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The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye launched at the Presidential Palace of Gitega, on Thursday July 22, 2021, a two-day government retreat, from July 22 to 23, 2021. Thoroughly analyze how the 2021/2022 annual budget will be used for the benefit of the population is the item on the retreat agenda.

In his introductory remarks on the government retreat, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye was delighted that this retreat is being held at a time when peace and security reign throughout the territory of Burundi.

The Head of State indicated that this retreat is special because the members of the Government will analyze the detailed plan for the use of the national budget 2021 - 2022 and the priority actions that each Ministry will carry out for the well - being of the population.

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cellency Evariste Ndayishimiye was also delighted that the members of the Government had well prepared the budget forecasts which were put in the bill on fixing the 2021-2022 budget adopted by the two Chambers of Parliament.

It is in this perspective that the President of the Republic expressed the wish to enlarge the tax base to manage to cover all the expenses foreseen for this fiscal year in order to satisfy the population owner of the capital.

It is for this reason that he asked the members of the Government to redouble their efforts to channel all the revenues because it turned out that leaks of funds are observed before reaching the public treasury by embezzlement, tax evasion, fraud etc.

As the state budget is the capital of the citizens themselves, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye recommended that at the end of the year taxpayers have palpable dividends so that they continue to contribute with pride.

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During this two-day government retreat, members of the Government will learn about the use of public funds presented by the Minister having Finance in his or her attri-

butions, then will follow discussions and debates on the priority action plans that each Department will achieve for the welfare of the people. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## President Ndayishimiye meets with farmers to promote innovative irrigation systems



The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye continued his activities this Friday, July 23, 2021 on the Birohe hill of the political capital of Gitega where he lent a hand to the farmers of the Mutwenzi valley by sowing carrot seeds in a field prepared and enriched in this dry season thanks to the irrigation of the fields.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye then went to Bu-

gendana to support a group of farmers in the Mugera zone who are preparing to harvest huge quantities thanks to an innovative irrigation system which consists of digging canals to convey the mountain water in the fields. The Head of State asked other provinces to follow this example in order to increase production, even during the dry season, which should no longer be synonymous with idleness or famine.

Also in Bugendana, President Ndayishimiye visited a local association which participates in the supervision and capacity building of local farmers through their training center. He recalled that this is also the mission of agricultural monitors across the country.

Welcomed by songs, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye closed his activities on the Bitare hill where the development works of a modern agro-pastoral complex were launched on his initiative. He urges other political and administrative leaders to lead by example.

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## The Head of State calls for the promotion of love of work for sustainable development



While he joined the Christians of the Murayi Parish for the Sunday prayer on July 25, 2021, the Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye called on the population to develop love of work in order to promote socio-economic development of the country

which will allow them, in turn, to live easily.

The President of the Republic who was accompanied by the First Lady, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, launched this appeal after expressing his gratitude to the Almighty for allowing the Burundians to continue to go about their daily activities in this period when the pandemic of COVID-19 is rampant all over the world. "You must continue to develop the love of work, promote socio-economic development in order to ensure your well-being in the country. President Ndayishimiye said, calling on the people to work hard.

The parish priest of Murayi, Abbot Apollinaire Ntakarutimana, in his homily drawn from Matthew 14, for his part, asked Christians to support each other like Jesus who shared 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish with 5,000 men.

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## President Ndayishimiye advocates respect for the temple of God



The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye accompanied by his whole family this Sunday, during the inauguration ceremonies of a church built by the Evangelical Church of Friends of Nyarurambi, in Rutegama Commune of Muramvya province, called the servants of God to respect the temple of God.

"God recommends that we preach love, obedience and hard work", President Ndayishimiye said of the gospel of Jesus when he chased businessmen including money changers from the temple.

"With respect for the barrier measures against Covid19, the country has made an important step in the fight against hand-held diseases", said President Ndayishimiye, demonstrating the benefits of complying with these measures.

The Head of State did not fail to thank the Evangelical Friends Church for the gifts offered including the certificate of honor and cows in recognition of his family's contribution to the construction of this new temple.

Note that the Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic and member of this church was also present and was thanked for his contribution to more than 75%.

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## Burundi's Muslim community plays an essential role in national life



The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye joined the Muslim community of Gitega in the celebration of Eid Al Adha, the Feast of Sacrifice. He praised the invaluable contribution of Muslims in Burundi in the development of the country and in safeguarding peace and social cohesion.

As the Representative of Comibu indicated, it is an unprecedented fact that a current President of the Republic joins the Muslims of Burundi in the celebration of Eid Al Adha: "You are the symbol of frater-

nal cohabitation between the different religious denominations".

