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"The legacy of the late President Pierre Nkurunziza will live on"



On June 08, 2021, Burundi commemorated the first anniversary of the unexpected disappearance of the late President Pierre NKURUNZIZA, Supreme Guide of Patriotism. The ceremonies took place in the political capital of Gitega in the presence of the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE and with the First Lady Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE.

For this date which also marked the first celebration of National Patriotism Day, the Presidential Couple was surrounded by the biological family of the late President Pierre NKURUNZIZA, the High Authorities of the country and thousands of Burundians from all provinces of Burundi, gathered in Gitega to pay homage to the Supreme Guide of Patriotism. These official ceremonies, which were also attended by members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps accredited to Burundi, as well as the members of a large Tanzanian delegation led by the Vice-President of Tanza-

nia HE Philip Mpango, began with an ecumenical prayer and were marked by a moment of meditation and the laying of wreaths of flowers.

Taking the floor in turn, several relatives of the late Father of the Nation gave edifying testimonies, which "retraced the exceptional fate of the one that the Burundians have affectionately nicknamed "Umuhuza" or "Sogokuru", so much has he worked for the rebirth of Burundi long plagued by interethnic divisions.

In his speech for the occasion, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE paid tribute to an extraordinary Patriot, who was ready to make all sacrifices for the good and the dignity of the Burundian people, a great artisan of Peace and of National Reconciliation. H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE pledged to preserve the legacy of the late President Pierre NKURUNZIZA, who was like his Father, and urged his compatriots to put his precious advice into practice: "The real way to pay homage to our Supreme Leader of Patriotism is to perpetuate his vision and his actions. Not only in words, but in our ways of living".

Invited to give a message of greetings, the Vice President of Tanzania H.E Philip MPANGO reaffirmed the support of the Government and the people

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of Tanzania in these moments of remembrance. Regretting the disappearance of such a great worthy Son of Africa, he praised the great leadership of the late President Pierre NKURUNZIZA, "a great statesman whose courage, patriotism and love of God have undeniably marked his generation".

Following these commemorative ceremonies, H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE spoke behind closed doors with H.E Philip MPANGO, Vice-President of the United Re-

public of Tanzania, at the Presidential Palace in Gitega. The Tanzanian Vice-President thanked the Government and the people of Burundi for the warm welcome reserved for them because he wanted to join the brotherly Burundian people in the celebration of the life of an exceptional man, the late President Pierre NKURUNZIZA, who is so invested in consolidating the fraternal relations which bind the Burundian and Tanzanian peoples.

(Source: www.presidence.gov.bi)

The Presidential Couple joins the Christians of Makebuko Parish for the celebration of the Holy Sacrament



The President of the Republic HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, accompanied by the First Lady of the Country, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, joined the Christians of the parish of Saint Alphonsus of Liguori of Makebuko, Archdiocese of Gitega, in the Eucharistic celebration of this Sunday of Blessed Sacrament.

In his homily, the parish priest of Saint Alphonse de Liguori de Makebuko, Abbot Louis Nyabenda preached on the basis of the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 14 (12-16; 22-26) where he invited Christians to live the Holy Sacrament, enthroning Christ into their souls in order to serve the Lord well, in order to be able to inherit his Kingdom.

Greeting the Christians of Makebuko at the end of the service, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE first gave thanks to the Almighty who loves and protects the country. As such, he urged the Burundians to recognize this love that the Lord never ceases to show towards them.

His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE also called on all Burundians to implore the Holy Spirit to strengthen

unity, love, social cohesion, reconciliation and to go about the development activities of their nation. He also called on them to safeguard peace and security in order to gain access to sustainable development. For its part, the Government is committed to doing everything to guarantee the well-being of its citizens and to provide them with favorable support in their self-development projects, he said.

At a time when the Christians of the parish of Saint Alphonsus of Liguori in Makebuko have various development projects on their parish agenda where some require special support, the Father of the Nation has promised to support them.

(Source: www.presidence.gov.bi)

The Bumamuru Fc team won the President's Cup



The President of the Republic of Burundi, HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, together with his Spouse HE Angéline NDAYISHIMIYE, launched on Saturday June 5, 2021, at the Gatwaro stadium of the commune and province of Kayanza (north), the kickoff of the final of the President's Cup.

He was also in the company of the President of the Burundi Football Federation (FFB), the Right Honorable Révérien NDIKURIYO, the Burundian Ombudsman, Honorable Edouard NDUWIMANA, and other personalities. The Bumamuru Fc team from Cibitoke province won the President's Cup after conceding 3 goals to 1 against the Flambeau team from the center of Gitega during this grand final

played in Kayanza.

