



President Ndayishimiye received in audience the investors of the Company “Global Trade Investment Consultancy”



On Tuesday March 26, 2024, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience a group of English investors from the Company “Global Trade Investment Consultancy”. They discussed about the investment opportunities in Burundi. Those investors, led by the former manager of the Intamba team, Mr. Constantin Mutima, were visiting Burundi for the first time with a view of exploring the business opportunities. “They were delighted to discover the

reality of the situation prevailing in Burundi and made a commitment to the Highest Authority to invest as quickly as possible in the sectors of the renewable energy, agriculture and infrastructure,” revealed Mrs. Rosine Gatoni, the Spokesperson for the President of the Republic of Burundi, in an interview given to the press at the end of the audience. She indicated that the Burundian Number One welcomed the presence of those investors in Burundi at a time when Burundi is at the start of the socio-economic development towards the realization of the vision of an

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Emerging country in 2040 and Developed in 2060 “The Head of State told them that they are coming to Burundi at the right time to begin the journey together with all the partners”.

She added that the President of the Republic also reiterated his call to other foreign investors to come and explore the investment opportunities that Burundi offers for a win-win partnership. **(Presidency)**

The Head of State enhances the 15th Edition of the “National Breakfast Prayer”



On Tuesday March 26, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye enhanced with his presence the 15th Edition of the “National Breakfast Prayer” which took place at the Hemicycle of Kigobe under the theme taken from Galatians 6: 7 “Whatever a man sows that will he also reap.”

Exploiting the theme that was chosen for this year, the preacher of the day, Mgr Déogratias Nshimiimana stressed that for Burundi to realize its vision of an Emerging country in 2040 and Developed in 2060, the Burundians must first carry out the extraction of the bad seeds that they have sown linked to idolatry, hypocrisy, corruption, non-respect of laws, selfishness and arrogance without forgetting idleness, to sow the good seeds that will lead the country to development.

“Development is not possible without good production

in the country,” he said, criticizing the idleness and neglect of work observed in certain public services.

The Head of State, for his part, led a moralizing session for the country's high dignitaries who were invited to that event. Abounding in the sense of the preacher, he challenged them to appropriate the Vision of Burundi Emerging in 2040 and Developed in 2060, starting with the awakening of their consciences “If you want a developed Burundi, let's build our conscience”, he insisted.

The Burundian Number One also insisted on the promotion of the values of education which must be instilled in Burundian children from an early age and which are characterized by honesty, patriotic love, hard work, discipline, love of others and particularly the fear of the Lord: “He who by his evil deeds brings a curse to the land, let him expect to reap the fruit of his deeds,” he warned.

“Teach your loved ones honesty so that the truth is known about the real situation in Burundi,” advised President Ndayishimiye, referring to the general census of the population, housing, agriculture and livestock which is being prepared and which will make available the statistical data on the basis of which the next development projects will be initiated.

“No country has been developed by counting on external aid,” mentioned the President of the Republic, reiterating his call to his Burundian compatriots to work hard to increase production, particularly by using the knowledge acquired and by taking advantage of the natural resources that Burundi abounds without neglecting the protection and sanitation of the environment. **(Presidency)**

The Prime Minister receives the distinguished guests

On Wednesday March 27, 2024, the Prime Minister Lieutenant General de Police Gervais Ndirakobuca received in audience the Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa Mr. Mbulelo Shadrack Bungane. Their meeting focused on strengthening good relations of cooperation between the two countries.

The Ambassador of South Africa reaffirmed the availability of this country to invest in Burundi, especially in the areas of minerals and transport. He congratulated the Government of Burundi for its vision of Burundi as an emerging country in 2040 and developed in 2060 and for aligning its planning tools with this vision. Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais



Ndirakobuca expressed the recognition of the Burundian people for the key role played by South Africa for the return and consolidation of peace in Burundi. He also raised other sectors where Burundi is

ready to welcome investors, including the tourism sector and that of the exploitation of Lake Tanganyika, for the well-being of Burundians and these same investors. The Prime Minister also received in audience the Director of Operations of the World Bank for the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Burundi and Sao Tome and Dr. Albert G. Zeufack.

