



**Towards the strengthening of Security and Commercial Coop-**



African Union, the two Heads of State exchanged on subjects of common interest and on the strengthening of the relations of friendship which unite their countries, Burundi and the DRC.

By addressing the security situation at the common border, the two Heads of States reaffirmed their desire to definitively eradicate the negative forces and terrorist groups that abound in the

East of the DRC, in particular by the operationalization of the state -integrated major.

Regarding trade, they reiterated their support for regional and integrating projects including the Uvinza Musongati-Gitega Buja-Uvira-Kindu railway, the project to build a bridge linking Cibitoke province and Bukavu as well as the operation agriculture in the Rusizi plain.

It was also an opportunity for the two statesmen to share their respective experiences in youth leadership and women's empowerment.

This first day of the working visit to Kinshasa of His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE ended with the participation in the State banquet offered by his DRC counterpart His Excellency Félix Antoine Tshisekedi to the participants in the 10th meeting of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism the Addis Ababa Framework Agreement. ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

**O**n wednesday, february 23, 2022, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE flew to Kinshasa, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, to take part in the 10th meeting of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism of the Agreement- Framework for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the DRC and the Region, which was scheduled for february 24, 2022.

Upon his arrival at N'Djili International Airport, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE was warmly welcomed by the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo, His Excellency Jean Michel Sama Lukonde.

On the eve of the tenth meeting of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism of the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Region, the Heads of State of Burundi and the DRC maintained at the "Cité de l'Union Africaine" in Kinshasa.

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## The President of the Republic visits the rice farmers of Ndebe marsh in Gitega



by his Spouse visited on tuesday, february 22, 2022, Ndebe marsh on the Muremera hill of Giheta area and Commune in

The President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE

accompanied

the Province of Gitega.

In this marsh, the President of the Republic joined the rice growers in the fertilization work, the first application of organomineral fertilizers of the rice farms which are located on an area of 23 hectares and are operated by 23 cooperatives which bring together 1150 members.

The Director of the Provincial Office of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock in Gitega Province said that Ndebe swamp was unusable ten years ago, and that now this swamp is a seed multiplication center of rice pres-bases and two varieties of rice are practiced there including scriad 006 and CT are practiced there. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The presidential family harvests potatoes on Matongo hill



accompanied by his Spouse harvested potatoes on monday, february 21, 2022 in his field located on Matongo Hill,

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE

Ndava zone and Commune in Mwaro Province.

After the harvest, the Director of the Provincial Office of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock in the Province of Mwaro Mr. Libère Nzokirantevye who monitors this 6-hectare field said he was satisfied with the harvest. He said the expected potato harvest is estimated at more than 60 tons.

Mr. Libère Nzokirantevye appealed to the population of Mwaro to follow the good model of the President of the Republic by focusing on agricultural activities to fight hunger given that this year of 2022 is dedicated to agriculture. .

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## VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY EVARISTE NDAYISHIMIYE TO BRUSSELS



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, accompanied by His Spouse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, and twenty other executives of the Presidency Office and of the said Ministry, paid a working visit to Brussels from 16 to 20 february 2022 to participate in the work of the 6th Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the African Union (AU) on the one hand and of the European Union (EU) on the other hand.

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This Summit was organized around seven thematic round tables articulated on the financing of Growth, Health systems and Vaccine Production, Agriculture and Sustainable Development, Education, Culture and Vocational training, Migration and Mobility, private Sector Support, Economic Integration, Peace, Security and good Governance and, in order to , climate change and energy transition, connectivity and digital and transport infrastructure. On the sidelines of this Summit, the Burundian Head of State was able to meet several Officials of the European Union.



In the afternoon of thursday, february 17, 2022, the Burundian Head of State had a one-on-one meeting with the President of the European Council, Mr. Charles Michel, on the strengthening of political and diplomatic relations between the Burundi and the EU and other subjects of common interest. On friday, february 18, 2022, His Excellency Mr. Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE had a meeting with the European Commissioner in charge of international partnerships, Mrs. Jutta URPILAINEN.