For the first time in history, Bumamuru Fc will represent Burundi in the confederations cup organized by the African Football Confederation, 2021-2022 edition. This team crowned champion of the President's Cup thus received an envelope of 7,500,000 FBu, in addi-



tion to a cup. Its 1st runner-up who is Flambeau du centre, received an envelope of 5,000,000 FBu, while the Musongati Fc teams of Gitega and Vital'o of the town hall of Bujumbura, respectively third and fourth, each received a sum of 3,000. 000 FBu.

(Source: abpinfos N° 12342)

The Senate recommended the support of the media in sensitizing the population to bear witness to the bloody events of 1972 to build a better Burundi



The President of the Burundian Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA recommended, on June 7, 2021, to media officials and journalists to join the Senate in its efforts to eradicate ethnic divisions by seeking the truth about the bloody events of 1972.

The Right Honorable SINZOHAGERA made this appeal, during a meeting organized by the Senate, for media officials and journalists in order to enlighten them on a series of lectures and reflections in connection with the events of 1972.

Through these conferences, the Senate aims at an ultimate objective of creating a better way to reconcile the Burundians and build a new just and equitable Burundi, explained the Right Honorable SINZOHAGERA. He specified that the Senate also aims to reassure the descendants of the perpetrators of the 1972 crimes who are afraid when the name of their relative is mentioned. "May they be quiet and know that no one is punished for a crime of which he is not the author", explained the Right Honorable SINZOHAGERA, adding that "children do not inherit the crimes committed by their parents".

To Burundians, he called on them to get rid of the habit to globalize things, deploring that this is part of what has handicapped our country.

"The ethnic group does not kill but rather it is the bad political governance that kills", he repeated on several occasions to convince the assistance to sensitize the population to testify on the events of 1972 without evasion, gently, without exaggeration and without

rancor.

In terms of exchanges, the participants asked questions to learn more about the scope of the above-mentioned conferences and satisfactory answers were given to them.

(Source: abpinfos N°12343)

Harassment and abuse of authority: a handicap to development



The institution of the Ombudsman organized, on June 9, 2021, in the capital of Ngozi province, with the support of the UNDP, a workshop for reflection and discussion on the situation of the phenomenon of harassment and abuse of authority in the workplace.

In this workshop, the Honorable Burundian Ombudsman Honorable Edouard NDUWIMANA indicated that the phenomenon of harassment and abuse of authority is real in Burundi, and considers that this phenomenon constitutes a handicap to development and, therefore, should be banned, or even to be discouraged. Honorable Edouard NDUWIMANA seized this opportunity to explain that article 54 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi recognizes the right of each person to enjoy just and satisfactory working conditions.

He underlined, on this occasion, that harassment is understood as any unacceptable or inappropriate behavior likely to shock or humiliate. According to the Burundian Ombudsman, harassment can take the form of words, gestures, acts or omissions likely to annoy, shock, hurt, demean, intimidate, belittle, humiliate, or annoy others or to arouse instead a climate

of intimidation, hostility or annoyance at work.

Abuse of authority is understood as the abusive use of a position of power or authority at the expense of others. It consists in an aggravated form for the author to use his quality to unduly influence the career or the conditions of employment of another before underlining that the abuse of the power can consist in the fact of creating instead of work a climate of hostility or annoyance, among other things, the fact of intimidation, threats, blackmail or coercion.

For the Burundian Ombudsman, it is obvious that the negative consequences of the phenomenon of harassment and abuse of authority are enormous on the professional, mental, psychological and social life of the person who is the victim, explaining the objective of this workshop is to document this phenomenon to decide on the relevance of the establishment of an institutional framework against this phenomenon. "Once the inventory of the phenomenon of harassment and abuse of authority has been completed, the Burundian Ombudsman will be able to propose legislative, regulatory or administrative reforms to the competent authority in order to remedy it through legislation by taking substantial measures", said Honorable Edouard NDUWIMANA.

Mrs Sylvine Kahasha, UNDP gender expert, stressed that the objective of UNDP policies on harassment, sexual harassment and abuse of authority, is to protect vulnerable people. She took the opportunity to call on everyone to play their individual roles in tackling this problem, especially in taking this issue seriously and making it their concern.

The Consultants who presented on harassment and abuse of authority in the workplace showed the

harmful effects of rape and harassment, namely: work under pressure, poor performance, development of chronic diseases, nervousness and transposition of the problem into the family. The participants to the workshop recommended to seriously crack down on this phenomenon and put in place strategies to deal with it.

The workshop brought together executives from different Ministries, employees and employers of several public and private companies.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs receives his counterpart from Saudi Arabia



On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation H.E Albert SHINGIRO received in audience H.E Mr. Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Kttan, Minister of State to African Countries Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

At the end of the audience, H.E Albert SHINGIRO said that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Burundi have maintained good relations of friendship and cooperation since 1980 and that exchanges between the high personalities of two countries are frequent.

