



The Muslim community of Burundi is ready to make its contribution to the development of the country



On Tuesday June 11, 2024, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye led a moralization session at the National Apparatus and Rehabilitation Center of Gitega, CNAR for the Representation of the Islamic Community of Burundi. (COMIBU). "That is an opportunity for us to discuss the ways and means of developing our country and I still need your advice," introduced President Ndayishimiye before handing the floor directly to the COMIBU representatives.

The representative of the High Council of Sheikhs in Burundi, Cheikh Hassan Nyamweru, first thanked the Head of State for his non-discriminatory consideration of religious faiths. He then noted that the faithful of Islam fought for peace, independence and democracy in Burundi even though their presence in public institutions was not remarkable." If the community was active in the fight for independence and democracy, what would prevent it from fighting for the development of the country and thus achieving the Vision of an

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Emerging Burundi in 2040 and Developed in 2060,” said Sheikh Hassan Nyamweru while emphasizing that Muslim leaders are already carrying out field trips to raise awareness among the community right down to the grassroots.

The participants in the meeting took turns speaking and giving their contributions in all sectors of the country's life, particularly small commerce, agro-livestock farming, etc. and again promised their support, but they did not forget their concerns related to their specific case of polygamy.

On that, the Head of State clarified things, saying that we support peace in the households instead of avoidable disorder. President Ndayishimiye noted, regarding

representation in state bodies, that any discrimination should be excluded and reassured that choice is now a reality taking into account capabilities.

The Burundian Number One further confirmed and positively appreciated the fact that Burundian the Muslims have always shown themselves to be the true politicians and patriots, as evidenced by their actions during times of crisis, and their love for their fellow citizens.

It should be noted that all the speakers recognized the role played by the Government from the CNDD-FDD party in the recognition of the Muslim Community of Burundi, before promising the Head of State their commitment to working together for the success of the Vision 2040-2060. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye inaugurated a drinking water supply in Ndava after 50 years of despair of the population



In order to provide easy access to drinking water, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated on Friday June 14, 2024 the project for the construction of a drinking

water supply carried out on Mpanuka locality, in the Ndava commune, in Mwaro province, within the framework of the ODAG-Caritas partnership of Gitega and MANOS UNIDAS of Spain. Executed with an amount of 200 million including 10% contribution from the population, that water supply extending over a distance of 5569 km comes after more than 50 years of despair. It has three cisterns and seven fountains and serves 554 households, in addition to social infrastructure such as schools, the Mpanuka church and its convent. “The municipal administrator of Ndava would do better to install another large cistern to make it easier for even more households to access that drinking water,” said President Ndayishimiye before responding positively to their other request for electricity.

The President of the Republic is committed to supplying drinking water to all the localities of the country and has already started, even in certain difficult to access localities including the commune of Bugabira, the Town Hall of Bujumbura, Musongati, and elsewhere. He also provided them with advice mainly related to the development of slopes, the abandonment of polygamy, etc. **(Presidency)**

The First Lady of Burundi launches the measles response campaign

On Thursday June 13, 2024, the First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye carried out the response campaign against measles coupled with the administration of albendazole and vitamin A supplementation at the Kirun-

do Health Center which will take place from June 13 to 17, 2024.

Those 5-day vaccination campaign against measles concerns children aged 6 to 59 months. According to the resident representative of the World Health Organization



(WHO) Dr Xavier Crespin, speaking on behalf of the United Nations system, this campaign is organized following the outbreak of measles cases in certain health districts of the country.

The World Health Organization resident representative asked all stakeholders to get involved in the success of this measles response campaign, to carry out effective coordination and daily analysis of the targets achieved.

Dr Xavier Crespin from World Health Organization thanked the Government of Burundi which, through the Head of State, continues to promote the well-being of the population.

He positively appreciates the involvement of the First Lady of Burundi in the promotion of maternal and child health. He did not fail to reiterate the support of the United Nations system for improving the health of the Burundian population.