On this occasion, the Commissioner promised, on behalf of the EU, an envelope of 214 million euros to support Burundi in its development process.



The Agenda of the Burundian Head of State for saturday,



february 19, 2022, also included a meeting with the Burundian Diaspora living in Belgium and its surroundings. A huge crowd of members of the Burundian Diaspora from various sectors attended this meeting in a friendly and warm atmosphere, listening and sharing their concerns. It was moralization par excellence. In his speech, His Excellency the President of the Republic called on Burundians for more fraternity, trust and invited them to support development projects in the Country.

Remember that on the sidelines of the meeting with the Diaspora, His Excellency N D A Y - Evariste ISHIMIYE, the President of the Republic of Burundi, met with the Secretary General of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), Ambassador Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti. Their exchanges have been dominated by south-south cooperation(MFACD)



## UN Women appreciates the activities of the First Lady H.E Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE



On  
wednesday, february 23, 2022, the First Lady and President of OPDD-Burundi

H.E Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE received in audience Mr. Maxime Houinato, Regional Director of UN Women for Eastern and Southern Africa. He was accompanied by Mr. Damien Mama, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Burundi and Mrs. Janet Kem, Representative of UN Women in Burundi.

Mr. Maxime Houinato said he was satisfied with the achievements of the First Lady of the Republic of Burundi in various fields, especially that of the advancement of women. He appreciated the work of organizing the high-level forum of women leaders, in which essential topics are discussed. These topics include family planning, the fight against AIDS, the prevention of COVID 19, the empowerment of women, etc.

The Regional Director of UN Women also hailed the

initiatives of HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE which bear witness to her courage and compassion, in particular through the construction of the care center for women suffering from obstetric fistula: "We note that the First Lady executes and supports important programs for the advancement of women"

On the subject of the fight against malnutrition, which is a subject close to the heart of the First Lady of Burundi, the Regional Director of UN Women for Eastern and Southern Africa indicated that Burundi is a model to follow at the level of Africa because "concrete, remarkable progress has been recorded in the fight against malnutrition among children under 5 and the elderly in Burundi".

Taking the floor, the First Lady and President of OPDD-Burundi H.E Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE warmly thanked UN Women for its material and financial support to facilitate the implementation of programs and initiatives aimed at the advancement of women in Burundi.

She indicated that her wish for the moment is "to make possible the socio-economic development of Burundian women, in particular by having access to credit, information and training".

The First Lady urges UN Women to support this beautiful but perilous initiative. ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

## The Holy See supports the spiritual, moral and material well-being of the people of Burundi



“ I have come to greet the Vice-President of the Republic, to say that the Pope prays for this people who are close to him, to say all that the “Saint Siège” can do to contribute to the spiritual, moral and material well-being of the Burundian people. “These are the words of Bishop Dieudonné DATONOU, Apostolic Nuncio, following an interview with the Vice-President of the Republic Mr. Prosper Bazombanza on wednesday, february 23, 2022.

The Apostolic Nuncio also took this opportunity to con-

gratulate Burundi following the lifting of sanctions by its various partners.

The Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi Mr. Prosper Bazombanza wished full success to the Apostolic Nuncio Bishop Dieudonné DATONOU newly accredited to Burundi to represent the Pope. He told him that the Burundian people are deeply believers, as evidenced by the fact that God occupies the first place in the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi.

The Vice-President of the Republic Mr. Prosper Bazombanza hailed the excellent collaboration and the good relations between the State of Burundi and the Catholic Church. In its activities, he said, the Catholic Church combines spiritual education, evangelization with other interventions essential to the development of men and the development of the country, particularly in the fields of education and health, through various structures including diocesan development offices, schools under Catholic agreement, etc. ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

## BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



On the sidelines of the 6th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the European Union and the African Union, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, had an interview on thursday, february 17,



2022 in Brussels, with His Belgian Counterpart, Sophie WILMES, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and Federal Cultural Institutions.