H.E Albert SHINGIRO indicated that he explained to the Minister of State to African Countries Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi that Burundi has a new foreign policy which is based on four pillars namely the attraction of foreign investments, trade between Nations, technology transfer and tourism. The Minister H.E Albert SHINGIRO invited his Saudi Arabia counterpart to ensure that his country can send several investors to Burundi. According to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, the country is still virgin in terms of foreign investment.

H.E Albert SHINGIRO said that they discussed further concrete issues, including the state's plan

to build the motorway linking the two capitals of Bujumbura and Gitega. On this project, he informed that H.E Mr. Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Kttan welcomed this project with interest and asked to rework the project well and send it to the Embassy of Burundi in Riyadh to be examined by the Saudi Arabia Party. Another project presented is the renovation of the King Khaled Hospital in Kamenge. The Saudi Arabia Minister indicated that the Saudi Arabia Government will consider the request of the Government of Burundi and will decide whether to rehabilitate the same hospital or build a new one bearing the name of King Khaled or that of the current King.

H.E Albert SHINGIRO said that they also discussed the issue of migrant workers, these young Burundian ladies who go to the Gulf countries to look for work. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation asked his counterpart to analyze the request of the Government of Burundi to sign an agreement with the Government of Saudi Arabia in order to legally protect these ladies.



In this regard, HE Albert SHINGIRO indicated that his Saudi counterpart promised that during his next visit to Riyadh, they will be able to sign a very specific agreement protecting these young ladies, so that they work legally. He added that after this agreement with Saudi

Arabia, he will be able to do so with other Gulf countries.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation said that they also exchanged views on diplomatic issues at the international level, in particular the fight against terrorism, the issue relating to the war in Libya, relations between Iran and Israel, etc ...

In closing, H.E Albert SHINGIRO said that he intends to make a visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia before the end of the year, to further strengthen relations with this friendly country.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)

Validation workshop of the Sectoral Strategy for Statistical Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation



On Friday, June 11, 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation organized a validation workshop for the Sectoral Strategy for the Development of Statistics (SSDS) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

In his opening speech, the Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO indicated that to contribute to the revitalization of the statistics sector, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation has drawn up its Sector Strategy for the Development of Statistics to ensure the availability of statistical data respecting quality assurance in order to meet user demand. It has a realistic results-based management approach to statistical development and focuses on key indicators.

According to Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO, the Sector Strategy for the Development of Statistics is inspired by the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics and falls within the framework of the implementation of the Sector Strategy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation. The statistical system of the Ministry is young, the fact remains that it has to its credit remarkable achievements, namely: the development of the methodological framework and outline for the collection of statistical data for the production of the statistical yearbook, 2019 edition; the production of the statistical yearbook of the Ministry, 2019 edition; training workshop on the National Statis-

tical Data Quality Assurance Framework, guidelines on the quality of statistical production and statistical data collection techniques.



This Strategy will also

strengthen the main link between the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics and the statistical system of the Ministry and will respond effectively to the statistical information needs necessary for the formulation, management and monitoring-evaluation of the implementation of the missions of the Ministry, added Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO.



After his speech, the participants followed the presentations on the Sector Strategy for the Development of Statistics presented

by Mr. Vénérant NIZIGIYIMANA, an Expert in Statistics at ISTEUBU and Mr. Thérance NDAMUHAWENIMANA, Principal Inspector in charge of Statistics and Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation. In the discussions, the participants gave some ideas for the enrichment of this Strategy and validated it.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)

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United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



The Embassy and Permanent Delegation of Burundi to UNESCO participated in the 8th session of the Conference of the Parties to the 2005 Convention organized from 01-04 June 2021, in Paris.

As a reminder, the 2005 Convention was ratified by the State of Burundi on October 14, 2008 and entered into force on January 14, 2009. This convention concerns the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions.

As its title summarizes, the 2005 convention aims to support States Parties in putting in place national policies and measures to promote creativity, production and distribution of various cultural goods and services.

The promotion of cultural expressions allowing the creation and protection of the cultural industry is proving to be a spearhead in the development and export of Burundian cultural expressions until then little known or very little known both nationally and internationally.

By ratifying this convention, the intention of the Government of Burundi was, among other things, to reduce youth unemployment and promote the strengthening of social cohesion through the creation of cultural industries.

The creation of Burundian cultural industries also conceals an important economic aspect that must be exploited, more precisely in the sale and export of products from these industries.

It should be noted that Burundi contains significant artistic, cultural and creative riches which are, unfortunately, until now not exploited or badly exploited due to several reasons related to a lack of supervision or funds.

It is in this dynamic that Burundi is called to reflect on the preparation and implementation of legal standards adapted to the current cultural world and more specifically in the protection of intellectual property, in this case the authors' rights of Burundian producers.

