



### The First Lady of Burundi invites young people to adopt good behavior in order to prepare themselves for a better future



**T**he First Lady of Burundi and President of the Organization of the First Ladies of Africa for Development (OPDAD) Her Excellency Angéline Ndayishimiye, hosted on Wednesday September 2, 2020, at Gitega, an awareness-raising workshop for attending school young people on holiday from this province on wisdom, leadership, prevention and the fight against Coronavirus and AIDS. She also sensitized young people on their part in promoting reproductive health for their better future. This workshop had for theme "No to bad behavior in favor of my better future". In his welcome address, the Governor of Gitega Mr. Venant Manirambona, indicated that the youth of this province are hard-working. However, he deplor-

red the wandering behavior displayed by some young people, which has multiple consequences.

The First Lady of Burundi said she held the workshop in order to give advice to young people in holidays to adopt good behavior and better pursue their studies and prepare them to become future leaders worthy of name. She thus invited young people to put forward human values, such as wisdom, respect for the life of others, dedication to studies and work, patriotism and clairvoyance to overcome the temptations of those who want them lead to evil.

She also called on young people not to be greedy for materialism, and to avoid sexual vagrancy which exposes them to various evils such as infection with Sexual Transmitted Infections/

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AIDS, unwanted pregnancies and dropping out of school.

The First Lady invited young people in school to serve as a model in putting into practice preventive measures and to fight against the spread of the Coronavirus pandemic. These young people were invited to vulgarize the measures to combat the spread of COVID-19.

(source: [abpinfos.com](http://abpinfos.com))

### The First Lady receives in audience the Representative of the WFP in Burundi



The First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angéline Ndayishimiye received in audience on Wednesday, September 02, 2020, the Representative of the World Food Program (WFP) in Burundi Mrs. Virginia Arribas Villar. According to the latter, their exchanges focused on the collaboration between the First Lady and the WFP in the areas of food security and nutrition. (source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

### The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation participates in the Cabinet meeting of this Wednesday, September 02, 2020



This Wednesday, September 02, 2020, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, participated in the Cabinet meeting under the chairmanship of His Excellency Evariste



NDAYISHIMIYE, the President of the Republic at the presidential palace of Gitega.

Several points were on the agenda, namely the draft decree on the mission, organization and functioning of the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Re-

search, the draft decree on the mission, organization and functioning of the Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture, the draft decree on the mission, organization and functioning of the Ministry of Communication, Information Technologies and the Media, the draft decree on the mission, organization and functioning of the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender, the draft decree on the mission, organization and functioning of the Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines, the draft decree on the mission, organization and functioning of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, the draft decree on the mission, organization and func-

tioning of the Ministry of Civil Service, Job and Employment.

The draft decree amending Act No. 1/08 of April 28, 2011 on the general organization of the Public Administration and the draft decree on the organization of the Provincial Administration.

The participants in the Cabinet meeting discussed various issues relating to the issue of compensation for expropriations for public interest reasons, the current situation of the campaign to prevent and fight against Covid-19, as well as the issue of repetition of the 9th year class. (MFADC-Newsroom)

### Launch of the project to reduce youth unemployment through capacity building and involvement of the Diaspora



**T**his Thursday 3/9/2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro officially launched the project to reduce youth unemployment through capacity building and the involvement of the Diaspora.

In his words of welcome, the Mayor of the City of Bujumbura CP Jimmy Hatungimana said he was delighted that the City of Bujumbura was chosen for the official launch of this project and especially that it is part of the two geographic areas targeted for the implementation of this project. He promised them to count on his support and that of the communal Administrators of the city of Bujumbura for the implementation of this project.

In his speech, the Head of Mission a.i of the International Organization for Migration in Burundi Mr. Ali Abdi, said that the objective of the project is to reduce the unemployment of young Burundians by creating sustainable employment opportunities and pro-

viding young people in vulnerable situations with the professional and business skills necessary to succeed in the formal labor market.

For his part, the Country Manager a.i of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Mr. Abdoulaye Konate recalled that the AfDB is committed to supporting Burundi in its economic and social development programs. In this regard, particular emphasis is placed on the mitigation of vulnerability factors and the reduction of youth unemployment, through all of its operations, particularly in the fields of agriculture, energy and transport.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro, for his part, indicated that the Government of Burundi attaches great importance to this project which is part of Burundi's strategy of working tirelessly, for the reduction of youth unemployment as it is well articulated in the National Development Plan of Burundi 2018-2027, and more particularly in the strategic line of inter-



vention 7 focused on decent employment and youth. This project will last two years and will be financed by the African Development Bank to the tune of 1,398,001 USD (approximately 2.5 billion Burundian francs). It will directly benefit at least 450 young people (50% of whom are women), in particular young people at risk of violence or criminality, young inter-

nally displaced persons and young returnees, and young people engaged in sports activities within various associations. The strategic and technical orientation for the implementation of this project will be under the supervision of a tripartite steering committee (Government of Burundi, AfDB and IOM).