The meeting is part of the opening of a new page for the strengthening of bilateral relations between Belgium and Burundi. (MFACD)

## The Prime Minister receives in audience two heads of Specialized Commissions



Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni received in audience on tuesday, february 22, 2022 respectively the President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (CVR) Mr. Pierre Claver Ndayicariye and that of the Independent National Commission for Human Rights (CNIDH) Dr. Sixte Vigny Nimiraba. The two personalities came to present their annual reports for 2021 to him.

Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni congratulated the members of the CVR for the work accomplished. He pointed out that the report produced shows that the categorization of the crimes committed in 1972 is established in two levels.

According to the Prime Minister, this report qualifies these crimes as crimes of genocide against Hutus, crimes against humanity.

For the crimes of genocide against the Hutus, this report

demonstrates that these crimes were organized and piloted by the Government that was in place, continued the Prime Minister.

Speaking of crimes against humanity, the Prime Minister pointed out that the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission shows that certain populations of the Tutsi and Hutu ethnic group in the regions of the Imbo plains such as in Nyanza-lac were massacred while the Government of that time was not piloting these acts.

CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni said that the Government of Burundi will process and work on this TRC report in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country in order to make known the truth and strengthen reconciliation.

For the CNIDH, the Prime Minister congratulates the latter on the fact that it is doing its job well. The CNIDH report shows that all the cases that have been raised in the area of non-respect of human rights have been dealt with.

To the question relating to the concerns raised by the Parliamentarians on the day of the presentation of the annual report 2021 by the CNIDH, the Prime Minister specified that it is normal that in their actions of control of the activities, the elected representatives of the people ask for clarifications in case of necessity. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## International Mother Tongue Day: "revalorizing Kirundi"



**O**n the occasion of the International Day of the Mother Language, which is celebrated on february 21 of each year, the Minister in charge of Culture Ambassador Ezéchiel Nibigira issued a declaration relating thereto. At the international level, the theme of the year was: "Using Technology for Multilingual Learning". In Burundi, the theme of the International Mother Language Day was: "Kirundi as a knowledge base leading all Burundians to the rendezvous of Development". In his statement, Minister Ezéchiel Nibigira said

that International Mother Language Day comes at the right time, at a time when Kirundi is under threat. "It is high time we came to the aid of our beautiful language, both in terms of its spelling and its diction," said the Minister.

The Minister at the Presidency in charge of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture Mr. Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA calls on Burundians to promote and develop their language, Kirundi: "We want to make Kirundi a tool language in which technology and all areas of knowledge can be taught and communicated."

"We live in a world that is changing and changing very quickly, we must ensure that the lexical stock of Kirundi follows this evolution, at the risk of remaining on the fringes of the world, of remaining silent, of abandoning Kirundi to adopt new 'other languages, therefore other souls, therefore at the risk of erasing us and remaining slaves forever' he added

For Minister Ezéchiel Nibigira, the social, technical, economic, political and diplomatic fields must not continue to be foreign to our language, we must know how to conceive them and say them in Kirundi. . ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## His Excellency Mr. Gérard NTAHORWAROYE BIKEBAKO, Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi in Turkey received in audience the Regional Head of International of Aktif



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HORWAROYE BIKEBAKO, Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi in Turkey received in audience the

Regional Head of International of Aktif Bank of Turkey, Mrs. Eda Salah. The purpose of the visit was to inform the Head of Mission of the activities carried out by the Bank in Turkey and in the world, of the Bank's intention to establish collaborative relations with Burundian banks and above all to obtain 'Embassy of the facilities to meet the authorities of the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB) and the Highest Authority of the Republic of Burundi in order to widen their network of cooperation. (MFACD)

## Inauguration of Bugarama and Rwibaga health districts



**T**he Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Jean Baptiste Nzorironkankuze inaugu-

rated, on behalf of the Minister, on Wednesday, february 24, 2022, the district offices of Bugarama and Rwibaga in the Health Provinces of Rumonge and from Bujumbura. This office was built with the support of the Kingdom of Belgium on behalf of the Government of Burundi via the development agency Enabel.