Apart from the fallout from cultural diplomacy that our country will benefit from, being part of the intergovernmental committee ruling on the 2005 convention will give Burundi opportunities to acquire the necessary instruments in order to embark on the promotion of the cultural industries that are emerging up to this day come up against a large number of pitfalls that prevent the emergence of this hitherto untapped industry. During the session which lasted 4 days, several points were discussed, among others:

1. General debate on the implementation of the Convention by the stakeholders,
2. Meeting to present the results of the study on the film and audiovisual industry in Africa,
3. State of play of national roadmaps for the implementation of the Convention in the digital environment,
4. Election of Committee Members and Closing Ceremony.

During the elections which took place on 04/6/2021, Burundi was elected as a member of the intergovernmental committee of the Parties to the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions for a period of 2021-2025.

(Source: Embassy of Burundi in Paris)

Presence of African Art and Culture in Beijing.



On May 24, 2021, at the Embassy of Nigeria, an exhibition entitled "The Colors of Africa" was organized as well as the realization of a Forum entitled "Women in Action Against Poverty" on June 05, 2021 in Zhaolin Grand Hotel, in Beijing.

The Staff from the Burundi Embassy in Beijing were present at both events. At the Embassy of Nigeria, visitors were able to taste the delicacies of Burundian cuisine (isombe with bone meats, rice and mukeke) a dish that has made the curiosity and pleasure of gourmets of gastronomy, and which was much appreciated.

On the menu again, a sumptuous design of African art and culture adorned the veranda of the reception hall. While looking around the exhibition, a Burundian stand, rich in color, jumped out in the eyes of the guests, (baskets (ibiseke), other sorts of baskets (inkoko), miniature drums (utugoma), wooden sculptures (ibishusho), necklaces (ubudede), bracelets (imiringa), a harp (inanga y'ikivuvu), unfortunately the items were not for sale, as many visitors wanted. A Burundian video, which retraced the art, culture, fauna, flora, dance of the young Burundian girl, somersault of the drummer, the bewitching rhythm of the Burundian drum, ancestral utensils, banana wine in the calabash (agasongo), the traditional mill, the welcome, the human warmth, the blue sky, the varied relief of the Burundian landscape, the blue waters of Lake Tanganyika, ... rewound endlessly, to relive the same scenes, and leave the curious, in the thirst for this rare reality, a kind of cornucopia of art, culture and the beauty of the relief of Burundi, which have fasci-

nated visitors, who jostled each other on the stand, in search of future best tourist destinations.

At the Forum entitled "Women in Action Against Poverty" on June 05, 2021 at Zhaolin Grand Hotel, in Beijing, the same video showed the same images, in front of a dumbfounded audience. Likewise, an auction sale of paintings by African artists was organized. Burundi was also represented there, with the sale of a painting made by a member of the staff of the Burundian Diplomatic Mission in Beijing, who had graciously offered it to help the group of the Spouses of African Ambassadors in Beijing, as a contribution in this fight against poverty, his painting was awarded and sold, in a rare competitiveness, followed in the wake, by a fashion show of the African loincloth, where a very phlegmatic Burundian girl has taken part in the event.



This is only a small step in achieving one of the objectives of the Burundian Diplomatic Mission in Beijing, namely: "Organize activities to promote Burundi's tourism products to attract tourists".

In any case, it should be noted that, the Land of a Thousand and One Hills, makes crowds dream, and its bright future for tourism, does not arouse any doubt, among lovers of art, culture and fabulous and exotic landscapes, like those of our country.

(Source: Embassy of Burundi in Beijing)

Qinghai Province in China holds the first International Ecology Exhibition



From June 6 to 7, 2021, the authorities of Qinghai Province, in collaboration with the Ministries of Commerce, Ecology and Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, organized the first Exhibition International on Ecology. After the opening ceremonies and guided tours in the stands where photos and products from different countries were exhibited in the context of agriculture and green energy, which took place on June 6, 2021, a forum on nature conservation was held at the same place the next day, June 7, 2021, and 37 diplomats from 22 countries including Burundi, took part. On the side of the Embassy of Burundi, participated the Ambassador and the Second Counselor.

In their interventions, diplomats made it clear that climate change has become a global problem posing serious threats to both mankind and nature. They praised China's tangible progress in protecting the environment, increasingly using carbon-free energy sources.

On the sidelines of the exhibition and the forum, diplomats visited the Museum of Tibetan Culture and Medicine, a very rich culture dating back thousands of years before the Christian era. On this occasion, the Ambassador of Burundi gave an interview to journalists from Qinghai on the relations between Burundi and Qinghai which exist through Chinese medical missions from Qinghai in favor of the Burundian population, especially that of the province of Gitega. He hoped that this cooperation would be further strengthened and could extend to other areas such as tourism and energy.

