



**President Ndayishimiye alongside the young people in achieving Vision 2040-2060**



On Thursday April 18, 2024, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, surrounded by other High personalities of the country, enhanced with his presence, at Sade Ingoma in Gitega, the activities of the second and last day of the national conference of youth, under the theme: "Youth, let's all work together to achieve the vision of an emerging country in 2040 and a developed country in 2060".

In his speech for the occasion, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, was delighted that he was in the presence of the youth who no longer lament given that they are active and constitute a solid human resource in

achieving the objectives of the Vision 2040-2060. He is also satisfied that Burundi is in a situation of peace and security, the conditions of guaranteeing the Burundians hope for a better tomorrow. "That situation was not always like that, the Burundians had lost hope for a future, which encouraged them to be hired by the Government and could not undertake."

The Father of the Nation reminded that the Almighty has made available to the Burundians in general and to the young people in particular what they need to develop. Those include the raw materials, the fertile soil, a beautiful climate, the various kinds of ores, the strength, the intelligence, etc. "To boost Burundi's economy, we

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must highlight agro-livestock and the mining sector. All that remains is to combine the efforts in order to achieve an economic empowerment for everyone.”

Insisting on the implementation of the advice and instructions of the leaders, the Burundian Number One indicated that it is time to create the employment for oneself by putting in place an evolving plan system which consists of starting from 'a small capital and which, in an evolutionary way which leads to a consistent capital and an economic independence. “Young people have taken the leap and are currently the pride of Burundi,” retorted the Head of State, revealing also that the secret of development is none other than combating the fear of obstacles and failures by undertaking.

During the activities of that day, it was an opportunity

for the Representative of the Youth Economic Empowerment and Employment Program (PAEEJ) to make his presentation on his role in supervising the young people for achieving the Vision of Burundi, an emerging country in 2040 and developed in 2060. An opportunity was also offered to the young entrepreneurs to share with others their entrepreneurial experience, from the birth of their projects, the challenges encountered and how with perseverance and determination they have overcome.

As any development project never succeeds if the environment is not protected, the Father of the Nation launched a vibrant appeal for its protection and thus ended his speech by providing a financial support to 7 young people who demonstrated the desire to increase that basic capital three times by next year. **(Presidency)**

## Departure of the President of the National Assembly to the Republic of Zambia

**O**n Monday April 15, 2024, the Spokesperson of the National Assembly, Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe flew to Livingstone, in the Republic of Zambia, to take part in the conference of presidents and the plenary assembly of the forum of the parliaments of the member countries of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, ICGLR.

Before his departure, he indicated that the objective of that conference is to evaluate the report of the activities carried out by the outgoing Secretary General who has just finished his mandate, in order to elect another. It will also be a good opportunity to put in place the action

plan for the activities that will follow. **(National Assembly)**



## The Great Lakes region facing the climate challenge: The role of the FP-ICGLR



**T**hus, the fourteenth session of the Plenary Assembly of the parliaments of the member states of the Forum of the Parliament of the

member countries of the International Community of the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR), which took place from April 17 to 19, 2024 in Livingstone in the Republic of Zambia, was a triumph. Under the theme “the role of parliaments in adapting to the climate change in the Great Lakes region”, that assembly, fueled by in-depth debates, brilliantly succeeded in achieving the objectives that were on the menu.

With a renewed spirit in the Great Lakes region, ten resolutions were adopted at the end of that session to address the challenges threatening the region. Those include the implementation of the regional initiative against the illegal exploitation of the natural resources (RINR),

the resolution on the political, security and humanitarian situation in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Sudan, the Republic of South Sudan and the improvement of the electoral processes in the Great Lakes region. Additionally, the resolutions on the challenges of the refugees and the internally displaced persons, the role of the parliaments in combating child marriage in the Great Lakes region, the role of the non-state actors in promoting peace and security in the Great Lakes region and the role of Parliament in adapting to the climate change in the Great Lakes region were also adopted.

Abounding in the sense of the climate change, the theme chosen that year, the several recommendations were issued. On the one hand, ICGLR member states have been called upon to promote and prioritize the promulgation and enforcement of legislation, policies and strategies that promote the adaptation to climate change including the mitigation of its impacts effects, commit to full cooperation, mobilize financial resources, adopt climate-focused development plans, notably the just energy transition and the production of renewable energy for industrial activity. Furthermore, FP-ICGLR Member Parliaments were urged to use their legislative and oversight the function to ensure the ratification and integration of international legal instruments relating to the climate change for those who have not yet done so.