The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Lydwine Baradahana asked the healthcare providers and community health workers to agree with the beneficiary population on the installation of vaccination sites. 1,143,165 children are expected throughout the territory of Burundi to benefit from the measles vaccines, informed the Minister in

charge of Health Dr Lydwine Baradahana.

The First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, in her speech launching the measles vaccination campaign calls on the parents of target children to have them vaccinated on time in order to eradicate that scourge which each time reappears in the families of unvaccinated children.

She also called on parents to respect the vaccination schedules for the children as designed since the pre-natal period without skipping any vaccines to fight against possible epidemics that may hit the country.

In order to achieve the objective of 90% of the targets in that measles vaccination campaign for children aged between 6-59 months, we need the support of the administration from the base to the top, providers, the media and religious denominations in mobilizing parents, she added.

First Lady Angeline Ndayishimiye criticizes certain beliefs which prevent their followers from being vaccinated under the pretext of birth control. In that context, it will take great involvement from the administration to raise awareness among those people, said Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye.

She thanked all development partners who responded favorably to the Burundian Government's call to organize that response campaign against the measles after the manifestation of cases of that disease in certain health districts.

On the sidelines of the launching ceremonies of the vaccination campaign, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr Lydwine Baradahana, along with partners, visited the treatment center for 24 reappeared cases of measles treated by Doctors Sans Frontières (MSF) at the Kirundo provincial hospital, equipped with medicines and other equipment to support them. (RTNB)

BRARUDI, a good example in environmental protection, according to the First Lady of the country

As part of her "Zero Waste" program, the First Lady of the Republic of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, visited the BRARUNDI Company on Tuesday June 11, 2024, to inquire about how this company treats wastewater, in order to obtain the biogas. View of one of the basins of the wastewater treatment plant

After a guided tour of the different departments of this factory, the First Lady then went to the place where the wastewater treatment basins are located from which biogas is obtained, which was the main objective of this descent.

In a press interview, the First Lady said that BRARUDI is a good example in environmental protection. The



wastewater leaving that factory is not thrown into Lake Tanganyika, in order to avoid the threats to its biodiversity. She called on other processing factories to follow that example to protect the environment because most of those factories channel wastewater into the rivers or Lake Tanganyika, which poses a threat to the environment. 'Environment. (ABP)

Opening of activities of the Fair called “Made in Burundi”, 2024 edition



The Ministry of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism, in collaboration with the Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture, through the Economic Empowerment Program and of Youth Employment (PAEEJ), organized from June 9 to 16, 2024 in Bujumbura, the activities of the “Made in Burundi” fair, 2024 edition, under the theme “let's work for good quality, diversified and competitive products, contributing to the realization of the national vision of Burundi, an emerging country in 2040 and developed in 2060.

In his opening remarks, the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Prosper Banzombaza indicated that the concept “Made in Burundi Fair” finds its full meaning and relevance in relation to the vision of Burundi, an emerging country in 2040 and developed in 2060”. To achieve that vision, the structural transformation of the economic and institutional landscape of Burundi is necessary, by improving performance in all areas of national life.

His Excellency Bazombanza pointed out that the successful implementation of the Government's vision also requires an improvement in the quality and competitiveness of processed products, with a view to satisfying the local market and meeting the needs of the sub-region, from the African continent and almost everywhere in the

world.

To that end, he called on the Burundian manufacturers to actively engage in the logic of competition and innovation, by offering the local and foreign consumer products of very good quality, diversified and with high added value, in the objective of increasing their exports and balancing their trade balance. He further declared that the Burundian Government, for its part, has already undertaken several initiatives to establish a favorable environment for exports. Among those initiatives, he mentioned in particular the strengthening of the operational capacities of the Burundian Bureau of Standardization and Quality Control (BBN), the Uvira-Musongati-Gitega-Kindu railway project which is an important parameter for boosting trade existing between Burundi and other countries, the project to implement a Special Economic Zone as well as increased investments in the energy sector to address the energy deficit.