Diplomats also had the opportunity to visit Qinghai Lake, China's largest lake, occupying an area of 4,600 square kilometers. It is also the source of the three major rivers of China, namely the Yangtze, the Yellow River and the Mekong River.

It should be noted that in addition to participating in the forum and taking advantage of the presence of certain members of the Chinese Government who had traveled, to support the initiatives of the Qinghai province, the Ambassador of Burundi, HE Martin MBAZUMUTIMA, spoke with the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ma zhaoXu, who is in charge of economic issues.

Discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in the field of health between Burundi and China, especially between the provinces of Gitega and Qinghai, and on opportunities to extend this cooperation in the fields of tourism and solar energy. The Deputy Minister promised the Ambassador that he will ask the Director General of Africa at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China to follow the file, especially with regard to solar energy.

(Source: Embassy of Burundi in Beijing)

A delegation from Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi and Musumba Group, in Zambia



which manufactures the intermediate product "Sponged Iron".



On June 06 to 09, 2021, Mr. Audace NDAYIZEYE, President of the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi and Mr. François Uwiragiye, Owner and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Musumba Group, visited Zambia. They arrived in Lusaka on Sunday, June 06, 2021 in the afternoon.

Accompanied by Mr. Pascal RUHOMVYUMWORO, Ambassador of Burundi in Lusaka, the delegation paid a visit to the Kafue Steel Plant, which manufactures steel products (rebar of different sizes, angles, window frames, channels, etc.).

The objective of the visit was industrial prospecting. The delegation wanted to see the different components of the plant, especially the unit which uses the so-called "DRI - Direct Reduced Iron" technology

Sponged iron consists of a block of iron devoid of impurities and other elements such as oxygen. The sponged iron is put into another unit, the foundry, where it is poured into different molds from which different end products such as reinforcing bars come out.

The delegation also visited the Zambian Chamber of Mines and the Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

They finally met some Burundian businessmen based in Lusaka.

(Source: Embassy of Burundi in Lusaka)

The Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party visits the United Republic of Tanzania



sy visit in the morning of this Thursday, June 10, 2021 to his counterpart Mr. Daniel CHONGOLO, Secretary General of the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM), Party in power in the United Republic of Tanzania.

After presenting the members of his delegation (Mrs. Nancy Ninette MUTONI, National Secretary for Information and Communication, Amb Gervais Abayeho, Ambassador of Burundi in Tanzania, Mr. Eric NSHIMIRIMANA, Head of the Department of the Imbonerakure Youth League), Honorable Révérien NDIKURIYO thanked his host for the hospitality and welcome given to his delegation: "This is one more sign that manifests our deep and legendary friendship",

The Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party Honorable Révérien NDIKURIYO paid a courte-

he said.

The Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party continued by conveying the congratulations of all the « Bagumyabanga » to the place of the « Chama Cha Mapinduzi » Party which has just renewed its structure and its leading executives, thus raising H.E Samia SULUHU Hassan to the position of President of the Party, and Mr. Daniel CHONGOLO for the confidence placed in him by the members of his Party by electing him as Secretary General.

The two Secretaries General reaffirmed their commitment to continue to collaborate closely with a view to the perpetuation of the bonds of friendship and cooperation which harmoniously exist between the two political formations in power in more than brotherly countries, Burundi and Tanzania.

In terms of capacity building, exchange of experiences and best practices, Honorable Révérien NDIKURIYO insisted on the professional and patriotic education of young people, and took this opportunity to invite the

CCM Party to send a delegation during the festivities of the Great Gathering. CNDD-FDD youth annual (Imbonerakure Day), which the CCM has never lacked since the first edition which took place in August 2017.

In turn, the Secretary General Daniel Chongolo expressed his satisfaction with the state of relations between the two political parties, the two countries and the two peoples. He said that the friendship of the CNDD-FDD and the CCM goes beyond words, and that the strength and the anchoring of the Party depend on the development and stability of the countries.

Mr. Daniel CHONGOLO returned to the solidarity of the CNDD-FDD with the CCM, whether during happy or unfortunate events, more than a friendly party, a brother, he insisted. Ultimately, Secretary General Honorable Révérien NDIKURIYO invited Mr. Daniel Chongolo to visit the CNDD-FDD in Burundi in order to continue to cement this fraternity, vector of stability and development.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

ECCAS sends delegation after Gatumba floods



A delegation from the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) led by Mr. Honoré Tabouna, Commissioner in charge of the environment, agriculture, natural resources and sustainable development has just stayed in Burundi to discuss with the authorities on the latest flood caused by the waters rising of Lake Tanganyika and the overflow of the Rusizi river.

Mr. Honore Tabouna said the delegation visited

Gatumba to inquire about the gravity of the natural disaster. The delegation also visited the displaced persons affected by this flood.

