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### The President of the Republic of Burundi invites Catholic Parishes to provide supervision for development



**T**he Presidential couple joined the Christians of the Parish of Mutoyi in Bugendana commune in Gitega province on Sunday, November 13, 2020 in Sunday Mass. This Mass also saw the participation of the Governor of Gitega Province, Mr. Venant Manirambona as well as the natives from other parishes.

In his homily, the parish priest of Mutoyi Parish, Abbot Helmene-gilde Rumezamazabo referred to the word taken from the Gospel of St. John to call Christians to pray ceaselessly, explaining that prayer is the light that drives away evil. As the Church finds itself in the Advent period preparing for Christmas, Christians have been urged to support each other and above all to share what they have and to help

the poor. According to the parish priest Mutoyi, the authorities are aware and aware of what the Burundian people aspire to. "If everyone contributes to the building, it would be easy to achieve sustainable development, because unity is strength," he said.

Speaking, the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, welcomed the way in which the Christians of Mutoyi Parish are involved in the development projects proposed by the Government. The Head of State said that the parish Mutoyi is one of the parishes that deal with the spiritual and corporal development of its Christians.

The President of the Republic finds that this parish can serve as an example because it deve-

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loped this locality in a short time as well as the inhabitants of the Mutoyi area. He praised them for their ingenuity to grow even during the dry season thanks to irrigation techniques. In turn, the President of the Republic, His Ex-

cellency Evariste Ndayishimiye promised to support the Mutoyi Parish project to build social infrastructure.

After Mass, Mutoyi Parish awarded the President of the Republic of Burundi two hundred chicks as a thank you. (source:www.rtnb.bi)

### Head of State calls on public sector industries to improve the quality of their products



**T**he President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, on Thursday, 17 December 2020 at the Club Hotel of Lake Tanganyika, highlighted the ceremonies of the launch of the third edition of the industrial fair organized by the Association of Industries of Burundi under the theme: "Industry is an essential factor in economic development".

The ceremonies also saw the participation of the Minister of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism, the Secretary General of the East African Community, Trade Representative Mark East Africa and the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi, senior officials of the Presidency of the Republic and members of the diplomatic and consular corps accredited in Burundi.

In his address, the Representative of the Association of Industries of Burundi, Honorable Olivier SUGURU, said that this Industrial Fair is periodically organized to show that Burundian industry exists and actively participates in the Burundian economy by creating jobs, increasing household incomes and contributing to poverty reduction. "We reaffirm that The Burundian industry is there even if it

needs to improve its visibility," he said.

The Representative of the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB) also encouraged the organization of such an element and pointed out that this 3rd fair combines the useful with the pleasant as it interweaves a Business Forum on the margins of which is an exhibition of the industries of Burundi and those of the East African Community and the DRC.

For Trade Representative Mark East Africa, who financed this third edition, trade and industry remain the vital engine that will fuel Burundi's economy even in this period of the Covid19 pandemic. "Without industry, there is almost no development," said the Secretary General of the East African Community. He also indicated that well-planned industries will contribute to reducing unemployment and indeed increasing the household income of the ABC.

His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, in his speech, made it clear that the country cannot develop without industrialization and commercialization. "We have started a fight against poverty. This is how all stakeholders, among others, economic operators must take part in this fight," he said.

The Head of State also called on public sector industries to improve the quality of their products to make them competitive in the sub-region and around the world. In order to assure the economic operators that the burundian government will spare no effort to popularize the policy of revitalization of the industrial sector.

(Source: [www.presidence.gov.bi](http://www.presidence.gov.bi))

## Head of State lays the foundation stone for the construction of an OBR building



**T**he President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, on Thursday, 17 December 2020, laid the foundation stone for the construction of a 12-level building that will host the services of the Burundian Revenue Office (OBR). The cost of this building is estimated at more than 68 billion BIF.

This new headquarters of the OBR is being built in the Kigobe South district of Japan Avenue, in the Gihosha area of Ntakangwa com-

mune.

The Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Dr. Domitian Ndiwokubwayo, said that it is a great pleasure for the country because today OBR services are scattered throughout the city of Bujumbura, which means that taxpayers who need OBR services are forced to travel long distances, which cost them both time and money. OBR services will now have a single workspace, an added value for taxpayers and for the country, said Dr. Domitian Ndiwokubwayo.

The Minister in charge of Finance has indicated that this building, which will house the OBR services, will be built on an area of 1.40 hectares, according to modern techniques, and will allow the OBR to house the most important equipment, and will include meeting and training rooms for more than 1000 people, parking in the cellars of more than 287 cars and many others. (source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Head of State assesses Burundi's security situation



**T**he President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, on Wednesday 16 December 2020, brought together the Governors of provinces, members of the Defence and Security Corps and members of the Justice Corps in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province. The

objective was to analyze the security situation in the country. The observation was that the country is generally peaceful despite some isolated cases of land conflicts and climatic hazards, road accidents etc.