(MFADC-Newsroom)

### Audience to Mrs. Eunice S. Reddick Chargé d'Affaires a.i of the Embassy of the United States of America

**O**n August 14, 2020, the Director General in charge of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO, received in audience Mrs. Eunice S. Reddick, Chargé d'Affaires a.i of the Embassy of the United States of America in Bujumbura.

The two officials discussed the state of cooperation and bilateral relations between the two countries. The Chargé d'Affaires a.i raised the issue of human trafficking.

The Director General in charge of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation indicated that the Government of Burundi is making a lot of efforts to deal with the issue of human rights in general and human trafficking in particular. He also denounced the manipulation of information on this issue or the annual reports produced by the American Department of Homeland Security which are based on erroneous statistical data that discredits Burundi in the protection and prevention of human trafficking.

He added that the restructuring of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation is underway to set up a department that will serve as a basis to promote dialogue with Burundian migrants who work in the Gulf region, in an effort to overcome challenges related to the human trafficking.

The Director General in charge of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation also promised her to work in synergy with other concerned technical Ministries and to redouble efforts to give, whenever necessary, useful and reliable information to produce a credible reports whenever necessary..

Before concluding, they reviewed issue related to the measures taken by the American Government to suspend the granting of some types of visas to Burundians due to the question related to the deportation

"Burundian nationals" living in irregular situations, in the United States of America.

The Chargé d'Affaires a.i was delighted with the step already made by the Burundian side to find a common solution. Following the dialogue and collaboration of the Burundian Government on this issue, some of those who are to be deported are expected in Bujumbura shortly.

The Director General in charge of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation has mentioned that the Government of Burundi has never refused its compatriots that it wanted to deal with this matter rigorously in order to not welcome foreigners on Burundian territory. The Government of Burundi has reiterated its will to collaborate and remains open to dialogue to unlock all these problem.

Note that this visit a courtesy where the Chargé d'Affaires a.i seized this opportunity to introduce the first Counselor of the US Embassy, Mrs. Stephanie A. Bunce who officially began her mission in Burundi on July 1, 2020. (MFADC-Newsroom)

## Delivery of bunk beds and mattresses for 1,200 inmates in four prisons



**T**he Minister of Justice, Madame Jeanine Nibizi, visited the prison of Gitega on Tuesday September 1, 2020, where she led the official handing over ceremonies of 600 bunk beds and 1200 mattresses. This equipment is intended for 1,200 inmates in prisons in the provinces of Gitega, Ruyigi, Rumonge and Rutana.

The prison of Gitega, which in turn has 1,360 inmates, 210 beds and 420 mattresses. This equipment was offered by the UNDP as part of its partnership

with the Ministry of Justice and its support for the initiatives of the Government of Burundi in the national campaign to prevent and fight against the Coronavirus pandemic launched by the President of the Republic from Burundi, under the theme "Ndakira, Sinandura kandi Sinanduzza."

The Minister in charge of Justice thanked the UNDP for this equipment of paramount importance in improving the living conditions of detainees and reducing the risk of contamination from the COVID-19 epidemic. (source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

## Last payment from coffee growers for this season



**T**he Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, through the Office for the Development of Coffee in Burundi (ODECA), proceeded on Monday August 31, 2020 to the payment of the last installment to coffee growers, it was at the Nyarunazi cooperative factory in Rutegama Commune in Muramvya province.

As indicated by the Nyarunazi Factory Manager, 2,516 coffee growers will receive 163,912,926 FBU. The harvest of the season is 71,150 tonnes of dry coffee, subdivided into 2 categories, cherry A and cherry B. The Nyarunazi

runazi plant produced 71,150 tonnes of dry coffee with a yield of 4.6%, underlined the Plant Manager. .

For farmers who had coffee that was not accepted at the factory because it was of poor quality, the Director General of ODECA Mr. Emmanuel Niyungeko said that this parchment coffee will be purchased by private individuals at FBU 1200 per kilogram, when the cherry coffee is bought at 550 FBU.

He thanked the 605 shareholders of the Nyarunazi factory and encouraged them to always work in associations, especially since 59% of the shareholders are young people. He says he is satisfied with the services of the company because the car wash is certified and meets standards - proof that he buys good quality coffee.

Mr. Emmanuel Niyungeko asked the coffee growers to properly maintain the coffee trees in order to obtain quality coffee and so that the funds disbursed by the Government of Burundi to support this sector are re-

turned to the state coffers, after the sale of the coffee at in the international market.