This visit is part of the ECCAS treaty which obliges States to assist a member State that is the victim of a natural disaster. The ECCAS delegation noted that we need urgent solutions to the situation but also lasting solutions to these situations. The delegation will therefore prepare a report on the flooding situation in Burundi which it will send to the member States of ECCAS.

It will be up to the States to react according to their specific means of intervention to support Burundi, said Commissioner Honoré Tabouna. There are several types of interventions, there are humanitarian interventions, the management of population movements and the management of small economies affected by this flood.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Official launch of the « Umukozo » festival of the cultural club "Amagaba"



The cultural club "Amagaba" proceeded on Monday June 7, 2021, in Bujumbura, to the official launch of the festival called "Umukozo" (mixture), under the theme "Akaranga kanje n'iteka ryanje" (my culture my honor), which will take place on July 4, 2021 at the "Entente Sportive" of Bujumbura, it was noted on the spot.

In his opening remarks for the ceremonies, the cultural advisor at the Ministry of the East African Community, Youth, Sports and Culture, Mr. Rénovat NDIHOKUBWAYO, therefore encouraged the said club to have organized this festival, and to move forward in its works which aim to accompany Burundi to promote the culture of our ancestors.

According to Mr. Claude Niyuhire, the President of this « Umukozo » festival, the word "Umukozo" comes from the verb "Gukoza" (to mix). Therefore he explained that this festival will be mixed with different things, specifying that the objective is to make known that Burundi cannot self-develop without the presence of culture.

He further pointed out that the idea to organize this Umukozo festival by the cultural club "Amagaba" in the company of other cultural clubs like abagumyabanga, ihunja, intatana, gishora, arose from the fact that the cultural group Amagaba did not want to work in solo in the promotion of Burundian culture.

Moreover, continued Mr. NIYUHIRE, the advantage of this festival is to make all Burundians love Burundian culture.

According to Abbot Adrien Ntabona, who was a guest in these ceremonies, a country cannot develop nor-

mally without having a culture. For a farmer to have sufficient production, he must fertilize his field by putting chemical fertilizers in his field".

He took this opportunity to challenge everyone to revitalize the basic culture which allows the population to properly educate their children through traditional dances, theaters etc ..., and to recognize that our country is among other developing countries, adding that to remedy this, there must be a combination of our mores and culture, saying that this will restore the image of Burundi at the international level.



Remember that this festival will be the first edition and will continue even in the years to come, reassured the President of this festival.

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PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat-General of the State**MEDIA RELEASE NO 20 CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 09 JUNE 2021**

A Cabinet Meeting was held in Bujumbura on Wednesday 9th of June 2021, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi.

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 chaired by the Prime Minister on Friday 28 May 2021, and which was devoted to the analysis of the same items on the agenda.

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

- 1. Bill on the Status of Officers of the National Police of Burundi**
- 2. Bill on the Status of Brigadiers of the National Police of Burundi**
- 3. Bill on the Status of Agents of the National Police of Burundi**

These three projects were presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security.

The National Police of Burundi is governed by organic law n ° 1/03 of February 20, 2017 on the missions, organization and functioning of the National Police of Burundi. This law provides for a number of implementing texts, in particular the statutes of the personnel of the National Police.

These projects were developed within this framework.

Currently, the Officers, Brigadiers and Agents of the National Police of Burundi are governed by Statutes put in place in December 2010.

These projects are largely inspired by these statutes of December 2010 while adapting to the organic law of 2017, by bringing certain innovations that could allow the Officer, the Brigadier and the Police Officer to work in a socioeconomic, security and political environment of the moment.

Among other innovations, these are the conditions of recruitment where the notion of celibacy is more explicit.

In terms of rights, duties and incompatibilities, innovations are also made with regard to the advantages linked to working conditions, seniority, support for the family of the active police officer who dies as well as support for a worthy reintegration into civilian life for those who retire.

Regarding the ranks, innovations are made in the nomenclature in particular to remove some confusion, facilitate communication and identification by the population and to carry ranks similar to those worn in other countries.

New developments have also been made with regard to bonuses, allowances and other social benefits as encouragement and compensation for the constraints and risks of the police profession.

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Innovations can also be observed in career management as well as in the disciplinary system.

It should be noted that these projects had been analyzed and adopted by the Council of Ministers in December 2019 with the establishment of a Commission responsible for finalizing them.

However, in view of the sufficiently long time elapsed, it was necessary for the Government to take cognizance of the content of these draft laws and also to check whether the recommendations issued have been incorporated.

After analysis of these projects finalized by the Commission which was created for this purpose, the Council of Ministers adopted them with the recommendation to the Minister in charge of National Defense to prepare the draft statutes of the Officers, NCOs and Troops of the National Defense Force so that the statutes of these two bodies are analyzed in parallel at the level of Parliament.