Dr. Albert G. Zeufack indicated that he is on a working mission for three main reasons: "to work with our teams and the Government for the review of our portfolio, discussions on macroeconomic reforms and the preparation of the spring assemblies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which will take place in April this year". **(RTNB)**

The President of the Senate salutes the achievements of the National Center for Artificial Insemination and Genetic Improvement (CNIAAG)



On March 28, 2024, the President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera visited the Rugazi and Bubanza communes of Bubanza Province with the aim of inquiring about the progress of the provincial road rehabilitation works 104 connecting Muzinda and Musigati, executed by the Burundi Road Agency (ARB) placed under the supervision of the Ministry having the infrastructures in its attributions and a National Center for Artificial Insemination and Ge-

netic Improvement (CNIAAG) of Randa, a project of the Ministry responsible for Livestock.

After the visiting those places, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera indicated that the Burundi Road Agency (ARB) encountered difficulties during the realization of that work related to the supply of materials, insufficient budget and personnel. Notwithstanding, he appreciated the new strategy that the Burundi Road Agency is using to relaunch this work. As for the National Center for Artificial Insemination and Genetic Improvement (CNIAAG) in Randa, he first visited the forage area and the large livestock stables. He indicated that the achievements are satisfactory despite the difficulties. Therefore, he asked the Ministry responsible for breeding to support that project so that it produces the improved breeds without resorting to abroad and to train other necessary veterinary technicians and doctors who can help to the improvement of the animal production.

Subsequently, he made a guided tour of the laboratory of that center where he was informed on its operation and the techniques used to obtain the seeds. **(Senate)**

The President of the Senate invites the young people to initiate the development projects



In the afternoon of March 26, 2024, the President of the Senate, Right Honor-

able Emmanuel Sinzohagera visited PJ Classic FM radio "Ijwi ry'Umunezero" which broadcasts from Rohero II, Avenue Bututsi in Bujumbura Town Hall. In his message, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera encouraged the young people in initiating the projects that will let them to achieve the vision of Burundi, Emerging country in 2040, and Developed in 2060. **(Senate)**

Visit of the First Vice-President of the Senate to the Mpanda Regional Hospital



On Wednesday March 27, 2024, the First Vice-President of the Senate, Honorable Denise Ndadaye, accompanied by the Assistant to the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS

and certain executives of that Ministry, visited the Mpanda Regional Hospital, in Bubanza province, for assessing the status of the implementation of the new Program Budget system.

At the end of the discussions between the Managers of that regional Hospital and the Executives of the Ministry having Health in its attributions and Honorable Denise Ndadaye noted that there were the challenges in the execution of the construction work of that Hospital.

Generally speaking, she noted that all the work relating to that infrastructure has been carried out and that only the practical arrangements for its reception remain.

Finally, the First Vice-President of the Senate called on everyone considering starting any project to carry out in-depth studies before its implementation and especially to look for the technicians qualified in the matter for its execution. **(Senate)**

The Burundian Ombudsman encourages the women lawyers to promote the equitable justice



The Women lawyers from the Bar Association of the Gitega Court of Appeal celebrated the International Women's Rights Day on Friday March 29, 2024 under the theme: "The contribution of the women lawyers to access to justice fair". The ceremonies took place in Gitega and were enhanced by the presence of the Ombudsman of Burundi Mrs Aimée Laurentine Kanyana.

The ceremonies marking that day were characterized by the restitution of the results of the free legal assistance provided by those women lawyers during the month of March, in favor of destitute prisoners in Bubanza, Ngozi, Gitega, Bururi and Rumonge prisons.

In his speech, the Ombudsman of Burundi congratulated the women lawyers of the Gitega Bar for this free legal assistance for destitute prisoners. She encouraged them moving forward Mrs Aimée Laurentine Kanyana said. She is committed to supporting that very laudable act, which fits well with the Ombudsman's missions.

The Ombudsman of Burundi promised to meet those women lawyers from the Gitega Bar every 6 months or whenever necessary, to discuss with them the ways and means of providing legal assistance to many more detainees. **(RTNB)**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation briefs the diplomatic and consular Corps and international and regional organizations on the situation in the country



On Thursday March 28, 2024, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro briefed the diplomatic and consular



Corps and international and regional organizations on the situation in the country at the Donatus Conference

Center. Subjects such as the political and security situation, economic development, good governance, justice, the attraction of the foreign investors through the improvement of the business climate, agriculture and livestock, the security situation in the region , bilateral cooperation, multilateral diplomacy, as well

as the main global challenges and issues were approached.

