



Bubanza: The President of the National Assembly recommends the establishment of production processing units.



The President of the National Assembly, the Right Honourable Pascal Nyabenda met on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 with the Administrative, heads of political parties, religious denominations and those responsible for the decentralized services of the Commune and Province Bubanza, to discuss the political and socio-economic life of this commune.

Socio-economic development, the regionalisation of cultures, the safeguarding of peace and security, the preparation of the 2020 elections and the progress of the Sangwe cooperatives in Bubanza Commune were among the point's agenda.

On the security front, the President of the National Assembly, the Right Honourable Pascal Nyabenda, welcomed the peace and security that prevails in this commune.

He called on the people of Bubanza to live peacefully despite the differing opinions of their political parties.

At a time when coronavirus is rampant in the world, the Speaker of the Lower

House of Parliament thanks the Good God who, "to this day, spare Burundi from this pandemic". Nevertheless, he called on the people of Bubanza to follow scrupulously the preventive measures taken by the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, with a view to preventing this disease.

Speaking of Development, the Right Honourable Pascal Nyabenda is pleased that the population understands more about the merits of the SANGWE Cooperatives, which in the coming days will help improve the living conditions of the population and allow them to improve the living conditions of the population. to achieve sustainable development. With these co-operatives, agri-food production could increase, he said.

It is with this in mind that the Right Honourable Pascal Nyabenda has urged the co-operatives to come together as confederations in order to undertake major projects such as the establishment of production processing units, for a better conservation.

The Right Honourable Pascal Nyabenda also called on the people of Bubanza to change their mindset by engaged in income-generating activities, other than agriculture and livestock, which he said were routine activities.

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As the city of Bubanza is expanding, the Right Honourable Pascal Nyabenda has asked the local ad-

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Ruyigi: Senate Speaker warns consumers of prohibited beverages



The President of the Burundian Senate, the Right Honourable Révérien Ndikuriyo, paid a two-day visit from 17 to 18 March 2020 to the various areas of the municipalities of Ruyigi province, namely Gisuru, Kinyinya, Nyabitsinda, Ruyigi and Butaganzwa.

During his visit, the Right Honourable Révérien Ndikuriyo made the population of these municipalities aware of the change in mentality and behaviour in order to achieve sustainable development.

The President of the Senate thanked the people of the municipalities of Ruyigi province for implementing the advice given in 2015, relating to the safeguarding of peace and security. He is pleased that the country is now at peace and that the population is normally going on to develop work.

On the political side, the Right Honourable Révérien Ndikuriyo said that Burundi has a beautiful image in the eyes of the international community and thanks all those who have done everything to restore this image. The President of the Senate also welcomes good neighborliness on the border of Burundi and Tanzania.

In all the municipalities visited, the Speaker of the Senate gave several advices to the population, including always ensuring safety and combating prohibited beverages that are harmful to human health.

He recommended that the administrative authorities punish example for all those who incite the public to consume drugs and prohibited beverages. The Right Honourable Révérien Ndikuriyo urged the people of Ruyigi not to listen to the incendiary remarks of some politicians aimed at creating unrest among the population. He also called on people to always have goals to achieve in life. He added that parents must promote their children's education.

Among the concerns of the administrative authorities of the municipalities of Ruyigi raised in these meetings are the issue of roads that are in poor condition and which hinder the movement of goods and people, as well as the lack of electricity is a barrier to development. These administrators are calling for the rehabilitation of public interest infrastructure and the bitumen of the National Route No. 11 Cankuzo-Rutana.

Commenting on these concerns of the people of Ruyigi, the President of the Senate said that the Government is very concerned about the development of the Mosso region.

At the end of his visit to the municipalities of Ruyigi province, the President of the Senate Révérien NDIKURIYO attended a friendly match between the Black Eagle FC team and the MAN team of Gitega at the URUMURI Stadium in Ruyigi. The match ended with a score of 2 goals to 1 in favor of the Black Eagle FC team.

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Exchange and information session on the health situation related to the Coronavirus pandemic



On Thursday, March 19, 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in conjunction with the Minister in charge of Public Health organized a meeting with the Heads of Diplomatic and Consular Missions and Representatives of the Organizations International and Foreign NGOs accredited in Burundi.

In his opening remarks, the Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Amb. Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA announced that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the health situation and the measures taken or possible in the current national and international context, linked to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Foreign Minister H.E. Amb. Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA said that everyone is following with concern the evolution of this pandemic around the world and noted that Burundi expresses its solidarity with the affected countries while congratulating the various stakeholders for the efforts made to prevent, protect and rescue people.

He also added that there are so far no patients affected by coronavirus in Burundi. However, cases have been recorded in many countries, including countries bordering Burundi, where vigilance is essential. To this end, many measures have been taken, notably related to cleanliness, quarantine of passengers from certain countries, and other measures are or will be taken gradually to protect Burundians and foreigners living in our country.

Foreign Minister H.E. Amb. Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA also announced that the granting of visas is suspended until further notice. He added that Burundi is not closing its borders but it is in the interest of preventing the spread of Virus.