Regarding ranks, the Council of Ministers recommended to ensure that they are harmonized with those worn in the East African Community.

Regarding the period of advancement in rank, the Council of Ministers recommended that it be harmonized at the level of the National Police and the National Defense Force.

With regard to the granting of the last grade, it was recommended that the advancement take into account the retirement age of the person concerned.

Finally, it would be necessary to check whether the name of "Brigadier" does not create confusion between the function and the rank and to find a more adequate term.

4. Bill regulating immigration and emigration in Burundi, presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security.

The legislation on migration dates from the promulgation of Decree-Law No. 1/007 of March 20, 1989 regulating the access, stay, establishment of foreigners in Burundi and their removal.

More than thirty years later, several social phenomena have appeared and various regulations have been put in place, in particular the ratification of the Treaty of accession of Burundi to the East African Community.

The regulations on migration with regard to refugees have been slightly modified and supplemented twice by law n ° 1/03 of 04 February 2008 and by law n ° 1/32 of 13 November 2008, both relating to asylum and refugee protection.

The development of this project responds to the desire to have a single law that governs all aspects of immigration and emigration.

This project also clarifies the missions which fall to the Migration Police and those which fall to the National Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons because the law n ° 1/32 of November 13, 2008 on asylum and the protection of refugees assigned to this Office missions which are devolved to the Migration Police.

This bill also removes certain contradictions between decree-law n ° 1/007 of March 20, 1989 regulating the access, stay, establishment of foreigners in Burundi and their removal and law n ° 1/32 of November 13, 2008 on asylum and refugee protection in Burundi with regard to the establishment of the Consultative Commission for Refugees and Foreigners.

Given that there are no personnel specialized in the processing of files relating to foreigners in the diplomatic representations of Burundi abroad, the bill proposes the creation of a post reserved for the migration officer duly qualified to process the files of Burundians in accreditation countries or foreigners who want to go to Burundi.

Finally, as there was no legal framework that differentiates nationals of the East African Community from other foreigners, the bill makes this distinction to differentiate them from citizens from other states.

After discussion and debate, the bill was adopted with the recommendation to ensure that the penalties provided for in this bill do not contradict those provided for in the Penal Code.

It was also recommended to modify the title to adopt a general term and speak of the regulation of migration in Burundi.

The Council of Ministers further recommended using the term "citizens of the East African Community" like the other countries of the community instead of "nationals of the East African Community".

Regarding the post reserved for the migration officer in the diplomatic representations of Burundi abroad, the appointing authority will assess, if necessary, the advisability, depending on the volume of files to be processed in each country where Burundi is represented.

5. Draft decree revising decree n ° 100/181 of 11 August 2014 on the missions, reorganization and operation of the Insurance Regulation and Control Agency (ARCA), presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning.

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After the promulgation of Law n ° 1/06 of July 17, 2020 on the Insurance Code, it is imperative to revise the decree on the missions, reorganization and operation of the Insurance Regulatory and Control Agency to adapt it to the new legal framework.

In addition to this concern for adaptation, the new project brings other innovations, among others:

- The project proposes that the entire insurance sector be represented in the Insurance Supervision and Regulation Commission by a single person who has no interest to protect in this sector, to avoid conflicts of interest, in order to facilitate the work of the Commission;
- The project proposes to increase the term of office of members of the Insurance Supervision and Regulation Commission to four years instead of three years, to comply with the legal framework in force;
- The project specifies the reasons for the revocation and termination of the mandate of the members of the Insurance Supervision and Regulation Commission;
- The project strengthens the powers of the General Secretariat of the Insurance Regulatory and Control Agency;
- The Agency's missions have been extended to the investigation of disputes arising between insurers and insurance intermediaries, insurers and reinsurers and those arising between insurance intermediaries;
- The project grants the status of police officer with limited competence to the Secretary General and to the technical staff of the Insurance Regulation and Control Agency.

At the end of the debate, the project was adopted with, among other recommendations:

- Avoid details regarding the functioning of the Insurance Supervision and Regulation Commission and put them in another text;
- Specify in the text that the Insurance Supervision and Regulation Commission plays the role of a Board of Directors;
- Ensure that contributions from insurance companies to the operation of ARCA are paid to the Treasury, even if the State gives it sufficient subsidies for its operation;
- ARCA should get more involved in ensuring that policyholder compensation cases are processed quickly and fairly;
- ARCA should get involved to ensure that public infrastructure destroyed by insured vehicles is repaired as quickly as possible.

The Council of Ministers recommended that insurance companies also participate in development projects, like banks.

6. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the National Commission for Basic and Post Basic Education, presented by the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research.