On behalf of the diplomatic Corps, the Dean Mr Brigadier Matayo Kyaligonza, Ambassador of Uganda thanked the Minister for holding that session. The session ended with sharing a friendly lunch. **(MFADC)**

The Government is about granting the facilities to seed the importers



On Tuesday March 26, 2024, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Mr. Prosper Dodiko organized in the capital of the Gitega province, a meeting for approved sellers of seeds and phytosanitary products in Burundi.

The Minister in charge of agriculture indicated that the meeting was organized with the aim of discussing the possibilities of developing the sector of multiplication of the selected seeds, in order to overcome the problems related to the insufficiency of the seeds and phytosanitary products in the country.

He indicated that the Government is committed to supporting and facilitating the task of the seed multipliers and sellers in order to avoid the deficiency in seeds and the phytosanitary products which manifests itself sometimes in the country. To achieve the vision of an Emerging and Developed Country, traders of seeds and phytosanitary products should have facilities from the Government, in mission such as the importation of seeds and phytosanitary products. He then asked everyone to point out the state lands which are not exploited so that they can be granted to the economic operators capable of developing them. He reminded the participants that the Government wants the effective exploitation of the state lands in order to increase production.

The meeting closed with a declaration of the available capital to the economic operators selling the seeds and phytosanitary products, who then registered so that the Government could facilitate their task in importing seeds and phytosanitary products. **(RTNB)**

Gitega: the Ministry of Justice collects the grievances of litigants



With the aim of reducing the distance that litigants must travel to arrive in Bujumbura, the Ministry of Justice organized

on Tuesday March 26, 2024, a field trip to the Gitega prosecutor's office, to help litigant's access justice without much of pain.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice Mr. Gervais Hajayandi with several inspectors and advisors from the same Ministry had made the trip for listening to the concerns of litigants and their grievances for files which are in different jurisdictions.

According to Mr. Gervais Hajayandi, taking into account the files relating to the requests for reviews of judgments rendered and appeals against the executions, the Ministry of Justice has started a new approach of organizing the raids in all the prosecutor's offices in the country every Tuesday to make it easier for litigants. **(RTNB)**

The Spokespersons of different institutions host a public broadcast in Karusi



In the greeting from the Head of State reported by his Spokesperson Mrs. Rosine Guilène Gatoni, he wished the Burundian population a happy Easter and is delighted that peace and security reign throughout the national territory.

At the time when that public broadcast is being held the day after the start of the growing season B, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye asked the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock to provide the supervision proximity to the farmers so that the good harvest recorded during the previous season does not decline.

The Head of State asks the population to get down to the development work, not listening attentively to the false information circulating on the social networks and which only aims to distracting the Burundians and tarnish the image of the country. The Head of State calls on the Burundian youth to change their mentality in order to work diligently because they constitute a great force in achieving Vision 2040-2060.

Asked why we observe the repetitive and untimely power cuts as well as the water shortages in Bujumbura Town Hall, the spokesperson for the Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines indicated that there are rehabilitation works that are underway for finding the solutions to all those challenges in the coming days.

The journalists wanted to know what the National Agency for Strategic Food Stock Management (ANAGESSA) intends to do concerning the farmers' complaints related to the late payment for their stored crops, the response was that all the challenges will be lifted so that the farmers are restored to their rights.

Asked where we are with the electoral law, the spokesperson for the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Security said that this law is following its normal process and that it will be promulgated soon.

Asked what happened within the CNL party, the spokesperson for the Ministry in charge of Home Affairs indicated that its former president Agathon Rwasa did not comply with the instructions he had received from the Ministry having the management of the political parties in its attributions, from where there was

a change of leader of that party through the congress of the members of that party who followed the instructions.

The journalists also wanted to know when the contract between the Moso Sugar Company (SOSUMO) and the Sarraïl group will begin, the Spokesperson for the Ministry of Commerce, Transport, Industry, and Tourism indicated that that activities will start in April. Concerning the implementation of two decrees on the practical arrangements for stimulating the advancement freeze and harmonization of the advancement method in public institutions with special statuses, the Spokesperson for the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning indicated that those institutions are called to provide the new calculations adapted to the new decrees via their supervisory ministry.