The Representative of Enabel Mr. Joel Nyanding indicated that Enabel, through its interventions, intervenes directly in several areas of the health sector, in particular the con-

struction, rehabilitation, equipment and maintenance strategy of hospitals and health centers.

The construction of these health district offices of Kabezi, Bugarama and Rwibaga will allow health professionals to showcase their professionalism by providing quality care to the population in accordance with conventional health standards.

The acquisition of these new infrastructures provides a new, more adequate work space for senior healthcare teams, which also frees up space within hospitals and improves their spatial organization.

The health district office will fully play its role of supervising hospitals, health centers and community health workers within its jurisdiction to improve the provision of care to

local populations and increase the medical package of Community Health Workers.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr Jean Baptiste Nzorironkankuze welcomes the support of the development agency Enabel via PAISS5 for its support in the health sector and takes the opportunity to call on all development partners to follow in Enabel's footsteps.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr. asked those responsible for these new infrastructures and the population to take care of them for their profitability. .

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## Towards controlling the Covid-19 pandemic



**T**he national Covid-19 response committee

met on monday, february 21, 2022 in Bujumbura to analyze the current situa-

tion of this pandemic.

Proceeding to the opening of this meeting, the Chairman of this committee Gervais Ndirakobuca was delighted with the inventory of fixtures of the control of the spread of contamination of the pandemic and thanked all the speakers in the response against the Covid- 19.

The Director of the Public Health Emergency Operations Center (COUSP) Dr. Bizimana Jean Claude reports that as of february 17 and 18, 2022, among the 3683 cases tested, 27 cases were found to be positive.

According to him, compared to the months of december 2021 and the beginning of 2022, the positive cases have decreased significantly.

According to the Minister in charge of Public Health and

Vice-President of the response committee against Covid-19 Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana, the pandemic is well under control, there is a significant decrease in positive cases. However, the population is called upon to continue to observe the barrier measures to achieve zero cases of contamination. The Covid-19 pandemic in the world remains there, warned Minister Sylvie Nzeyimana.

The Minister in charge of public health also indicated that among the few positive cases, there are cases from abroad via Melchior Ndadaye international airport. The national Covid-19 response committee then recommended that the National Institute of Public Health quickly give the results of the Covid-19 tests, in order to facilitate the management of positive cases in real time, mentioned Minister Sylvie Nzeyimana.

Regarding vaccination against the Covid-19 pandemic, the Director of the Public Health Emergency Operations Center Dr Bizimana Jean Claude announced that 8447 people are fully vaccinated, including 6717 who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and 1730 people vaccinated with Sinopharm. . ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The health district of Kabezi has just acquired a new infrastructure



**T**he Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana inaugurated on tuesday february 22, 2022,

the office of the health district of Kabezi in the health province of Bujumbura. This office was built with the support of the Kingdom of Belgium on behalf of the gov-

ernment of Burundi through its development agency ENABEL.

This Kabezi health district office building is made up of district offices and supervisors, pharmaceutical stocks. It is also equipped with vaccine storage equipment and has a meeting room.

