



"The death of Prince Louis Rwagasore will not have been in vain if our generation preciously safeguards his heritage"



On thursday october 13, 2022 was the day of commemoration of the Assassination of Prince Louis Rwagasore for Burundians. In a message made public on the morning of that day, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, reminded that the only unfortunate which brought about the death of Prince Louis Rwagasore was his determination to restore the dignity of the Burundian people, the dignity in freedom. The Head of State, however, indicated that the death of Prince Louis Rwagasore will not have been in vain if "our generation preciously preserves its heritage".

The commemorative ceremonies of the 61st anniversary followed. The

ceremonies began with a requiem mass celebrated at the Regina Mundi Cathedral in the presence of the Presidential Couple, the family of the Hero of Independence and the High Authorities of Burundi.

In his homily the Archbishop of Bujumbura Mgr Gervais Bانشimiyubusa returned to the patriotic spirit that characterized Prince Louis Rwagasore. Similar to President Evariste Ndayishimiye, Mgr Gervais Bانشimiyubusa urged Burundian leaders to perpetuate his legacy by safeguarding love of country, unity and humility.

The ceremonies continued at the Mausoleum of Prince Louis Rwagasore with a moment of meditation and laying of wreaths. (www.presidence.bi)

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Burundi offers significant opportunities to foreign investors



On Monday October 10, 2022, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye returned to Bujumbura, after a two-day

visit to Uganda where he had participated in the commemoration ceremonies of the 60th anniversary of the independence of this country, and mobilized investors.

It was on the sidelines of the festivities that he had the opportunity to meet and mobilize Ugandan investors. He received in audience the bosses of the Kinyara Sugar Company, which wishes to provide its expertise in the highly industrialized production of sugar, making it a point of honor to promote local farmers and preserve the soil.

At the end of these exchanges, the appointment is

made to start concrete discussions with SOSUMO before the end of this month.

President Ndayishimiye also discussed with the management team of RENE Industries which operates in the pharmaceutical field. He is one of CAMEBU's reliable suppliers and is now planning to set up a large drug manufacturing unit in Burundi.

He further encouraged all other investors, mentioning that Burundi offers great potential thanks to its geographical location. He also reaffirmed the commitment of the Burundian government to support and facilitate procedures for foreign investors.

Before returning to Bujumbura, the Burundian Head of State discussed with his Ugandan counterpart on subjects of common interest before addressing regional issues, in particular the common will of the Member States of the East African Community to agree their efforts to eradicate the negative forces that threaten the peace and stability of the region, particularly in eastern DRC. (www.presidency.bi)

Health and nutrition at the heart of the 3rd edition of the High Level Forum of Women Leaders



On Wednesday October 12, 2022, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste

Ndayishimiye closed the 3rd edition of the High Level Forum of Women Leaders which was held in Bujumbura since Monday October 10, 2022 under the theme: "The health and nutrition of women, newborns and adolescents". Organized by the First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye in collaboration with the Office of the First Lady for Development (OPDD), this forum which aimed to bring together reflections that can contribute to the improvement of the health and nutrition of the mother, saw the participation of several foreign delegations including one of Nigeria led by the First Lady, Her Excellency Aisha Buhari and President

of MIPREDA and the Former First Lady of the Republic of Tanzania, Salma Kikwete.

In his closing speech, the President of the Republic congratulated the First Lady of Burundi for the success of this activity which contributes significantly to changing mentalities and daily actions and which will increase the impact of public health policies.

"As women leaders, you could contribute enormously to the empowerment of rural women", said the Burundian Number One before inviting them to work hard, to protect the environment to fight against hunger, and more importantly to adopt nutritional practices that aim to promote a healthy and balanced diet.

Reminding that the Government of Burundi has invested a lot in the field of public health, particularly through the construction of hospitals in all the municipalities of the country, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye asks the private sector to contribute in turn in terms of medical equipment. He urged economic operators to follow in the footsteps of the World Food Program (WFP) by setting up school canteens in order to contribute to im-

proving the health and nutrition of children.

During this forum which lasted 3 days, it was revealed that although efforts have so far been invested in improving the health of women and children, Governments have been called upon to review the funding allocated to health and nutrition in order to reduce the rate of neonatal and maternal mortality in Africa.

As a contribution to the fight against malnutrition in Burundi, the Head of State promised to grant a flour composed of mushrooms and soybeans worth 10 million Burundian francs which will be used in school canteens.

Delivering her speech, the First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, for her part, called on women leaders to raise awareness among others, to guide those who need support, to show solidarity and to share her vision in order to contribute to the improving health and nutrition in Burundi.

With her Nigerian colleague, Her Excellency Aisha Buhari, who made it clear that she made the trip to show her support for her Sister who is also her deputy to the presidency of MIPREDA, they exchanged gifts in terms of clothes and food for malnourished children. (www.presidency.bi)

The Burundian Vice-President officially launches the 3rd edition of the National High-Level Forum of Women Leaders



On Monday October 10, 2022, on behalf of the President of the Republic of Burundi, the Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA enhanced with his presence the opening ceremonies of the third edition of the

National High Level Forum of Women Leaders, under the theme: "Health and nutrition of women, newborns, children and adolescents" in Bujumbura.

Her Excellency the First Lady of Burundi specified that this forum is organized with the aim of giving the opportunity to Burundian women leaders and those from all over the world to discuss and reflect on the resilient and sustainable means and actions that can contribute to improving the health and nutrition of women, newborns, children and adolescents.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA, for his part, indicated that Burundi is delighted with its political and security situation

and the ties of friendship with other countries which have improved under the leadership of his Excellency General Major Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi and also added that the Government has already put in place strategies aimed at improving the nutrition of the Burundian population, including the policy of subsidizing free health care for children under 5 years old and pregnant women since 2006.