In recognition of his presence and his action in general, the Muslims of Gitega offered donations, including a cow, to President Ndayishimiye who in turn pledged to share them with the orphans and the most destitute who he usually helps.

In his message of greetings, the Head of State congratulated the Muslim community of Burundi for the many socio-economic development projects it has initiated through trade, the construction of school and health infrastructure. He took this opportunity to

urge the Muslims of Burundi to become more involved in strengthening multilateral cooperation between Burundi and the Arab countries whose religion they share. After the Eid Al Adha prayer at Ingoma Stadium, it was in a friendly atmosphere that His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye shared iftar with the Muslim community. He encouraged them to make this day a celebration of compassion and sharing with those in most need.

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## The President of the Republic receives in audience the President of the Development Bank of Central African States



The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience on Friday July 23, 2021, FORTUNATO-OFA MBO NCHAMA, President of the Development Bank of Central African States. They discussed the possibility for this Bank to

support Burundi in its development process.

At the end of the audience, the President of the Development Bank of Central African States told the press that the President of the Republic H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye presented him with his vision on the development process of Burundi, a vision which falls within the missions of the Bank.

The Head of State H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye also indicated that the Government of Burundi is working tirelessly for the economic recovery of the country and that the National Development Plan constitutes a reference for priority projects which should inspire all partners.

The President of the Development Bank has promised that this institution will capitalize on the possibilities of financing the socio-economic development ambitions of the Government of Burundi. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Parliamentary holidays: the President of the National Assembly visits the province of Cankuzo

During his parliamentary recess in July, the President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe, met on Monday July 19, 2021 in Cankuzo Commu-



National Assembly the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe reminded the leaders of the province of Cankuzo that the State of Burundi has put agriculture and livestock at the center of the country's development and called on them to support and

ne, local elected Officials, Heads of decentralized services, administrative Leaders and Representatives of religious denominations of all the municipalities of Cankuzo province, in a meeting of exchange on the role of agriculture and livestock in the development of the country.

In his welcome address, the Governor of Cankuzo Mr. Boniface Banyiyezako said that the population of his province has largely responded to the Government's call to increase agricultural production and that the production of corn in stock is more than 2 thousand tons.

In his speech for the occasion, the President of the

develop this sector to ensure economic growth.

The Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe took this opportunity to announce to the leaders of the province of Cankuzo that the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock is responsible for working, in collaboration with the administrators and the population of so as to allow the State to pay the public debt which should tend towards zero in 2027 according to forecasts. For this, he invited the provincial administration to exploit all state and private lands that were until now unexploited and to appeal to investors in the agro-food industry to increase production in this province.

For the President of the National Assembly, the inte-

grated development of the country demands a price which is none other than a change of mentality. According to the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe, a good leader must develop qualities which allow him to ensure the well-being of the population under his responsibility.

In this regard, the President of the Lower House of Parliament hinted that a good leader must be peaceful, inspire peace and serenity in those around him and must make peace with everyone. A good leader must also according to the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe, have faith in God, fear God and show humility. He must seek advice, accept the advice of others and himself give advice to others, without forgetting to defend the interests of those who are responsible.

The President of the National Assembly encoura-

ged the leaders of the Cankuzo province to avoid selfishness and egocentricity, to be respectful towards those they lead, to have self-control and to know how to find adequate answers when the time comes timely.

Finally, he reminded them that a good leader must ensure social cohesion, know how to forgive and ask for forgiveness when he has wronged someone.

Finally, the President of the National Assembly invited every citizen of this province to feel challenged and every leader to take the lead in increasing production.

After discussions, leaders at all levels in the province of Cankuzo pledged before the President of the National Assembly to make agriculture and livestock a battle horse against poverty, in order to put the country on the way of development. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation organises Information and Exchange Seminar for newly appointed diplomats



On Thursday, July 22, 2021, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA officially opened an information and exchange seminar for newly appointed diplomats, at the Best Outlook Hotel.

In his speech, the Permanent Secretary wished them a warm and cordial welcome and also sent them his warm congratulations for the confidence that the high authorities of the Republic have placed in them.

He also let it be known that it is a tradition at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, to organize for the nominated diplomats, an information and exchange seminar for a better mutual knowledge and especially for a better understanding of the responsibilities and expectations

related to the mission entrusted to them. For him, this is practically an opportunity to provide diplomats with the tools and knowledge necessary to better master the diplomatic function, which nowadays aims to be more offensive and more efficient.

Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA declared that the diplomatic mission is at the same time noble, exhilarating and constraining. It requires qualities of clairvoyance, intelligence, love of work, wisdom and patriotism. Diplomats are called upon to be constantly alert, anticipatory, creative and above all held to an obligation of results. The Council of Ministers in its session of July 07, 2021 recommended that an annual evaluation of each diplomatic representation of Burundi abroad be carried out.

The Permanent Secretary expressed his wish that diplo-



mats can serve a responsible and hard-working Government (RetaMyeyi, RetaNkozi) whose actions and projects will guide and inspire their activities; always keep in mind that a diplomatic representation of one country is a miniature state transplanted into another; to know the visions and projects of socio-economic development of his country; to build solid cooperation with all partners, both bilateral and multilateral, with strict respect for everyone's sovereignty; to build relations based on respect where certain States do not take the place of the international community to oppress other States by imposing unilateral and unjustified sanctions on them. Burundi diplomatic missions must be lively, radiant and welcoming, both for nationals and for foreign partners, and a diplomatic mission requires careful management.

He ended his speech by reminding them that Burundi



expects them to be fulfilled diplomats, competent and proud to represent their country with dignity and to serve their people perfectly.

The presentations made consisted of diplomatic practices, the role of the diplomat in promoting investments, the fight against trafficking and smuggling of human beings, intelligence techniques, administra-

tive management and public finances in a diplomatic mission, on the assessment of compliance with the proper application of rules and procedures in the management of public affairs and on the reporting of the activities of diplomatic missions. These were carried out respectively by

the senior executives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, those of the Investment Promotion Agency (API) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and that of the National Intelligence Service (SNR). (MFADC)

## Women in cross-border trade called on to strengthen their capacities in the field of ICTs



The Government of Burundi through the Ministry of National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender and the Ministry in charge of Trade in collabora-

tion with United Nations agencies including UN Women and UNDP, organized on Monday, on July 19, 2021 in Makamba, regional consultations with women in cross-border trade: Women from Makamba, Rumonge, Ruyigi, Cankuzo, Bururi and Rutana were present in these activities.

Opening these consultations, the advisor to the Minister in charge of Gender Mr. Salvator Ndayegamiye invited the participants to this consultation meeting to come together in association or cooperative to increase their capital in order

to actively participate in the regional competition and mainland in cross-border trade.

Mr. Salvator Ndayegamiye also called on women in

cross-border trade to strengthen their capacities in the field of information and communication technologies, a key sector to know the current prices on the market, the means of transport, the markets being in the region and on the continent etc.

On the Government's side, the Advisor to the Minister in charge of Gender recalled that the Government of Burundi spares no effort to support Burundian women in their self-development activities, as evidenced by the establishment of the Development Bank of women in Burundi. He also thanked the technical and financial partners including the UNDP and the UN Women for their multifaceted support within the framework of promoting the autonomy of Burundian women.

As for the Consultant Mr. Léonidas Ndayizeye, he indicated that the objective of these regional consultations with women carrying out cross-border trade is to provide a platform that allows women to express their needs to facilitate cross-border trade, especially in the context of fully access the opportunities of the common market in the region and the African Continental Free Trade Area and prepare a report that will provide inputs for the documentations of regional issues on women in cross-border trade that could inform negotiations to put in place a special additive protocol for women.

The Consultant Mr. Léonidas Ndayizeye also underlined

that these regional consultations come to help identify the challenges faced by women carrying out cross-border trade, to reflect on the mechanisms allowing to follow the progress already made in this sector and to participate in the improvement of trade in the African continental free trade zones where 54 countries out of 55 countries on the African continent have already ratified, including Burundi.

After a work in groups, the women carrying out cross-border trade enumerated a lot of challenges to correct, in particular the absence at the entry and exit points of Burundi, of trade information offices, harassment of all kinds, corruption, the laws governing cross-border trade written in French, the elasticity of the time it takes to process cases, the Covid19 pandemic, the difficulties of not having access to financial capital, not having access to the necessary information and knowing the opportunities for better cross-border trade in Burundi, little knowledge of information and communication technologies etc.

Note that these consultation frameworks started in the southern region will continue in other regions of the country. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

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**REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI****PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Secretariat-General of the State****MEDIA RELEASE NO 23 CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021**

A Cabinet Meeting was held in Gitega on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2021, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi.

After the presentation of the agenda, His Excellency the President of the Republic invited the Prime Minister to present the summary of the observations resulting from the preparatory meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by the Prime Minister on Monday 19 July 2021 , and which was devoted to the analysis of the same items on the agenda.

