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dations resulting from the meeting held in Gitega, including the ease of women cross-border trade, especially since currently there is total security at the borders and requests that this facility linked to the test of the COVID-19 is also effective in other borders

On monday, december 12, 2022, the Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir. Prosper BAZOMBANZA received in audience the delegation of the Platform of Local Authorities of the Great Lakes Countries (PALPGL), led by the Mayor of the Town of Bujumbura CP Jimmy HATUNGIMANA, at the Presidential Palace Ntare House. Their discussions focused on ways and means to improve the socio-economic and security situation in the sub-region.

At the end of the audience, the Mayor of the city of Bujumbura CP Jimmy HATUNGIMANA declared that the delegation of the platform of the Local Authorities of the Countries of the Great Lakes came to inform the Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir. Prosper BAZOMBANZA, the progress of the implementation of the recommen-

such as Ruhwa.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir. Prosper BAZOMBANZA, meanwhile, said that the said delegation welcomed the direct involvement of the Head of State of Burundi and current President of the East African Community in the search for and restoration of peace in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Vice-President BAZOMBANZA also welcomed the actions carried out by the International Association of Francophone Mayors (AIMF), particularly those relating to the mobilization of funds for the realization of development projects, including sanitation, lighting, asphaltting and paving. He ended his remarks by inviting them to become more involved in this socio-economic development work. (www.presidence.bi)

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The Prime Minister recommends more abnegation in the management of development projects



ment and recruitment of incapable people, cases of projects that require the updating of studies and the negotiation of amendments, etc.

The participants in this meeting made proposals aimed at improving disbursements, and therefore the execution of projects. In particular, they recommended that the planning of activities be realistic, that supervision be reinforced and permanent throughout the execution of the projects, that

Prime Minister HE Gervais NDIRAKOBUCA recommends that the managers of projects financed by development partners make much more effort in the accomplishment of their missions, so as to make up for the delays observed in the implementation of these projects.

Gervais Ndirakobuca made this call on tuesday, december 13, 2022 in a meeting he held for coordinators of partner-funded projects. This meeting was organized at a time when all the stakeholders recognize a low rate of disbursement of funds relating to these projects, but when there is low disbursement it means that there is weak execution, which hinders the development of the country and the well-being of the citizen.

The Prime Minister deplored the fact that, for example, projects financed by the World Bank are, on average, at 10 percent disbursement.

The managers of these projects informed the Prime Minister of the challenges they encounter, in particular, long procedures of the partners to give notices of non-objection, the lack of government counterparts at the time of implementation, the demotivation linked to the ordinance reducing the salaries and mission expenses of the workers of these projects, the question of compensation which is a prerequisite before the start of the work, for example in the road sector, the case of those involved who have an interest in the execution of certain works take longer than expected, delay in recruit-

the steering committees, the monitoring committees and the technical committees take part in the meetings, that there is a mapping of stakeholders and interventions in certain areas, etc.

For the Prime Minister, the managers of these projects must internalize the fact that the priority of the government is the well-being of the citizens, for that it is impossible to remain in these low rates of implementation of the projects, because for him these projects use the money of the country and these projects must make a visible impact within the population. Everything must therefore be done to improve the situation.

Thus for the Prime Minister, the managers of projects financed by development partners are called upon to work in synergy, to collaborate, to make up for the delays already observed significantly during the second half of the budgetary exercise, that is to say from January to June 2023.

The Prime Minister asked the managers of projects in which the State has made commitments such as counterparties and compensation to communicate them as soon as possible to the sectoral Ministries concerned so that this can be integrated into the budget law.

H.E Gervais Ndirakobuca recommended that these managers take ownership of these projects, inform the sector ministries of the difficulties encountered. (www.rtnb.bi)

Celebration of the international day of peace and human rights



On Thursday, December 15, 2022, Burundi organized in the capital of Bubanza province, the celebration of the international day of peace and that of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

This double celebration coincided with the closing of the sixteen days of activism campaign against violence against women and girls.

The 74th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2022 edition was celebrated under the international theme "Dignity, freedom and justice for all". The International Day of Peace, 2022 edition was celebrated under the international theme "End Racism. Building peace".

The Governor of Bubanza province, Mr. Cléophas Nizigiyimana, in his welcoming speech thanked the Government for having chosen this province to organize these celebrations.