In turn, the Minister in charge of Public Health Dr. Thaddée NDIKUMANA has indicated that there are

trained staff to deal with epidemics such as Coronavirus.

Measures taken related to this pandemic include screening, strengthening control at the airport and at the border level with neighbouring countries.

Regarding Burundian students returning from affected countries, the Minister in charge of Public Health has indicated that they will be quarantined.

The Minister in charge of Public Health said that the Government of Burundi appreciates and thanks the partners for their support in the fight against Coronavirus. He also indicated that the Government of Burundi will continue to work with partners.

In their various interventions, the Heads of Diplomatic and Consular Missions and representatives of International Organizations and Foreign NGOs accredited in Burundi generally appreciated this exchange and information session.



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ODECA works to run the 2020-2021 coffee campaign



The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema hosted a press briefing on Wednesday, 18 March 2020, with a view to bringing to the public's attention the progress of the activities of the coffee sector, since the establishment of Office for Coffee Development in Burundi (ODECA).

During this press briefing, Minister Déo Guide Rurema said that since the establishment of ODECA on 07 January 2020 and its bodies on 24 of the same month, this Office has been working hard to conduct the activities of the coffee sector of the current campaign (2020-2021) and the results are satisfied.

He added that since 03 February 2020, 71 removal-washing stations and the Buterere stripping and packaging plant have been handed over and taken over between SOGESTAL and ODECA. The management of the remaining SOGESTAL-specific stations is being analyzed, the minister said.

The Minister in charge of agriculture Dr Déo Guide Rurema also indicated that 106400.5kg of cherry coffee A and 16804kg of cherry coffee B are already col-

lected at the Level of The Depulchage Stations (SDL) by ODECA and the private. He also announced that the first payment will take place in the first decade of May 2020. It is for this reason that he has asked all concerned to respect the deadlines.

Minister Déo Guide Rurema thanked those who had already provided the documents. And to announce that March 25, 2020 is the deadline for depositing the guarantee or guarantee for the granting of licenses to private plumpers. After this deadline, ODECA will take steps to collect the cherry without takers, he insisted.

Minister Déo Guide Rurema pointed out that 44 CO-operatives of COCOCA member coffee farmers plan to open washing stations this week in areas where the cherry has matured. "Until 31 March 2020, the Office for Coffee Development in Burundi ODECA will have received 34 billion from the Government of Burundi to carry out its activities properly," the Minister said.

He warned malicious people who want to cause panic among coffee farmers and said that whoever is caught will be punished in accordance with the law in force. It tranquilizes coffee farmers, assuring that the Government of Burundi is at work to ensure regular monitoring of this sector.

Finally, he called on the general population, the administration, the police, the judiciary and all those involved in the coffee sector to work closely together to curb the illegal sale of coffee in countries. Bordering.

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Burundi celebrates Mother tongue Day



Burundi celebrated the International Mother tongue Day on Tuesday, 17 March 2020. The ceremonies were organized by the Ministry of Culture and Sports through the Burundian Centre for Reading and Cultural Animation (CEBULAC) and the University of Burundi and were held at the Mutanga campus.

In his welcome note, the Rector of the University of Burundi Professor François Havyarimana said that with the intention of preserving the Kirundi language, books have been produced by researchers in grammar, vocabulary and literature.

He wanted the Rundi Academy to be set up to agree on the consensual words to be used and to see how kirundi could be used in various fields.

The Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Dr Gaspard Banyankimbona said that the Government will set up the Rundi Academy this year.

CEBULAC Director Alain Patrick Muheto thanked Kirundi language researchers on the progress already made in promoting it, a pillar of Burundian culture.

According to Minister Gaspard Banyankimbona, the celebration of this day is a source of pride for Burundians who have a common language, which

will help to consolidate culture, education and morals.

Researchers must do everything possible to ensure that kirundi allows the population to flourish and to be the source of knowledge and knowledge.

He asked them to give instructions to preserve the Rundi language and to do everything possible to make it an international influence especially since the Rundi Academy will be established during this year.

The various presenters showed the challenges faced by the Kirundi language, including poor reading and writing, the substitution of Rundi words with Kinyarwanda and other foreign languages. They proposed that with the Rundi academy, real Kirundi words be written and taught in schools to perpetuate the language.

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Bujumbura City Hall: Joint Security Committees Urged to Increase Vigilance



The Mayor of the City of Bujumbura Honorable Freddy Mbonimpa held a security meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020, for municipal administrators, neighbourhood Chiefs and Security Agencies. The purpose of the meeting was to revitalize joint security committees and to jointly analyze other issues that haunt city dwellers.

The mayor of the city of Bujumbura said that security is generally good in the city of Bujumbura. Participants raised some concerns among the people of Bujumbura, namely the use of drugs among young people and the issue of certain products sold at prices not recognized by law. Participants discussed prices for sugar, BRARUDI and cement products, among other things. They deplore the fact that the sellers do not respect the prices set by the Government.