According to the Deputy Spokesperson of the President of the Republic Mr. Alain Diomede Nzeyimana, the participants in this meeting highlighted among other things the problems related to land conflicts that cause murders in families. The judiciary, the administrative officials at the base and the local authority were called into question and were called to vigilance.

They also mentioned the problems related to the vagaries of climate where some

communities have not yet had rains. Other issues raised during the meeting relate to fraud. According to the participants in the meeting, some traders round up the crops at paltry prices and then sell them at exorbitant prices. In this regard, the Head of State asked the quadlog to ensure that the crops are kept jealously so that the population does not run out of food or seeds.

The provincial governors also noted that some criminals still illegally possess firearms, but noted that joint security committees are still working to dismantle these criminal groups.

Another reported problem is traffic accidents that still take lives. To this end, the Head of State recommended the strict implementation of the road code. The Driver will be examined every time he commits a foul and a point withdrawal will be imposed on him. When the points are completed, the

ability institutions will withdraw the driver's licence from the driver concerned.

However, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, welcomes the frank cooperation that characterized the joint security committees during the election period and also welcomes Burundi's withdrawal from the United Nations Security Council Agenda. For him, the future is better. He urges the quadrilogy to be pillars of "Leta Mvyeyi and Leta Nkozi" (Government laborious and responsible) in order to work for the benefit of the Burundian people.

After the meeting, the Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated the cross-border axis RN4 (Chanic-Gatumba) with a length of more than 15 km. The construction of this road was financed by the European Union to the tune of 10,110,000 Euros. (source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Head of State calls for agricultural education



**T**he President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, calls on the Executives of the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock to give up bureaucracy to supervise agro-farmers on the ground in order to increase production. The call was launched in Bugarama commune in

Muramvya province on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at the opening of a retreat on the implementation of the Ministry's agricultural policy document.

During this retreat, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Dr. Déo Guide Rurema, first took stock of the Ministry's great achievements and the major projects that await the agro-breeding sector. In his presentation, Dr. Déo Guide Rurema indicated that his Department intends to set up agricultural radiation centres, among other things, which will be responsible for providing local supervision of agro-breeders and collecting their production.

The presentation by the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock was followed by those of three Directors General of the Departments responsible for agricultural production. The Director General of Environmental, Agricultural and Livestock Planning has indicated that his department plans to

popularize strategies to increase production. For him, it is about the intensification of food crops to meet the needs of the population, the repopulation of the wholesale and the livestock menu to increase agricultural production and ensure the increase in milk and meat production.

The Director General of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, meanwhile, said that his Department is currently working to establish model fields in each province and to build regional storage sheds. He also suggested that the department intends to introduce other export crops to have foreign exchange.

Regarding the Department in charge of livestock, the Director-General said that this department aims to improve the meat sector. According to him, 157,250 breeders across the country could produce enough meat for domestic consumption (120kg recommended per year per person) and for export. To achieve this, he proposed the repopulation of cows, pigs and chickens.

In their interventions, the Economic Operators who were present in this retreat recommended to the Ministry in charge of Agriculture and Livestock to also put importance on forgotten sectors such as yam, sunflower and peas, which can provide foreign exchange. They also called for the protection of local factories from unfair competition. Burundi's economic operators have also recommended that the BRB set priorities for the granting of foreign exchange by focusing on imports aimed at setting up production units.

Speaking, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, said that the real economic operators are those who do the work of the land, produce in large quantities and transform agricultural production for resale in the form of finished products.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye took this opportunity to recommend to the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock and organizations funded by development partners and working in the agro-breeding sector to work together in their agricultural production missions to avoid duplication. The President of the Republic said on this occasion that the aim of this consultation will be to give directions to put an end to the disorder that prevails in the agro-breeding sector.

The Head of State also asked the Ministry in charge of Agriculture and Livestock and the administrative staff to take the lead in increasing agricultural production to engage the entire population in this dynamic. He also called on the Executives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock to organise state-operator-household partnerships to channel resources and increase production.

Finally, the Head of State recommended that households consolidate land holdings and practice the same crop per season in order to have large areas and to increase production. It also recommended soil protection by tracing level curves, intensifying irrigation and watering fields during the dry season and agricultural education through training of farmers and agricultural monitors.

The retreat was attended by the economic operators working in Burundi, all the Governors of Provinces, all the Municipal Administrators, the Senators and Deputies elected in the district of Muramvya, as well as the Executives of the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock.