For the Director General of ODECA, this payment comes at the right time because the coffee growers will be able to buy agricultural inputs for the coming season, school materials, etc.

Mr. Emmanuel Niyungeko explained that with the Government's re-engagement in the coffee sector, the ODECA will promote the quality of this crop which is generally lost in the fields due to poor maintenance. Agricultural extension workers will set to work to coach coffee growers in order to obtain good quality coffee that is appreciated on the international market, concluded Mr. Emmanuel Niyungeko.

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**REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI****PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Secretariat-General of the State****MEDIA RELEASE CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2020**

A Cabinet Meeting was held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2020 in Gitega, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi. The following items were analyzed:

**1. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, presented by the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research.**

Decree No. 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, operation and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi brought together the national education sector and that of scientific research.

Through the structure proposed to organize this ministry, the major concern is to allow the operation of services in a fluid and coordinated manner in the execution of actions leading to the achievement of the objectives pursued in these sectors.

For more operationality and efficiency of services and to better take into account the progress of the Burundian education system on the one hand, and the orientations of the Government on the other hand, it is judicious to bring innovations and some changes in the organization of this ministry in order to better respond to these imperatives and above all to guarantee sectoral uniqueness and consistency from the grassroots to the top.

Among other innovations, it is worth mentioning:

- the abolition of the Directorate of Literacy to focus efforts on basic school;



- the establishment of a General Directorate in charge of National Education with the aim of controlling the education sector from the grassroots to the top;
- the establishment of a General Directorate responsible for technical, vocational and trades training;
- the establishment of a Ministerial General Inspection,  
Etc...

After discussions, the project was adopted with a few alterations.

**2.** Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of the East African Community, Youth, Sports and Culture, presented by the Minister of the East African Community, Youth, Sports and Culture.

Decree No. 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, operation and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi merged two ministries, namely the former Ministry at the Presidency in charge of East African Community Affairs, and the former Ministry of Sports and Culture as well as part of the former Ministry of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies.

The main objective of this draft decree is to provide the Ministry with an institutional working framework allowing operational and efficient functioning, in order to facilitate the implementation of Burundi's commitments to the East African Community. It will bring the benefits of integration to Burundi so that it really brings added value to national efforts for political, economic and social development.

This project clearly shows the mission assigned to each Department, the targeted objective and its added value for the Burundian people.

After the debate, the draft was adopted with some corrections.

**3.** Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of Communication, Information Technologies and Media, presented by the Minister of Communication, Information Technologies and Media.



This draft decree complies with decree n ° 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, functioning and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

At the level of the missions of the Ministry, these are not very different from those contained in decree n ° 100/082 of July 20, 2018 on the missions and functioning of the Ministry of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies, apart from the Youth sector which was attached to another Ministry.

Nevertheless, this project brings innovations in the structure and organization of the Ministry in order to strengthen its capacities to accomplish the missions assigned to it in compliance with the standards of good management of public affairs. This is notably the introduction into the structure of the Ministry of an Inspectorate General which did not exist before.

After the analysis, the project was adopted with some tweaking.

**4. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender, presented by the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender.**

This project is adapted to decree n ° 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, operation and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

Among other innovations, this project adapts the old name of the General Inspection of the Ministry to the current one and suggests that it includes three Technical Inspections.

The project also proposes the creation of a General Directorate for the Resettlement and Sustainable Reintegration of Victims.

This project also proposes the introduction of a new Department called "Department of prevention of sexual and gender-based violence and holistic care of victims".

Finally, the project proposes a reform of the Family and Community Development Centers into Provincial Directorates of Family and Social Development.

Following the analysis of this project, the Council adopted it with some modifications.

**5. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mining, presented by the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mining.**

Decree No. 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, operation and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi added a new mission to the Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mining, namely “Designing the policy of the Ministry in the field of good governance”.

The project entrusts this mission to the General Inspectorate of the Ministry and has no impact on the structure and organization of the Ministry which remains unchanged.

However, this project clarifies certain missions at the level of the General Directorates and the Directorates without altering the content.

After analysis, the Council of Ministers adopted this project with slight corrections.

**6. Draft decree on the missions, organization and operation of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, presented by the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock**

In order to comply with Decree ° 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, functioning and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, and to implement the guidelines of the highest authorities in agricultural matters, it is proposed to reorganize otherwise the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock.

This reorganization proposes a structure that will achieve the main objective assigned to the Ministry which is to increase production, ensure food security for all and generate marketable surpluses while protecting the environment. The transfer of the General Directorate of Land Use Planning to this ministry as well as the creation of a Directorate of Rural Engineering and Irrigation is in line with this and will allow rational land management.