He acknowledged that cases of violence against women are not lacking, but the authorized services are at work in the fight against this violence. Peace and respect for human rights are a reality in the province and the population is working on development activities, said the Provincial Governor.

The Coordinator of the United Nations system, Mr. Damien Mama, acknowledged that the Government of Burundi has carried out many actions aimed at establishing peace and respect for human rights and encouraged it to meet the challenges that still remain. He encouraged the Burundian authorities

to work every day to guarantee peace, because without peace there is no realization of human rights, and without human rights peace is compromised.

Mr. Damien Mama reiterated the commitment of the United Nations system to remain alongside Burundi to achieve the realization of human rights.

For the Minister in charge of Human Rights, Burundi wanted

to celebrate the two days at the same time to show that the issues of peace, human rights, justice and development are linked.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Prosper Bazombanza recognized that respect for human rights is the pillar of justice, peace and development in Burundi. Burundi has many achievements to its credit in terms of human rights, peace and the fight against gender-based violence. Among these achievements, the Vice-President mentioned training on human rights, major development activities such as infrastructure that contributes to the consolidation of peace, the repatriation and reintegration of displaced persons affected by bad weather, productions of reports on the implementation of international conventions relating to human rights, participation in peacekeeping missions in other countries, release of prisoners detained for minor offences, etc.

HE Prosper Bazombanza particularly expressed his thanks to the coordinator of the United Nations system for all that he does, for all his commitment, which he continues to show towards the government and the people of Burundi, in its multifaceted support, whether at the financial, organizational level or in the mobilization of other partners, so that all the people of Burundi can move forward, move towards development. (www.rtnb.bi)

OBDA raises awareness on the socio-economic contribution of the copyright sector



On september 13 to 14, 2022, the Ministry in charge of East African Community Affairs through the Burundi Office of Copyright and Neighboring Rights (OBDA) Dr. Ambassador Ezechiel NIBIGIRA organized in Ngozi, an awareness workshop on the socio-economic contribution of the copyright sector to stakeholders.

The Director of the OBDA Mrs. Claudette Mukankuranga indicated that the purpose of this workshop is that everyone gives their contribution to be able to apply the regulations on copyright in Burundi. She indicated that the experience lived in the field showed that there are users who resist the signing of contracts for the exploitation of works.

The Director of OBDA explained that the Government of Burundi has put in place regulations on copyright and related rights so that this sector can truly contribute to the economy of the country in general and to the improvement of authors' living conditions.

Mr. J Claude Barakanfitye an expert in intellectual property specified that copyright in article 2 of the copyrights and neighbors of 2005, is all the prerogatives that the author has on the work that he has created: exclusive right of the author, of a literary and artistic work comprising attributes of a moral and patrimonial nature.

As for the Vice-President of the National Council of Communication, Mr. Laurent Kaganda, he indicated that the public and the stakeholders must know that copyright recognizes the author and his successors in title the right to remuneration and control of the public exploitation of their creation.

Mr. Laurent Kaganda called on those responsible for the media to exploit artistic and literary works in accordance with the law in force in order to facilitate the task of the OBDA, to discuss the practical methods of payment of copyright royalties in their respective establishments. (www.rtnb.bi)

Road transport plays an important role in the economic growth of the country



On thursday, december 15, 2022, the Ministry of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism organized, in

Gitega province, a workshop for exchanges on the draft implementing texts of Law No. 1/04 of the 17 February 2009, dealing with inland road transport. The work of this workshop was opened by the Minister's Assistant, Mr. Jean Claude Kanene.

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Minister's Assistant in charge of transport specified that the objective of the workshop is to bring out the opinions and considerations enriching these draft texts for the application of this law. Mr. Jean Claude Kanene indicated that transport is one of the key sectors that play a decisive role in efforts to achieve sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty, thereby leading to the sustainable development of a country.

According to the Assistant to the Minister in charge of transport, for the transport sector to truly play its role, it must be developed in a coordinated manner, with the ultimate objective of setting up a reliable, efficient passenger and goods transport system, safe and environmentally friendly.

The participants in the exchange workshop on the draft texts for the application of the law relating to inland road transport followed various presentations, including the study on prevention and road safety in Burundi, the inventory inland road transport, general overview of urban mobility and

sustainable transport.

This workshop brought together executives from the Ministry of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism as well as stakeholders in the road transport sector. (www.rtnb.bi)

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