Importantly, those resolutions mark a crucial mindset shift for the Great Lakes region, highlighting the need for a more inclusive and sustainable approach to solving the challenges facing the region.

And to fill in, those commitments from FP-ICGLR parliamentarians are a strong signal of their desire to contribute to the resolution of the conflicts and the promotion of the stability in the region. They demonstrate their determination to work for the well-being of the populations of those nations, often tested by the years of the conflict and instability.

Right Honorable Jemma Nunu Rumba, Spokesperson of the Transitional Legislative Assembly of South Sudan who completes her mandate as the head of the PF-ICGLR leaves no file unfinished: the report of the 13<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the PF Plenary Assembly -ICGLR, held on April 3, 2023 in Juba,

was adopted, as well as the combined report of the executive committee, which includes the FP-ICGLR action plan and budget for 2024-2025, and the audit report of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

As the Central African Republic has not yet fulfilled its financial obligations to assume the secretariat of the FP-ICGLR, the current Secretary General, whose mandate ended in March, was given an additional mandate of six months beginning on 1 May 2024. This will allow this irregular country to regularize its debts before taking over. "A call to action for all: the effects of climate



change know no borders."

The President of the National Assembly of Burundi, the Right Honorable Gelase Daniel Ndabirabe, highlighted the threat posed by the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika in Burundi for the population of Bujumbura, particularly in Gatumba during his speech. He highlighted the importance of that concern on the scale of the Great Lakes region and urged the FP-ICGLR to set up a team of scientists to study the appropriate mechanisms to deal with climate change in the region through the Secretary General of this forum. "Unfortunate is he who does not know himself." Stunned by the absence of the Democratic Republic of Congo despite the security challenges it faces and which have also sparked lively debates on many occasions, the Right Honorable Ndabirabe urged his parliamentary peers to guarantee the presence of that country during the 15<sup>th</sup> session scheduled for Angola in April 2025. He even asked the participants to address the real cause of the conflicts in that country during the session. **(National Assembly)**

## The First Vice-President of the Senate of Burundi receives in audience the President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission



**O**n Tuesday April 16, 2024, the First Vice-President of the Senate, Honorable Denise Ndadaye, accompanied by the Second Vice-President of the Senate, Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza, received in audience the President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye, at the Senate palace in Gitega, the political capital of Burundi. At the end of the audience, Ambassador Pierre Claver

Ndayicariye indicated that the objective of his visit was to submit the report on the achievements of the CVR, the fiscal year 2023. He noted that that report includes three essential parts: the census carried out in the provinces of Cankuzo, Bururi and Rumonge, and which made it possible to identify the perpetrators of the crimes, the victims, as well as the people who protected others, during the cyclical crises that Burundi has experienced.

He explained that that report also talks about the meetings that the TRC organized for the diaspora; in Kigoma (Tanzania), Nairobi (Kenya), Brussels (Belgium) and Washington (United States of America), in order to de-traumatize the through words, the Burundians who carry the pain linked to the large number of years of exile, the loss of their loved ones and their property.

He said that that report also describes the meetings that the commission organized inside the country, at the level of the provinces, the religious denominations, the universities, the civil society organizations as well as the political parties, so that they speak out about the activities of the TRC and discover the horrors and atrocities of previous years. **(Senate)**

## Capacity building of the parliamentarians and executives of Parliament



**T**he Parliament of Burundi, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), organized a capacity building workshop for the parliamentarians and the parliamentary officials, from April 16 to 18, 2024, in the capital of Ngozi province. The theme of that workshop was: "capacity building of the parliamentarians who are the members of the committee in charge of finance on the analysis of the finance

bill with a focus on the analysis of the budget of the social sectors taking into account the macroeconomic indicators of the Burundi.

In his opening speech to the workshop, the Honorable Pacifique Ndikuriyo, Chairman of the standing committee responsible for the economic issues, the environment, the finance and budget, thanked UNICEF for having technically and financially supported the holding that workshop for the Burundian Parliament. He also welcomed the existing partnership between UNICEF and the Parliament of Burundi.

He indicated that the April session is devoted to the analysis and adoption of the finance law which is a tool of great importance in the programming and implementation of development projects in ministerial sectors.