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with, among other recommendations, a strict ban on the sale or purchase of properties or plots granted by the State to individuals. The Council took this opportunity to warn anyone who is going to sell and / or buy land or a parcel allocated by the State to another person, that both expose themselves to the rigors of the law because, they are all thieves.

He further requested that an inventory be made of all lands or plots that have not been developed or have been improperly allocated to put them back in the hands of the state.

7. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of Public Service, Labor and Employment, presented by the Minister of Public Service, Labor and Employment

Decree No. 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, operation and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi added two new missions to the Ministry, namely:

- Design the Ministry's policy on good governance
- Develop standards for better management of state services and goods and monitor their effective application.

As another novelty, like the National School of Administration, the Higher Institute of Business Management was attached to this Ministry, with the recommendation to bring it back to its original missions which is the enhancement of professional capacities on the job with certifying and non-diploma training.

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Even if these new missions do not have an impact on the structure and organization of the Ministry, it is necessary to review the decree in force to integrate them. This is the purpose of this draft decree.

At the end of the debate, the project was adopted with some corrections with the recommendation to speed up the inventory work of all civil servants and their specifications because it is very urgent.

**8. Bill amending Law No. 1/08 of April 28, 2011 on the organization of public administration, presented by the Minister of Public Service, Labor and Employment.**

The Constitution of the Republic of Burundi of 2018 provides for the composition of the superstructure which includes the President of the Republic, the Vice-President of the Republic as well as the Prime Minister.

The services of this superstructure, like other public services, are governed by the law on the organization of public administration which determines the general rules for the organization of public services.

Since the promulgation of the current Constitution in 2018, Law n ° 1/08 of April 28, 2011 on the organization of the public administration has become unconstitutional on these aspects, since it regulates the services of the Vice-Presidencies at the time, when there is only one Vice-Presidency currently, and that it does not provide for the services of the Prime Minister, which exists in the new Constitution.

In addition, decree n ° 100/037 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, functioning and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi merged certain Ministries in order to form a strong and dynamic Government. As a result, certain central services of the Ministries such as the Permanent Secretariat find themselves with varied tasks requiring varied expertise. This project provides for the possibility for a single ministry to have more than one Permanent Secretary depending on its scope and the areas it covers.

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with some modifications.



9. Draft decree on the organization of the Communal Administration, presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security.

Provincial administration services are governed by Decree No. 100/146 of 12 October 1995 regulating provincial services. This decree has become obsolete and needs updating.

Indeed, the 2018 Constitution specifies that "Executive power is delegated, at the provincial level, to a Province Governor responsible for coordinating the administrative services working in the Province".

This draft decree complies with the Constitution by highlighting the role of the Province Governor in coordinating all the activities undertaken in his Province, including that of the provincial technical services and those of the municipal administrators.

In addition, the project grants the Provincial Governor the exercise of political, administrative and financial supervision over the municipalities under his jurisdiction in accordance with the law of February 2020 on the organization of municipal administration.

After the analysis, the project was adopted with minor adjustments.

## 10. Any Other Business

- The Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mining spoke about the issue of compensation for people expropriated for public utility in the case of development of energy projects or mining projects.

Indeed, people tend to set the basis for negotiating compensation rates by region. He called for the 2008 ordinance setting the tariffs for compaction in the event of public utility expropriation to be reviewed so that there is a common basis for calculating compensation.

It was asked to prepare the related project for a subsequent analysis by the Council of Ministers.

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- The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS informed the Council that the “NDAKIRA-SINANDURA-SINANDUZA” prevention and fight campaign against COVID-19 is leading to very satisfactory results.

However, he spoke of some challenges including insufficient funding and the delay in ordering reagents and other inputs for the Covid-19 response. He informed the Council, in addition to the measures already taken to strengthen this campaign, other measures, such as facilitating the disbursement of funds already available dedicated to the response to Covid-19 because it is an emergency.

- The Minister of National Education and Scientific Research spoke about the problem of managing failure cases in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Indeed, he informed that the vocational schools which should normally accommodate those who could not pass the 9<sup>th</sup> year are not equipped or quite simply lack teachers.

The Minister was granted a special dispensation to give the same clear and precise guidelines for all schools on the practical modalities of granting repetition places in an equitable manner.

- Before wrapping up the meeting, His Excellency the President of the Republic recalled the interest and importance for members of the Government and other dignitaries to declare their property upon taking office.

He also informed that the document related to the development of projects to promote young people is being finalized and that it will soon be validated.

Finally, he asked that the files to be analyzed in the Council of Ministers be prepared in time at the level of the ministries so that at each level there is sufficient time for possible enrichment or observations.

**Done at Gitega, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

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