The BRARUDI and BUCECO factory managers,

who were present at the meeting, reassured that the prices of their products had not been revised upwards. The administrative authorities propose that lists of wholesale traders be submitted to municipal administrators in order to monitor the supply in the different districts to avoid speculation.

The Mayor of the city of Bujumbura invited the quadrilogy to work together to ensure that measures taken in the public interest are respected.

Another point on which they exchanged concerns the measures taken in November 2019 on the respect of the opening and closing hours of the cabarets. Honourable Freddy Mbonimpa has indicated that there is a relaxation of this measure. It was therefore appropriate, in his view, to discuss this matter with the joint security committees to enforce the law.

At the end of this meeting, it was decided that mobile casino games should be suspended because they create laziness according to the mayor of the city. Joint security committees have been called upon to redouble their efforts to combat prostitution and rape.

Participants also asked members of joint security committees to remain vigilant during the election period

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Prevention and Collaboration: Better Strategies for Dealing with COVID-19



The People's Republic of China organized an Africa-China teleconference for 25 Chinese Embassies in Africa on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, including the Burundian Embassy. The teleconference was moderated by Chinese Medical Experts with representatives of international health organizations as well as experts from African countries. The purpose of the teleconference was to exchange experience in controlling the spread and prevention of COVID-19.

At the end of the teleconference, China's Ambassador to Burundi Li Changlin said China was willing to offer enhanced support and assistance in International Cooperation with the countries and regions concerned.

Ambassador Li Changlin said that it was in this context that China decided to hold a teleconference between Chinese medical experts and experts from African countries to exchange information and, above all, to share their expertise in the prevention, management and treatment of confirmed cases of the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that China's cooperation is mainly aimed at helping African countries with weak health systems to better prevent themselves from the new coronavirus pandemic.

In China, Ambassador Li Changlin says the situation has improved markedly. He added that the situation that concerns his country today is to prepare for the risks of suspected imported cases. It is within this framework that China advocates for international cooperation by sending medical missions to certain European and Asian countries including Iran, Italy and soon Spain, not only to give expertise in the treatment of this disease, but also medical supplies, Li Changlin reported.

The Chinese Ambassador to Burundi also indicated that the strategies adopted by China to deal with it, as do European and African countries, is to strengthen control at airport levels, to implement quarantine

strategies and the best method of early detection and treatment of COVID-19.

The Director General of Health at the Ministry of Public Health and AIDS Control, Dr Chloe Ndayikunda, who took part in the teleconference, said that China has prioritised prevention with better collaboration between various government institutions, including the Ministry of Health, the Ministry in charge of immigration, the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry in charge of Communication. He added that in order to better eradicate this pandemic, we must work together with different Ministries.

Speaking, WHO Representative in Burundi, DrKazadiMulombo, what has been done in China is very impressive. For him, the teleconference was also an opportunity to benefit from China's rich experience from the time the disease began to the present day.

"Based on the clear evidence presented by the Chinese Experts, China is an example of the obvious success of controlling this ongoing disease, which has become a pandemic. We must work with authorities around the world to reassure that strategies that have worked can be scaled up to protect the world's population, including Burundi," he concluded.

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CENI presents the results of the 2020 Parliamentary nominations.



The Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, announced the results of the analysis of the candidates for the 2020 legislative elections.

Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) President Dr Pierre Claver Kazihise recalled that the nomination dates for the parliamentary elections were set from 25 February 2020 to 10 March 2020. According to him, 33 candidates (13 political parties, two coalitions and 18 independent candidates) submitted their applications for election. "These files have been subject to a thorough analysis, mainly on the basis of the provisions of the constitution and the electoral code," said Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) President Dr Pierre Claver Kazihise.

Dr. Pierre Claver Kazihise also announced that the files of the CNDD-FDD Party, CNL and UPRONA were accepted in all provinces, while the SAHWANYA-FRODEBU Party files and FNL Party files were accepted in 17 provinces.

Dr Pierre Claver Kazihise also pointed out that the files of the SAHWANYA FRODEBU NYAKURI Party were accepted in 13 provinces, those of the APDR Party were accepted in 7 provinces, the files of the SANGWE PADER Party were accepted in 4 provinces, the files of the UPD-ZIGAMIBANGA Party were accepted in 3 provinces, the files of the CDP Party and those of the FPN-IMBONEZA Party were accepted in 2 provinces.

According to the President of the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI), the files of the MPH Party and those of the PALIPE AGAKIZA Party were not accepted.

Regarding the coalitions, the President of CENI indicated that for the COPA 2020 coalition, the files were accepted in 6 provinces, stating that the Kira-Burundi coalition files were not accepted. He further indicated that 18 independent files were all accepted.

Dr. Pierre Claver Kazihise also pointed out that if applications are refused at the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) level, the electoral code provides for the possibility of appealing to the Constitutional Court within two days of the calendar.

He also reminded candidates whose files are accepted that the period of the election campaign has not yet come. The President of the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) warned candidates who would run a premature campaign, reminding them that they would face the rigour of the law. (source: www.rtnb.bi)

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