in Bujumbura Town Hall. The aim was to make fishermen aware of the joint ministerial ordinance of the Ministry in charge of breeding with that in charge of transport bearing the registration of commercial, pleasure and fishing boats.

According to Madam Marie Goreth NIZIGIYIMANA, Administrative and Financial Director at the Maritime Port and Rail Authority, each fishing boat will pay US dollars 105, before August 15, 2021. For nationals, they will pay the equivalent on the daily rate of the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB).

According to Madam Marie Goreth NIZIGIYIMANA, this boat registration measure is applicable to all fishing boats, on an equal basis in the navigable waters

of Burundi, whether on the northern lakes or on Lake Tanganyika.

The prices for fishing boats are: Registration in the civil register \$ 10, Name registration \$ 5, Registration certificate \$ 20, Title deed \$ 10, Calibration certificate \$ 20, Certificate of airworthiness \$ 20, Navigation license \$ 20.

Each fishing boat must present a number of life jackets proportional to the number of employees on the boat before receiving all of the above documents. Only the navigation license is renewable each year, the certificate of airworthiness every 5 years and the other documents are final.

Each owner of the fishing vessel must pay the employment contracts to his employees in accordance with article n° 14 of the joint ministerial ordinance N ° 720/540/058/2018 of 23/01/2018. This royalty is of 2.2 US dollars, for each employee.

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