According to Mrs. Sanne De Mayer, who represented the Belgian Ambassador to Burundi at these ceremonies, her country is involved in the health sector via the Institutional Support Program in the Health Sector

(PAISS5), one of the programs of the development agency ENABEL, at a cost of approximately 20 million euros since 2014, with the extension of the program until 2023 for 3.6 million euros. Ms. Sanne De Mayer said that through the Institutional Support Program for the Health Sector (PAISS5), Belgium supported the construction and equipment of 3 health district offices in Kabezi, Bugarama and Rwibaga with an overall cost of the work of 670 thousand euros. In her speech, the Minister of Public Health and the

Fight against AIDS thanked the Kingdom of Belgium which, through its development agency ENABEL, intervenes in various sectors of life in Burundi, including that of health, sign of good relations between the two countries, she said. Minister Sylvie Nzeyimana calls on the health officials of the health district of Kabezi to maintain and safeguard this building of great importance for the population of the locality, given that it will serve as a pharmaceutical stock for this district. And to ask healthcare providers in the Kabezi health district to work for the benefit of patients to relieve their suffering, she concluded. . ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The Ombudsman tries to mediate between the Ministry of National Defense and Veterans Affairs and the population of Mudubugu



**A**s part of strengthening the culture of social dialogue as a mode of

conflict prevention and strengthening social cohesion, the Ombudsman of Burundi Honorable Edouard Nduwimana met on monday february 21, 2022 in Gifugwe in Gihanga commune, local elected officials, administrators and the population. The Burundian Ombudsman indicated that the objective of the meeting “was to strengthen peace and security, good governance, development and social cohesion by preventing possible conflicts. He called on the people of Bubanza to strengthen the joint security committees and the quadrilogy to safeguard peace and security so that they can savor the dividends of peace. Honorable Edouard Nduwimana promised that soon the Western regional office of the institution of the Ombudsman will be opened within the framework of the decentralization of this institu-

tion, at a time when this region records a lot of conflicts. On the sidelines of this meeting, the Burundian Ombudsman Honorable Edouard Nduwimana accompanied by the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs Honorable Alain Tribert Mutabazi conducted a visit, as part of the mediation in Mudubugu-Gihungwe in Gihanga Commune. He met a population estimated at 50,000 families affected by a land dispute of more than 700ha opposing him to the Ministry of National Defense and Veterans Affairs. This land in dispute is normally used by the soldiers of the Mudubugu camp in the practice of training exercises, including practice shooting exercises. The purpose of this joint visit by the Ombudsman and the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs was to discuss with the population about this disputed land, following a complaint from the families of this locality to the institution of the Ombudsman. These families had filed their complaint against the Ministry of National Defense. Ombudsman Edouard Nduwimana indicated that he received the versions from both parties and said that his institution will confront them in order to find a favorable outcome for both parties. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Sixth European Union- African Union Summit: A common vision for 2030



**T**he Heads of State or Government of the

Member States of the African Union and the European Union met on 17 and 18 february 2022 in Brus-

sels, under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Charles Michel, President of the European Council, and of Mr. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairman of the African Union. They remembered the fifth AU-EU summit held in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) on 29 and 30 november 2017 and the second meeting of AU-EU foreign ministers held in Kigali (Rwanda) in october 25 and 26, 2021.



Conscious of the unprecedented and growing common opportunities and challenges, the Leaders of the African Union and the European Union have embraced a common vision of a renewed partnership to build a common future, as partners and neighbours. The two Unions have agreed that their common vision aims to consolidate a renewed partnership for solidarity, security, peace, sustainable and long-term economic development and prosperity for their citizens and their future generations, in bringing together their peoples, regions and organizations. The renewed partnership will be based on geography, recognition of history, human ties, respect for sovereignty, mutual responsibility and respect, shared values, equality between partners and reciprocal commitments.

It aims to be the driving force behind the promotion of their common priorities, their shared values, International Law and the joint preservation of their common interests and public goods. This includes, among others, the security and prosperity of their citizens, the protection of human rights for all, gender equality as well as the empowerment of women in all spheres of life, respect for the principles democracy, good Governance and the rule of law, actions aimed at preserving the climate, the environment and biodiversity, sustainable and inclusive economic growth, the fight against inequalities, support for children's rights and the inclusion of women, young people and the most disadvantaged. They recognize the importance of food security and nutrition and the African Union has made it the theme of the year 2022. (MFACD)

### The European Union promises to supply Africa with doses of vaccine



Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), to support the effective distribution of doses and the training of medical teams, as well as to build analysis and sequencing capabilities. In this context, the African Union and the European Union will also contribute to the fight against disinformation concerning health topics.