Vice-President BAZOMBANZA further clarified that the Burundian Head of State has made agriculture a priority, which has contributed to the increase in agricultural production, and as a result we are noticing a significant decrease in malnutrition acute in children under 5 years old, and he then thanked Her Excellency the First Lady of Burundi, through OPDD-Burundi, who agreed to become Sponsor of the school canteens program and who has already carried out activities aimed at improve the nutrition of children attending basic schools.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA pointed out that the Burundian Government has already put in place policies aimed at improving the social well-being of women and young people, through the creation and financing of youth banks, women's banks, agricultural bank and agricultural insurance, and finally closes his remarks by wishing the outcome for this forum, strategies and more commitments from all stakeholders to continue to make more efforts to improve the health and nutrition of the Burundian population. (www.presidence.bi)

Sensitization of Bilateral and Multilateral partners on the new Cooperation Framework Plan between Burundi and the United Nations System in Burundi



On Wednesday October 12, 2022, the Office of the Resident Representative of the United Nations System in Burundi in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation organized awareness-raising activities for bilateral and multilateral partners on the new Framework Plan for Cooperation between Burundi and the United Nations System in Burundi at the Roca Golf hotel. The activities were opened by the Director General of Multilateral Relations, Ambassador Isaïe KUBWAYO.

The Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation opened the activities by welcoming the participants. He said that all activities organized throughout the country must comply with the National Development Plan. It is in this context that he indicated that the objective of the process of the new Framework Plan for Cooperation between Burundi and the United Nations System is to change Burundian society into a more prosperous, inclusive and resilient society by 2027. Ambassador Esaïe KUBWAYO added that the partners are not limited to the United Nations System, he said that they will travel the whole country to see their appreciation towards the United Nations System of the fact that this project is a work of collaboration with the partners.

The Director General said that this cooperation mainly frames the agricultural food sector so that "every mouth has food and every pocket has money". He continues by reassuring that the other production sectors will find their day when the mouth is satisfied and the pockets are filled with satisfactory capital.

In his speech, the Resident Representative of the United Nations System Mr. Damien MAMA briefly presented the program and the objectives of the new Cooperation Framework Plan between Burundi and the United Nations System saying that it is a collective response to the priorities of Burundi. .

He said they will work with the Government of Burundi to identify the highest priority investment sectors. They will help in the enhancement of the agricultural food system and enhance the production aspects. The Resident Representative of the United Nations System also indicated that the partners will help to have access to financing because there are no projects without financing.

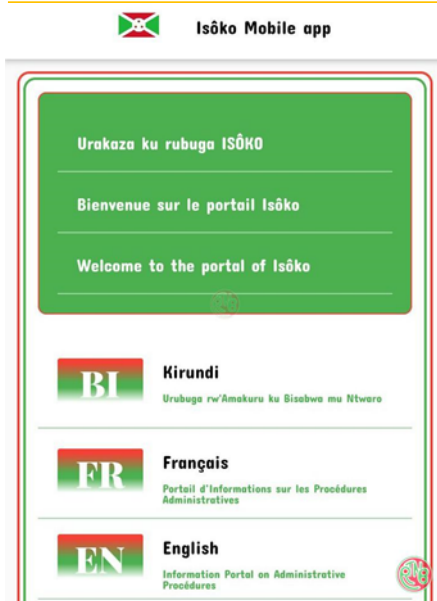
The United Nations Representative Mr. Damien MAMA ended by indicating that the United Nations System will generally help in the structural transformation of the economy and the improvement of governance, the improvement of human capital and capitalization of the demographic dividend, the sustainable management of the environment and enhanced resilience to the impacts of climate change and other shocks. He added that work desks will be created as needed.

The Director General closed the activities by thanking all the partners for their contributions which will help in the transformation of Burundian society into a prosperous, inclusive and resilient society by 2027.

It should also be noted that the signing of the new Cooperation Framework Plan between Burundi and the United Nations System is scheduled for November 2022.

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Isôko.bi, an internet portal to respond to citizens' concerns



An internet portal for access to information on administrative procedures called Isôko.bi has just been set up at the Ministry of Public Service, Labor and Employment,

and Employment. A media workshop to popularize this portal was organized in Gitega on October 12, 2022 by the said Ministry, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

In his remarks, the Assistant to the Minister of Public Service, Labor and Employment, Déo Ruberintwari indicated that this portal will play a very important role in the reform of public administration because it will allow all citizens to have the necessary information on the documents commonly used and commonly sought in the administration without

having to travel.

According to the Assistant to the Minister of Public Service, Labor and Employment, this portal is available in Kirundi, French and English so that it is available to all citizens and enlightens applicants for the various administrative documents on the procedures for obtaining them.

And to add that this portal contains a directory of the various Ministries, their departments and their services, specifying at the same time that Isôko.bi now includes 100 administrative procedures already put online.

Regarding the Ministries that are not yet digitized, the Assistant of the Ministry of Public Service, Labor and Employment explained that digitization procedures are underway in all State institutions, to put an end to manual archiving, specifying that it is in the orientations of the Government to computerize all the services of the State to allow this portal to function well.

Finally, Mr. Déo Ruberintwari suggested that electronic archiving in all Ministries will also strengthen good governance, as long as it will avoid citizens, intermediaries and bribes in obtaining documents.

The participants in this workshop suggested popularizing this portal on a large scale through billboards in public squares, on main thoroughfares and in churches and markets. (www.rtnb.bi)

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