On that occasion, the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi also pointed out that the public and private sectors as well as development partners must play, each in their own right, a primordial role as stipulated in the implementation strategy of the national industrialization policy of Burundi. To that will be added the improvement of quality in all areas of economic activity through the development of staff skills, the use of new technologies, modern machines and equipment and the strengthening of capacities throughout the production process will accompany.

For her part, the Minister in charge of trade, Mrs Marie Chantal Nijimbere said that this fair is a magnificent activity to highlight the diversity and quality of Burundian industrial production. She announced some advantages in the industrial sector, namely the valorization of local raw materials, the creation of employment, the right to compete on local, regional and international markets, the entry of foreign currencies thanks to the exploitation of manufacturing products, the improvement of a social

level and the increase in the contribution of the industrial sector to GDP. She invited all Burundian entrepreneurs to implement the strategies and programs of the country's national industrialization policy, its regional and continental integration.

The Minister in charge of youth, Mr Gervais Abayeho pointed out that that activity fosters the entrepreneurial spirit among young Burundians in general and particularly among young people engaged in the dynamism of economic empowerment, an important aspect for progressing towards the well

-being and emergence of the country. He reminded that the Government of Burundi has made the Burundian youth a priority. That prioritization is demonstrated by the major initiatives undertaken in favor of that category of the population. By way of illustration, he cited among others the establishment of the Investment Bank for Youth (BIJE), the Investment Bank for Women's Development (BIDF), the strengthening of the capacities of young people through throughout the country, in agropastoral and irrigation techniques. **(ABP)**

General State Budget 2024-2025: new tax measures introduced



In order to finance the general state budget for the 2024-2025 financial year, measures have been introduced. That is found in the report of the Court of Auditors released as comments on the bill establishing the general state budget for the 2024-2025 financial year, presented at the plenary session of the National Assembly on 12 June 2024 led by the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe, President of this chamber of parliament.

The series of tax measures concerns, among other things, a service consumption tax on accommodation rates, a flat-rate withholding tax on business income, a consumption tax on lubricants, an ad valorem tax on importation of lemonades, soda, non-alcoholic drinks and juices of all kinds, a tax on the employment of foreign labor, incorporation of road and environmental charges into the price of fuel, a fine for non-display of the operating license for drinking establishments, fees for obtaining or renewing temporary registration, a wealth tax following the importation of a vehicle, a wealth tax following the sale of a building, a restructuring of the collection of building tax, and. The Court of Auditors, on the contrary, makes a bitter observation that the Ministry in charge of finance does not show a quantified impact of certain of those

measures, in that case the tax on the employment of foreign labor, the right of pre-emption for the benefit of the State, the costs of cancellation or modification of a declaration and any previous, attached or subsequent document linked to the declaration, the updating of the rates of duties and taxes applicable to the Ministry of justice and penalties on unduly received salaries.

With regard to the revenue forecast for the 2024-2025 financial year, the Court expresses doubts about the reliability of the variations in the revenue forecasts of the 2024-2025 finance bill compared to those of the revised budget for the financial year. 2023-2024 and draws the attention of Parliament to the need to correct the irregularities noted before adopting the bill.

As for current expenditure, the Court notes that they occupy 56.96% of the total expenditure of the 2024-2025 finance bill compared to 51.3% for the 2023-2024 general budget. Investment expenditures, for their part, occupy 43.04% of the total expenditures of the 2024-2025 finance bill compared to 48.7% of the total expenditures of the general budget for the 2023-2024 financial year. Regarding the balanced budget for the 2024-2025 financial year, the bill sets state resources at BIF 3,941,116,625,460 and overall expenditure at BIF 4,382,987,380,539. The observation is that there is a deficit of BIF 441,870,755,079, an increase of BIF 15,351,024,290, or an increase rate of 3.59% compared to the general budget for the 2023-2024 financial year. The Court points out that the State's excessive recourse to the domestic financing to cover that deficit risks compromising the efforts of the private sector in mobilizing the financial resources necessary for its development. And that could potentially negatively influence the financing of private investment. **(National Assembly)**

Ngozi: The Minister of Justice collects the concerns of litigants



On Tuesday June 11, 2024, the Minister of Justice Mrs Domine Banyankimbona made a visit to Ngozi as part of implementing the directions of the Head of State to the Ministry of Justice, reducing the distances of litigants, providing responses to requests for review of judgments rendered and appeals against on-site executions in order to achieve the 2040-2060 vision.