Before the opening of the retreat on the agricultural policy document, the Head of State had inaugurated in the capital of the commune Bugarama the Hotel Green\_Park\_Resort, a hotel that housed this retreat and which belongs to a private economic operator of the square.

After the inauguration by the Head of State of the Hotel Green\_Park\_Resort, the owner of

this Hotel offered him two heifers as a thank you. (source: [www.rtnb.bj](http://www.rtnb.bj))

## Adoption of the bill to ratify the Burundi-Turkey Security Cooperation Agreement

**T**he draft law to ratify the security cooperation agreement between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Turkey was analysed and adopted unanimously on Wednesday, 16 December 2020 by 112 deputies gathered in plenary session at the Kigobe Convention Centre.

The bill had been considered by the Standing Committee of the National Assembly on Political and Administrative Affairs, External Relations and the East African Community, which was seized on its merits.

In his explanatory statement, the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, Chief Police Commissioner Gervais Ndirakobuca, said that relations between the Republic of Burundi and Turkey are an important point in the consolidation of peace and security in both countries. He said that the Burundo-turquoise partnership is currently a reality and has a positive value that follows the various visits and exchanges between the authorities of the two countries, the opening of the office of the Turkish Embassy in Bujumbura since February 2019 while it was before that date in Kampala, Uganda, in addition to the appointment of a security attaché at the Burundian Embassy in Ankara Turkey.

During this session, Police Commissioner Chief Gervais Ndirakobuca also spoke of the signing of an agreement to integrate the Higher Police Institute (ISP) into the International Association of Police Academies (INTERPA), which took place on 28 March 2017 in Turkey between the director of this institute and the president of this association of police academies, under the sponsorship of Turkey.

According to Police Commissioner Chief



Gervais Ndirakobuca, the project aims to strengthen friendly relations and promote development, security, stability and social well-being, while respecting the principles of sovereignty, equality and interest of both countries.

The Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security pointed out that if the security cooperation agreement adopted by the Council of Ministers dated 21 December 2017 and signed on 25 July 2019 in Ankara were to be ratified, it will largely affect the common fight against terrorist acts and organised crime; combating human trafficking and migrant fraud; combating the trafficking and illicit production of drugs and psycho-tropical substances; illicit trafficking of arms, ammunition, explosives and others; the exchange of operational information on criminal acts; and the organization of joint operations.

As part of the implementation or implementation of the agreement, bilateral meetings and consultations are planned to assess progress on the basis of the agreement and, if necessary, provide ways and means to strengthen cooperation between the two countries, the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security said. It should be recalled that this agree-

ment comes after the ratification of the Economic Cooperation Agreement and with Turkey by Law 1/15 of 14 August 2017 ratifying by the Republic of Burundi the trade and economic cooperation agreement between the Government of the Republic of

Burundi and the Government of the Republic of Turkey, signed on 27 August 2015 in Ankara, Turkey. He also stressed that the present agreement signed by Ankara on 25 July 2019 is structured in 12 articles. ( **Source:** [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

### The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation presents the bill to ratify the revised Treaty establishing the Economic Community of Central African States (EEAC).



will allow the creation of a Community Parliament, a Court of Auditors and the Court of Justice.

During his presentation, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation also announced that the Bill will transform the General Secretariat of the Economic Community of Central African States (EEAC) into a Commission comprising seven Commissioners including a President, a Vice-President and five Commissioners. He also meant that fundamental principles would be modernised to speed up the regional integration agenda of the Member States that are ready and to allow those who are not to join later.

This bill was passed by the Senate unanimously. The plenary session was led by the President of the Senate, Right Honourable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA.

(**MFADC-Newsroom**)

**T**he Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO was the guest at the Burundi Senate on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, where he presented the bill to ratify the revised Treaty establishing the Economic Community of Central African States (EEAC). The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation has indicated that this bill

### Japan grants Burundi a grant for development projects

**O**n Thursday, December 17, 2020, the Exchange of Notes of a food donation of 3,700 tons of rice equivalent to one of 350 million yen (approximately 3.31 million U.S. dollars) was signed by the Minister of Foreign Af-

fairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO and the Japanese Ambassador to Burundi with residence in Kigali. Following the current situation related to the Covid-19, the signature was made remotely.



This donation consists of 3,700 tons of rice that will be provided to the Government of Burundi through this donation. In accordance with the Exchange of Notes, the Government of Burundi is required to deposit the proceeds from the sale of the rice into a designated account so that other development projects will be implemented in the future through this account called the "Matching Fund". The Government of Burundi and the Government of Japan reiterate their mutual



desire to strengthen ties of friendship and cooperation.