"As legislators, we need to be enlightened on the techniques for calculating the Gross domestic product (GDP) and other macroeconomic aggregates of the different sectors of the economy in order to enable us to easily analyze and vote on the finance and budget bill knowing how

those indicators affect the financing of social sectors,” said Honorable Ndiwokubwayo.

The UNICEF Representative, for his part, reminded that the State budget is an essential tool because it determines in a single document all the budgetary and the financial resources and charges at its disposal to implement its policy. . He also indicated that as part of the implementation of the cooperation program between UNICEF and the Government of Burundi for the years 2024-2027, UNICEF Burundi has implemented a program dedicated to the public finances for the children in order to promote transparency, efficiency, equity and coherence of the public investments in favor of the children. He add-

ed that the social sectors constitute one of the Government's priorities retained in the Vision Burundi Emerging Country in 2040 and Developed Country in 2060 and the National Development Plan of Burundi 2018-2027.

Other secondary themes were developed, notably the introduction to the macroeconomic framework; the link between the macroeconomic aggregates and the living conditions of the children; the analysis of the real sector and calculation of the GDP and inflation; analysis of the external sector, the monetary sector and the inter-relationship between the sectors; the budgetary analyzes of the social sectors and the analysis of the public finance sector and the calculation of macroeconomic indicators. **(Senate)**

### Mwaro: the Minister of Justice calls on the population to denounce corrupt magistrates



**T**he Minister of Justice, Mrs Domine Banyankimbona, continued on Tuesday April 16, 2024, field visits in the province of Mwaro, with the aim of helping litigants access justice without traveling long distances, with the support of the “Just Future” project (Ejo Heza) and executed by OAG, with funding from CORDAID.

Those activities are organized by the Ministry of Justice as part of the new approach of making raids in all provinces to collect the concerns of the population, with a view of finding solutions.

In his welcoming remarks, the Governor of Mwaro province Mr Gaspard Gasanzwe said that peace and security are good but challenges linked to the land conflicts persist. He specified that it is the latter which involve many pending trials in the judicial authorities of that province.

The Minister of Justice, Mrs Domine Banyankimbona, returned to the behavior of certain judges and the magistrates who tarnish the image of the Burun-

dian justice by demanding the bribes from litigants.

The Minister of Justice, Mrs Domine Banyankimbona, asked the population to denounce the corrupt magistrates. She asks the non-corrupt judges and magistrates in order to marginalize those who demand bribes. She called on judges and magistrates to change their behavior and break away from corruption.

Mrs Domine Banyankimbona advises the population to get down to the development work and join the cooperatives instead of spending most of their time running to courts and tribunals for the fruitless trials. She invited the population to implement the judgments handed down by the courts otherwise the prosecutor at the provincial level will enforce the law.

She also called on the administration to take the ownership of the questions of justice to work in quadrilogy, in order to establish judicial sovereignty, the characteristic of a rule of law. She advised the notables of the localities to accomplish their mission without demanding the bribes, to do justice to the litigants.

The concerns addressed to the Minister of Justice by the population of Mwaro are linked to the land conflicts and the judgments rendered without ever being executed or which are poorly executed as well as the cases which persist in the courts and tribunals. The delegation from the Ministry of Justice led by the Minister provided the responses to the files relating to the requests for the reviews of the judgments rendered and appeals against certain executions. **(RTNB)**

## The provincial administration is concerned about the smooth running of the purchase of corn production



**A**gents of the national strategic food stock management agency, law enforcement as well as the administration of the Rutana province must be concerned and involved in the smooth running of the food purchasing activity. sur-

plus corn production by this agency.

That appeal was made to them by the Governor of the said province, Mr Olivier Nibitanga, during a meeting he held for them on Monday April 15, 2024, in the capital of the province of Rutana.

Mr Nibitanga called on them to combat any speculation, whether from traders or other farmers. He invited them to “ensure that no one comes to sell them a quantity of the corn grains that does not come from their own harvests”. He reminded that the corn belonging to Burundian farmers but who have set up their fields in the neighboring country, Tanzania is not concerned by that purchase from the national strategic food stock management agency (ANAGESSA), specifying that the importation of this production must be done in respecting import standards. Note that so far, 442,828 kg of the corn have already been collected in Rutana province. **(ABP)**

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