The renewed partnership between the African Union and the European Union will address both the immediate prospects and challenges and the long-term opportunities offered by their cooperation. The first challenge is to ensure fair and equitable access to vaccines. The African Union and the European Union are committed to jointly supporting local and regional procurement mechanisms, as well as the allocation and deployment of medical products. The European Union reaffirms its determination to provide Africa with at least 450 million doses of vaccine, in coordination with the African Vaccine Procurement Task Force platform by mid-2022. By making more than 3 billion dollars (equivalent to 400 million doses of vaccine) available to the COVAX mechanism and to vaccination efforts on the African continent, Team Europe contributes to this objective and complements the actions of this special team. Team Europe will mobilize 425 million euros to accelerate the pace of vaccination and, in coordination with the

Following the difficulties from the current health crisis, the African Union and the European Union are committed to supporting Africa's full sovereignty in health, so that the continent is able to respond to future emergencies of public health. To this end, they support a joint agenda for the manufacture of vaccines, medicines, diagnostics, treatments and health products in Africa, including investments in production capacities, voluntary technology transfers as well as strengthening the regulatory framework to enable equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics and treatments. The African Union and the European Union stressed the urgent contribution of World Health Organisation to the fight against the pandemic and the recovery of the global economy, and pledged to cooperate constructively with a view to an agreement on a comprehensive WHO response to the pandemic, which includes aspects related to trade as well as intellectual property. (MFACD)

## The COVID-19 Pandemic on African Economies



**T**o fight against the COVID-19 pandemic on African economies, the African Union and the European Union are supporting the common framework for debt treatment beyond the debt service suspension initiative. The African Union and the European Union are also appealing for voluntary and ambitious contributions, with the aim of channeling part of the recently allocated Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) so as to achieve the global ambition of bringing together at least minus \$100 billion in liquidity assistance for the countries that need it most, much of which should go to Africa. The African Union and the European Union welcome the \$55 billion that has already been pledged under the new SDR allocation, of which \$13 billion has so far been pledged by several EU member states (Team Europe), and encourage more EU Member States to consider contributing to this global effort. African institutions, in consultation with national authorities, will be involved in the use of these SDRs to support the continent's recovery. The African Union and the European Union will strive to ensure that expenditure made through international programs in the areas of health, cli-

mate, biodiversity, education and security is increased to facilitate economic recovery. They agreed to examine lending instruments for sustainable investment projects in priority sectors. While building their capacity to address these challenges, we agree that recovery investments should continue to build better resilience and more sustainable economies to achieve their long-term priority goals. They pledged to combat illicit financial flows (IFFs) and base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS), as well as cooperate on tax transparency. In this regard, they agreed to continue cooperating to develop and consolidate strategic capacity in the fight against different types of IFFs, including money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing, as well as those related to systems tax governance and the return of stolen funds and goods from countries of origin.

The African Union and the European Union will intensify their support for scientific cooperation between researchers in order to jointly develop knowledge and share technologies and expertise, in particular through a joint AU innovation program and the EU, encourage exchange programs for young citizens, volunteers and students under the wider Erasmus+ program and develop partnerships between universities, in order to improve their mutual understanding and foster excellence. The African Union and the European Union will endeavor to facilitate cultural exchanges and the circulation of artists and works between these two continents and to encourage mutual commitment with a view to the restitution of cultural property, as well as to promote access to cultural heritage and its protection. (MFACTD)

## A prosperous and sustainable Africa and Europe



**A**t the sixth European Union-African Union summit, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU), announced an Africa-Europe investment

package of 150 billion euros at the service of their common ambition for 2030 and the AU's 2063 agenda, and which is composed of three components relating to investments, health and education. The investment package will contribute to building more diversified, inclusive, sustainable and resilient economies. Both continents aim to demonstrate and share with the rest of the world the success of an agenda for prosperity that respects their citizens and their planet. As part of the "Global Gateway" strategy, this investment package aims to stimulate public and private investment by building on existing initiatives and partnerships.