In the advice given by the Minister of Justice Mrs-Domine Banyankimbona, there is, among other things, a break with corruption, telling them that no one can get rich through corruption but rather to group together in cooperatives to set up income-generating projects with a view to to develop oneself.

The Minister asked judges and magistrates to advise each other and denounce colleagues who are corrupt. The recalcitrant will eventually be caught and punished, said the Minister of Justice.

Minister Banyankimbona urged judges and magistrates to render good judgments with a clear system designed to avoid confusion in the execution of judgments, but also to recharge their batteries in the recently amended laws.

The Minister of Justice Mrs Domine Banyankimbona calls on the local notables to make their mediation contributions without demanding bribes to reduce trials in the residential courts while remembering the oaths they took. The Minister of Justice, Mrs Domine Banyankimbona, asked the presidents of the residential courts to monitor the payment of incentive bonuses intended for local notables, so that there are no double standards.

After submitting responses to requests for review of judgments rendered and appeals against executions, Minister Banyankimbona collected concerns related to justice and gave directions to meet the challenges. **(RTNB)**

Bujumbura: Second edition of the cycling tour



During the press briefing which was jointly held by the Mayor of the City of Bujumbura and the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium in Burundi, the City Hall of Bujumbura in collaboration with the Embassy of Belgium in Burundi and the Federation Burundian cycling organization organized on June 16, 2024, the second edition of a Tour of Bujumbura called "Buja Tour".

The Mayor of the city of Bujumbura Police Brigadier General Jimmy Hatungimana said that the departure is set at 9 a.m in front of the Regina Mundi Cathedral, while the arrival is set in the Public Garden.

The participation fee is 2000 BIF and registrations will take place at the starting point from 8 a.m. Police Brigadier General Jimmy Hatungimana invited all Burundians to practice cycling as a sport or as a means of transportation because cycling is good for your health, underlined the city mayor.

He specified that that cycling event is organized every year because it is a symbol of friendship, fraternity and very good diplomatic relations between Burundi and Belgium.

Mrs Sandra Kinyomvya, Vice-President of the Burundian Cycling Federation, thanks the Belgian embassy and the town hall of Bujumbura for having organized that sporting activity and invited everyone, especially those who love cycling, to participate. **(RTNB)**

The Rusi professional center hosts the first training of candidates for the recruitment



The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Service, Labor and Employment Mr Emmanuel Ngomirakiza, jointly with the Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Mr Emmanuel Ndorimana, launched on Monday June 10, 2024 in Rusi in the province of Karusi, training candidates for the recruitment competition at the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock. That competition will be organized after three days of training on the material that has been taught. Those are 492 university level candidates who are being trained at that Rusi professional training center.

In his liminary words, the Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Mr Emmanuel Ndorimana reminded that the agriculture and livestock sector is the lung of the country's development, which is why that sector deserves intelli-

gent and dedicated employees to enable the country to achieve its vision of an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

According to the Minister's Assistant, that training and recruitment competition aimed to increase agricultural production so that in 2040, the agri-food sector will bring economic growth, so as to ensure that all Burundians have access to food self-sufficiency. Mr Emmanuel Ndorimana added that candidates who have benefited from the training but who have not succeeded in the recruitment competition will come out with practical knowledge that they will use at home to develop themselves.

For his part, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of labor and employment indicated that competitive recruitment at the Ministry in charge of agriculture was organized to favor competence and avoid favoritism in the various state positions and that it will be the same for all recruitments in state structures. Mr Emmanuel Ngomirakiza specified at the same time that candidates who are not selected after this competition will be put on the waiting list and will be given priority for subsequent labor needs.

It should be noted that a series of A2 level job seekers are expected at the same center at the start of next week and will then take a recruitment test. **(RTNB)**

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