This project is proposed as part of the implementation of decree n ° 100/090 of October 28, 2020 on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research which provides for the establishment of a National Commission for Fundamental and Post Fundamental Education.

The main mission of the Commission is to face the challenges of the Burundian education system at the fundamental and post-fundamental cycles.

In addition, with the abolition of the General Inspectorate of Education, Technical and Vocational Training, the innovation is to transfer the various missions devolved to it to this Commission.

Thus, this project defines the missions of the Commission, its composition and its functioning.

Following the analysis, the project was adopted with, among other recommendations:

- Highlight the "creation of the Commission" aspect in the title as well as a related provision which begins the text;
- Remove conditionalities for appointments by decree;
- Integrate a representative of the Ministry in charge of the Public Service in the Commission;
- Specify the origin of the President of the Commission;
- Place the headquarters of the Commission in Gitega.

As the objective of the government is to train people who are able to take charge at the end of their studies with the putting into practice of what they have learned, the Council recommended to the Ministry in charge of Education to prepare a vocational education policy with a view to its adoption by the Government.

7. Draft decree revising Decree No. 100/06 of 12 January 2015 establishing and organizing the Doctoral School in Burundi, presented by the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research

The implementation of Decree No. 100/06 of January 12, 2015 establishing and organizing the Doctoral School in Burundi is faced with several challenges that hamper the functioning of the Doctoral School.

This mainly concerns the dysfunction of the Educational and Scientific Council and the insufficiency of high-level human resources to participate in the management of the Doctoral School.

Indeed, the Educational and Scientific Council is unable to carry out its mission because, in view of the decree that organizes this school, this Council should include 219 members, a workforce that is difficult to assemble and manage correctly.

The draft decree proposes that this Council be composed of 11 members representing stakeholders directly interested in the activities of the Doctoral School.

Regarding human resources, the decree in force provides for a single post for the management of the Doctoral School, and this responsibility is enormous for a lecturer who gives courses, who does research and who takes care of others activities in the service of the community.

The project proposes that there be one or more assistants to assist the Director.

Taking into account the operational requirements of a Doctoral School ready to welcome any student who wishes and who fulfills the conditions, the project proposes the payment of training costs by nationals and foreigners.

At the end of the debate, the project was adopted with the recommendation to prioritize the profiles that the state needs much more than others.

Planning will also need to be carried out in order to allow the State to support this Doctoral School by providing it with the means for its operation as and when they become available.

8. Roadmap for the implementation of the Rehabilitation, Modernization and Extension Project of the Moso Sugar Company (SOSUMO), presented by the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock.

This roadmap was drawn up following the adoption, by the Council of Ministers, of the Business Plan for the Rehabilitation, Modernization-Extension Project of SOSUMO.

It emphasizes the process to be carried out in the action plan and shows the implementation schedule of the action plan in order to allow the Government to plan the investment and monitor its implementation.

The roadmap has two parts over a three-year period, namely:

- irrigation, procurement of agricultural machinery and equipment as well as agronomic laboratory equipment;
- The rehabilitation and modernization of the factory;

The investments to be made over the three years concern:

- The installation of an irrigation system;
- The acquisition of agricultural machinery and equipment;
- Modernization of the laboratory;
- The revitalization of agricultural research;

The overall cost of the investment amounts to 105,993,995,058 BIF.

For a good implementation of the Project, the roadmap indicates the chronogram of the activities to be carried out, the deadlines and the related budgets.

Following the analysis of the roadmap, the Council of Ministers assessed the status of the Project as well as the schedule of activities. It nevertheless recommended to the Ministers in charge of Agriculture and Finance to work with the BRB to separate the activities that can be financed in local currency as well as the foreign exchange needs that can be supported by the BRB.

With a view to increasing sugar production in Burundi, it was recommended to encourage the population to cultivate sugar cane by providing them with seeds, in order to sell the harvest to SOSUMO.

Regarding the extension of the factory by the acquisition of new machines, SOSUMO was asked to first prove that it has sufficient raw materials that the current factory is not able to process, because the observation is that the machines are at rest for a long period of the year.

The Council of Ministers also recommended considering opening up SOSUMO's shareholding to private parties in order to increase its capital.

The Minister in charge of Finance was requested to continue contacts for obtaining financing for the Project with regard to the aspects which require foreign exchange.

A Note enriched by taking these elements into account will be brought back to the Council of Ministers.

9. Any Other Business

His Excellency the President of the Republic asked members of the Government to be active on the ground in order to closely monitor and supervise the activities under their ministries that take place there.

He also asked members of the Government to proceed with the declaration of their property as the relevant forms are now available at the Supreme Court.

Finally, he announced that it will soon be the first year of the current legislature that will end. It will be crowned with a three-day prayer crusade to end it well and start the other with a new twist, while keeping in mind the goal of increasing revenue and decreasing public spending.

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