This package will encourage large-scale sustainable investments, with the support of Team Europe initiatives, taking due account of the priorities and needs of African countries, including: investments in energy, transport and digital infrastructure aligned with the second priority action plan of the program for infrastructure development in Africa (PIDA-PAP II); a fair and equitable energy transition, taking into account the specific and diverse orientations of African countries with regard to access to electricity; ecological transition, including support for the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) of African countries under the Paris Agreement to strengthen adaptation and mitigation; digital transformation for trusted connectivity through

investments in infrastructure and affordable and improved access to the digital economy and data economy, while boosting digital entrepreneurship and skills; sustainable growth and the creation of decent jobs, including investing in the creation of youth-owned businesses in Africa; transport facilitation and the efficiency of connected transport networks; human development, in particular by strengthening the mobility and employability of students, young graduates and skilled workers. The package will also support industrialization and the development of sustainable and resilient supply and value chains. (MFACTD)

## Renewed and strengthened cooperation for peace and security between the European Union and the African Union



Within the framework of facing the growing common security challenges, the Heads of State or Government of the member States of the African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU) announced during the sixth European Union- African Union Summit, renewed and strengthened cooperation for peace and security. The two continents maintain a long-standing cooperation whose founding principle is the search for solutions to African problems, within the framework of the African Peace and Security Architecture (AAPS). This architecture which is enshrined in the AU-EU Memorandum of Understanding on Peace, Security and Governance (2018), designed to fight against

instability, radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism, by tackling root causes of conflict and addressing the cycle of conflict as a whole through the integrated approach. They express their determination to deepen their cooperation by providing support for training, capacity building and adequate equipment, in order to strengthen and intensify autonomous peace operations carried out by the defense and security forces. African countries, through EU missions and assistance measures, as well as supporting law enforcement capacity building.

Together, they will also continue to contribute to peace operations support led by Africa and ongoing discussions on the use of UN determined contributions for operations authorized by the UN Security Council, as well as the implementation, in this context, of the AU human rights compliance framework. They will intensify their security cooperation, including in the area of cyber security. They will join their efforts to continue to promote the rule of law and the implementation of programs concerning women, peace and security, children in armed conflict, and youth, peace and security, on the basis of concrete actions aimed at achieving lasting peace. They will continue to respect and promote respect for human rights and international humanitarian law. (MFACTD)

## Reinforcement of the reciprocal partnership on migration between the African Union and the European Union

To implement the desire for a strengthened and reciprocal partnership on migration and mobility, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the African Union and the European

Union promise to continue to deal with all aspects of migration and mobility, respecting national competences, in an integrated, comprehensive and balanced manner. The African Union and the European Union will work in a spirit of shared responsibility and commitment, in strict compliance with international law and



fundamental human rights. Through their joint action and capacity building, and in particular

through African institutions specialized in migration. The two Unions will work to prevent irregular migration, to strengthen cooperation against the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings, to support the strengthening of border management and to achieve effective improvements in the areas of return, readmission and reintegration, including the promotion of voluntary return and the facilitation of the sustainable reintegration of people after their return, as well as the strengthening of dialogues on migration between

the two continents and the concretization of their essential priorities.

