



President Ndayishimiye returned to Bujumbura after the Addis Ababa Summit



The Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by his Spouse, returned on monday february 20, 2023 from Addis Ababa where he had participated in the 36th Ordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union. The population of Bujumbura gave him a warm welcome, as proved by the joy that characterized the crowds on all the roads where he passed. Appointed a Leader of the African

Union for the promotion of African Youth, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye took an opportunity to address burundian youth. "Every young burundian, regardless of political tendency, is called upon to consolidate peace and security, and thus redouble their efforts in the development of their country."
"You are called upon to take advantage of the opportunities offered by Africa as a major trade market," added President Ndayishimiye.

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This Summit was also an opportunity for him to meet various personalities including the Secretary General of the United Nations Organization, Antonio Guterres, the Somali President, the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the representatives of the Interna-

tional Organization of Migrants, the representatives of the World Bank in the East African Community and the Ethiopian Prime Minister. All expressed their satisfaction with the development efforts undertaken by the burundian Government. (www.presidency.bi)

The Minister of justice answers the questions from the Senators



On tuesday february 21, 2023, the Senators met in plenary session to analyze the draft law amending law N° 1/08 of march 17,

2005 on the code of judicial organization and jurisdiction. The Minister of justice Mrs. Domine Banyankimbona was the guest who represented the Government. As she explained to the Senators, the Minister of justice Domine Banyankimbona, the revision of the law project is deemed necessary to establish a modern and more efficient judicial system allowing to bring the burundian legislation in the matter to the best international standards.

It is also in this perspective that with the establishment of a single judge, this system will make it possible to clear the flow of files in all speed, since he will be accountable for his decisions to the citizen he is called upon to serve, added Mrs. Domine Banyankimbona.

After the explanations and clarifications provided by the Minister of justice, the draft law amending the law N° 1/08 of march 17, 2005 on the code of judicial organization and jurisdiction was adopted unanimously by the Senators. (www.rtnb.bi)

Karusi becomes the 7th province to host the multiplication of the bread wheat



On tuesday, february 21, 2023, the Society for the Production and Valorization of the Wheat (SOPROVAB) in collaboration with the Min-

istry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock organized, in the capital of the province of Karusi, an awareness and extension meeting on the cultivation of bread wheat.

The Director General of the Society for the Production and Valorization of the Wheat (SOPROVAB), Mr. Onesphore Ntakirutimana said that the idea of promoting bread wheat came from a survey carried out by SOPROVAB which showed that in 2020 Burundi spent more than fifty seven billion Bif for importing of the wheat to make bread flour.

The Director General of SOPROVAB Mr. Onesphore Ntakirutimana also indicated that SOPROVAB will rent a land of one are for each Sangwe cooperative, give seeds and agricultural inputs to carry out an experiment

on regions favorable to bread wheat throughout the country.

He requested the support of the Government of Burundi in the development of bread wheat like industrial crops insofar as next season, SOPROVAB will need more than twenty billion Bif to pay producers.

Mr. Onesphore Ntakirutimana, the Managing Director of SOPROVAB finally requested the support of

the Government of Burundi for this company to start processing the wheat into flour in order to be able to consume 100% bread made in Burundi.

The Governor of the province of Karusi Mr Devote Nizigiyimana indicated that at the end of this meeting, they agreed to first conduct the experiment through model fields of an are of Sangwe cooperatives and fields of multipliers to see if that province is favorable to growing bread wheat. (www.rtnb.bi)

CAFOB raises awareness on the prevention and denunciation strategy of the Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



On Thursday, February 23, 2023, the Collective of Women's Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) of Burundi (CAFOB), in partnership with the Global Fund for Women, organized in Bujumbura, for civil society organizations, an awareness-raising workshop on the strategy for the prevention and denunciation of Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

The legal Representative of CAFOB, Mrs. Espérance Nijembazi indicated that the objectives of this workshop were to understand the provisions of the law which show how to prevent and denounce Gender Based Violence, to assess the level of application of these provisions, identify the obstacles or challenges that prevent the implementation of these provisions, etc.

According to the cases received by the Collective of Women's Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) of Burundi (CAFOB), it was found that in 2022 there were 964 cases of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), 292 non-GBV cases and 685 cases received in the 7 integrated support centers. Among the Gender-Based Violences, 892 cases are women and 72 cases are men.

Among the cases received by CAFOB, economic violence is very evident with 595 cases and 169 cases of psychological violence, 101 cases of sexual violence and 99 cases of physical violence.

The Secretary General of CAFOB Mrs. Thérèse Ntjijinama who was the consultant during this workshop indicated that the denunciation of the perpetrators of Gender-Based Violence is the first step in the process of repression of the Gender-Based Violence. The national reference texts are the specific law on the Gender-Based Violence, the criminal code and the code of criminal procedure.

The facilitator clarified that Gender-Based Violence has many consequences not only on the victim but also on society. They have health, emotional, psychological and social consequences.

During the discussions, the participants indicated that acculturation, sexual dissatisfaction among couples and changing customs are among the causes of Gender-Based Violence.

To say no to all forms of Gender-Based Violence, recommendations were made, among others: raising awareness at community level on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), breaking the silence, taking the issue of Gender-Based Violence in hand (GBV), protection of victims, working in synergy, capacity building of those involved, etc.

At the end of the workshop, the administrative officials at all levels were asked to become more involved in the fight against Gender-Based Violence (GBV). To the entire Burundian population, especially the leaders, to get more involved in the fight against GBV so that Burundi keeps its dignity and fights this scourge forever. (www.rtnb.bi)

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