Development cooperation relations began in the 1970s. Japan has implemented a series of funding projects between Japan and Burundi amounting to more than \$300 million, focusing on the three priority areas, including transportation infrastructure, agriculture and basic social services such as health care. (MFADC-Newsroom)

### Chinese Ambassador to Burundi grants aid to official orphanage in Bujumbura



**T**he Chinese Embassy in Burundi represented by Ambassador, His Excellency Li Changlin on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, granted the official orphanage in Bujumbura, food and non-food stock consisting of 5 cartons of Nido,

100 bags of rice, 100 bags of corn flour, 100 buckets of cooking oil, 4000 thousand kg of briquette, 50 cartons of milk and 30 cartons of milk powder and a significant quantity of school materials worth about 20 million francs drunk. The Minister in charge of National Solidarity, Hon Imelde Sabushimike, has enhanced her presence this activity to receive this donation.

On behalf of the Director of the Official Orphanage in Bujumbura, Ms. Kaneza Anick thanked this commendable gesture and also welcomed the rehabilitation of the roof of an office of this orphanage by the Chinese Embassy in Burundi.

"Today I would like to take this opportunity



to tell you that we have not forgotten vulnerable groups, we want the fruits of Sino-Burundian cooperation to benefit an increasing number of Burundians," said the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi.

Speaking, the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender,

Hon Imelde Sabushimike thanked the Chinese Embassy in Burundi for this charitable gesture where at the end of each year this Embassy joins the official orphanage in Bujumbura to wish orphans the Christmas and New Year festivities. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### 31 packages of defrauded loincloths detained near Bujumbura port



will continue to monitor borders. He appealed to the population to look after the borders and to provide this information to the skilled authorities to respond to the call of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi stating that everyone must look after the borders. For the fraudsters, Mr. Audace Niyonzima reminded them that all arrangements were

**T**he Burundi Revenue Office (OBR) in collaboration with the Burundi National Police seized 31 parcels of defrauded loincloths near the port of Bujumbura in the morning of 14 December 2020 in front of the REGIDESO water treatment plant.

OBR Commissioner General Audace Niyonzima said that 1877 loincloths with an estimated value of 52 million BIF were detained at around 1am thanks to the synergy of the population that provided information, the national police and the OBR services.

He further indicated that these loincloths will be sold at auction and all proceeds from the sale will be donated to the public purse. The boat in which these parcels were being burned was burned to discourage this practice. The OBR Commissioner General also indicated that the OBR in collaboration with the police, intelligence services and the public

made in collaboration with stakeholders to eradicate this practice.

According to Burundi's Deputy Police Spokesman, OPP2 Moses Nkurunziza, the fraudsters tried to exert pressure on the police and one of the Police shot one of the fraudsters named Mr.Emile Nduwimana, who died on the spot and was among the drivers of two boats carrying the loincloths. He added that a boat with an engine was able to escape and that four people were arrested on the spot.

According to OPP2 Moise Nkurunziza, the dead person was evacuated to the morgue. For these 4 alleged culprits, in-depth investigations will continue in order to prepare the files for them. OPP2 Moise Nkurunziza calls on these fraudsters to stop these illegal activities and comply with the law.

([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Official launch of Mother-Child Health Week 2nd edition 2020



**T**he Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr Thaddée Ndikumana has officially launched Mother-Child Health Week 2nd edition 2020, coupled with the measles vaccine response.

This year's theme is "together work to improve the health of mother and child."

Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana began these activities at the Cankuzo Hospital in Cankuzo province.

Following the launch of Mother-Child Health Week, the Minister of Public Health and AIDS Control, Dr Thaddée Ndikumana, has provided useful equipment for the maternity service to hospitals in Cankuzo and Murore.

The official launch ceremonies of Mother-Child Health Week second edition continued at the Buhumuza Stadium in Cankuzo province. The day was complemented by the games on the role and importance of monitoring the health of

the pregnant mother and the child.

UNICEF Representative in Burundi Mr. John Agbor said that since 2002 Burundi has been mobilizing twice a year for the health of children and their mothers by organizing interventions throughout the country that significantly improve the health and well-being of children.

UNICEF's representative in Burundi said there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure the health of the most vulnerable women and children, although Burundi is achieving a satisfactory rate of participation and health coverage.

The Minister in charge of Public Health said that the measles vaccination campaign had been successfully conducted but that with the entry of foreigners mainly from the DRC, the disease has returned, which is why another vaccination campaign will be conducted in 14 health districts. 570,466 children will benefit from this vaccine while 1,823,873 children aged 6 under to under 5 will receive vitamins A, those aged 1 to 14 years and pregnant women from the second trimester of albendazoles. The total number of children who will benefit from albendazole is 4,708,676 and pregnant women 297,816, said Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana.

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