There will be deepening cooperation to find durable solutions for asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in need of international protection and they pledged to relaunch the work of the Tripartite Task Force AU-EU-UN. They will further strengthen asylum systems with a view to providing adequate reception and protection to those who are entitled to it, as well as to work towards their integration. For both sides too, they will continue to address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement and strengthen their cooperation to address all migration-related issues. In accordance with national needs, competences and legal frameworks, channels for legal migration will continue to be developed between the two continents and within the African continent. (MFACD)

## Towards the Promotion of Multilateralism between the African Union and the European Union



**W**ithin the framework of an attachment to multilateralism, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the African Union (AU) and of the European Union (EU) undertake to work together to promote an effective multilateralism within the rules-based international order centered around the United Nations. They pledge to work towards more convergent positions in multilateral fora to reduce global inequalities, strengthen solidarity, promote international cooperation, combat and mitigate climate change, and improve the provision of “global public goods”, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the AU Agenda 2063. They pledge to provide political support to achieve the necessary reform of the WHO and to improve its functioning, with a view to strengthening the multilateral trading system.

Both parties also undertake to contribute to the reform efforts of the United Nations system, includ-

ing with regard to the United Nations Security Council. Furthermore, they reaffirm their commitment to the full implementation of the Paris Agreement and the results of the conferences of the parties. They recognize that Africa's energy transition is vital for its industrialization and for closing the energy gap. They will support Africa in its transition to promote just and sustainable trajectories towards climate neutrality. They recognize the importance of using available natural resources as part of this energy transition process. They support Africa's hosting of COP 27 in Egypt in 2022, as well as an ambitious global biodiversity framework. They pledge to work together to develop, under the aegis of WHO, an ambitious new international agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

The Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU) commend the fruitful discussions that took place during the summit during the round tables devoted to the following themes: financing for sustainable and inclusive growth; climate change and energy, digital and transport transition (connectivity and infrastructure); peace, security and governance; private sector support and economic integration; education, culture and vocational training, migration and mobility; agriculture and sustainable development; and health systems and vaccine production. They warmly thank the contributions of youth, civil society, local authorities and the private sector in the framework of the Africa-Europe Week and the EU-Africa Business Forum, and they encourage all stakeholders to continue to associate with their renewed partnership. They agreed to follow up on the implementation of the commitments made at the AU-EU summits. Monitoring will be carried out regularly through existing AU-EU structures, including the AU-EU Ministerial Monitoring Committee. (MFACD)

## Specific packages to accompany the special Africa Europe investment package



**T**he investment package promised by the European Union at the 6th African Union Summit and the European Union, for the African Union will be complemented by specific packages aimed at supporting health and education systems. With regard to the health sector, they will support initiatives in favor of pandemic preparedness, health security and equitable access to quality essential health services, in line with the Rome declaration adopted at the world health summit. With regard to the education sector, they will invest in inclusive and equitable quality education, by improving policy and legal frameworks, access to education and teacher training, in order to help ensure the provision safe educational services and to ensure that learning gaps resulting from the pandemic are addressed. To this end, they will promote job-oriented, technically oriented vocational education and training, including at the regional level.

To implement the package, they will mobilize public funds to stimulate private investment using innovative financing instruments. They pledged to promote accountable, transparent, inclusive and responsive governance, in accordance with relevant international instruments, in order to intensify efforts aimed at improving investment and the business climate as well as unleashing and increasing African investments and responsible and sustainable Europeans. They will use all means of implementation, including official development assistance and financial tools such as infrastructure trust funds and capital market instruments, to encourage African entrepreneurship to take part in economies strong and dynamic. International and national development finance institutions, including the European Investment Bank and the African Development Bank, as well as public-private partnerships will be mobilized for this purpose. They will continue their efforts to mobilize and facilitate remittances in a transparent manner, including to reduce transaction costs, in the service of the development of national and local economies. The two continents will also boost regional and continental economic integration, including through the African Continental Free Trade Area. Existing trade agreements between the EU and certain African countries have helped to strengthen and deepen trade and economic development between the two continents. They will progressively work towards the gradual and mutually beneficial integration of our respective continental markets. (MFACD)

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