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Concerning the application of the new law relating to the salaries of retirees, the Secretary General of the Government indicated that that file is being processed.

As for the former workers of the Murimawinsangi Conflict Alert and Prevention Center (CENAP) who have not received their salaries, the Spokesperson for the Ministry responsible for agriculture indicated that their case treatment is currently being reviewed and that they will be paid by the company Inter café in due form.

Disabled war veterans wish to have health care within the hospitals and health centers of their provinces of origin since, according to them, going to Bujumbura requires a lot of financial resources.

At this request, the Spokesperson for the Ministry in charge of defense calms down and lets it be known that that question will soon be upraised. As for the closure of the land borders between Burundi and Rwanda, the Government Spokesperson indicated that it is for the security reasons that the borders have been closed.

Asked who made the decision to defend the Dynamo team from continuing with the tournaments, the Spokesperson for the Ministry in charge of Youth and sport said that a commission had been set up to rule on that case. The conclusions of the said commission will be made public very soon, he added.

The journalists asked if the circular No. 14/M/2023 in relation to the community financial groups does not call into the question the development efforts of the population and women in particular, the Spokesperson for the Republic Bank of Burundi (BRB) said that the circular will be revised to make their task easier. **(RTNB)**

The Vice-President of the World Bank visits the achievements of the Burundi Landscape Restoration and Resilience project (PRRPB)



On Tuesday March 26, 2024, the Vice President of the World Bank (WB) in charge of ethics and legal issues, Mrs Lisa G. Rosen accompanied by the Burundi Resident Representative of the WB Mrs. Hawa Cissé Wague, visited the Isare commune, Bujumbura province, the achievements of the Burundi Landscape Restoration and Resilience Project (PRRPB). As indicated by the PRRPB project coordinator, Mrs Odette Kayitesi, the objective of that project which started this work in 2019 is to restore land produc-

tivity, in targeted degraded landscapes and in the event of a crisis or emergency admissible, to provide an immediate and effective response to the said eligible crisis or emergency.

The beneficiaries of that project are delighted that there has been a clear improvement in their living conditions in households, hence they are asking to extend the project to other localities. The PRRPB project coordinator indicated that that project operates on 31 residences distributed in 3 communes, namely the Isare commune in the province of Bujumbura with 10 residences, Buhinyuza in the province of Muyinga with 12 residences and Matongo in the province of Kayanza with 9 Hills.

Mrs. Odette Kayitesi indicated that in the area of improvement of agriculture and livestock, the contours were drawn and planted with a view to combating soil erosion, 1,479 cattle were distributed to the beneficiaries. on 31 hills, seeds consisting of beans, potatoes, wheat and fertilizer were distributed to project beneficiaries, grevillea, ecalyptus, cedar and maesopsin plants were produced and planted, said the project coordinator. **(RTNB)**

The Coordinator of the Youth Economic Empowerment and Employment Program (PAEEJ) presents the quarterly assessment of the institution's achievements



The National Program for Economic Empowerment and Youth Employment (PAEEJ)'s Coordinator presented on Tuesday March 28, 2024, the assessment of the institution's achievements

for the 3rd quarter of the 2023-2024 financial year. For the coordinator of that program, Mr. Désiré Manirakiza, the quarter was not easy but efforts were made to achieve the objectives.

For the Capacity Building component, the PAEEJ strengthened the capacities for 2999 young people out of the 3433 planned, including 938 women and 1461 men that is an achievement rate of 69.68%.

For the entrepreneurship component, the PAEEJ

financed during the 3rd quarter of this year, 300 local projects, 53 online micro-projects and 54 projects resulting from the competitions organized for women, for a total cost of 5,156,801,520 BIF.

For the socio-professional integration component, 500 young people benefited from the PAEEJ, the first job internship, including 296 university-level interns and 204 at the post-basic technical level. Among them 249 women and 251 men.

As challenges, the PAEEJ Coordinator, Mr. Désiré Manirakiza mentioned the fact that there are many broiler chickens of slaughter age but little enthusiasm for purchasing the meat of those chickens, which is sold at 1500 BIF per kilo.

Mr. Désiré Manirakiza estimates that there is also a risk of poor sale of eggs since there will be more than 30 thousand per day and that the weekly production will be very high. **(RTNB)**

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