After restitution of the Prime Minister to the President of the Republic, the following items were analyzed:

**1. Expenditure commitment ceilings for the first quarter of 2021/2022, presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning.**

The commitment ceilings are subject to regulations prescribed in certain texts, in particular the decree on fiscal governance, the decree establishing general regulations for the management of public budgets. They also comply with the law establishing the general budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2021/2022 financial year which introduced in its article 50, the development of quarterly expenditure commitment ceilings that must be validated by the Council of Ministers.



These commitments are made on the basis of cash receipts. These commitment ceilings, which are in accordance with the State treasury plan, concern all State expenditure, except those which are compulsory and irreducible, such as salary and debt expenditure.

Thus, during the 2021/2022 budget management, the rate of commitments will depend on the rate of revenue collection.

After discussion and debate, these ceilings were adopted with, among other recommendations:

- Properly manage the credits granted while respecting the budget commitment plans of the ministries which must refer to the action plans;
- If the quarterly ceiling of 25% of the annual budget is exceeded, it will be necessary to take this into account during the following quarters to avoid creating an imbalance and budget overruns;
- In this 2021/2022 budget, it will be necessary to grant an operating budget to the General Commissariat of Migration as well as the “Inspection, Finances and Administration” as well as the “Protection of Gender-Based Violence” Departments of the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity;
- For unforeseen situations which will arise suddenly requiring financial resources, a sufficiently motivated request for resources must be sent to the competent authority;
- Regarding unpaid invoices relating to assistance to the indigent, free care and the health insurance card, their payment is not allocated in the 2021/2022 budget allocated to the ministry in charge of health or national solidarity. It is also necessary to study the root causes of these arrears;
- It is necessary to determine who is “indigent” and to update the statistics each year, especially since indigence may not be permanent, and that cheating is observed;
- Statistics must be drawn up each year on those affected by free health care, because births are known;
- We must set deadlines for the purchase of the insurance card to prevent it from being purchased when someone falls ill and apply penalties for latecomers;
- The Ministers in charge of social affairs, the interior and justice are called upon to study strategies to eradicate the “street child” phenomenon.

**2. Sector strategy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation 2018-2027**, presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

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As part of the implementation of the National Development Plan, each ministry must prepare a sectoral strategy document under its jurisdiction.

The development of the sector strategy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation falls within this framework.

This sector strategy aims as a priority at improving diplomatic communication and development cooperation in general, reforming diplomatic careers and acquiring a building housing the central administration services of the ministry in particular.

This strategy reviews the diagnosis of the ministry by showing the state of play of the institutional arrangements of the Ministry, the assets it has to accomplish its mission as well as the challenges to be met.

At the end of the debate, the Strategy was adopted with the following recommendations:

- Ensure that the draft cooperation agreements are no longer waiting to be signed and implemented;
- Set up a diplomatic data archiving system;
- Extend the strategy over the period 2021-2027.

3. **Bill establishing the protocol manual of Burundi**, presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

Good protocol practice as observed in Burundi since its independence is lacking due to the lack of an appropriate legal framework.

The establishment of a protocol manual for Burundi aims to eliminate the hesitations, clumsiness and confusion that lead to dysfunctions in the country's protocol practices.

It aims to adopt a reference relating to the various protocol activities in Burundi and promotes the acquisition of knowledge and capacity building for protocol officers.

This reference document also highlights the procedures and protocol practices relating to diplomatic and consular missions as well as to international organizations accredited to Burundi.

One of the innovations brought by this Manual is to adapt to the multiple evolutions observed in the country since the establishment of the democratic system in 1993, and to certain protocol principles in force in the world.

The other innovation is the establishment of a top-down precedence list.

During the discussion, the following observations and recommendations, among others, emerged:

- It must be ensured that this matter is within the domain of the law with regard to the Constitution;
- The draft should state general principles only and reserve details in other implementing texts;
- It is necessary to ensure that the protocol manual complies with the laws, customs and Burundian culture;
- There is a need to institute mandatory training on protocol uses for persons assigned or appointed to functions relating to the Protocol because the latter reflects the organizational image of a country.

The Ministers in charge of Foreign Affairs, East African Community Affairs, Interior Affairs and Justice will finalize the text by synthesizing it and reviewing the protocol list, with reference to the Constitution, customs and Burundian culture as well as the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic and Consular Relations.

The project will be brought back to the Council of Ministers for adoption.

#### **4. Bill revising organic law n ° 1/03 of February 20, 2017 on the missions, organization, composition and functioning of the National Police of Burundi,**

presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public security.

The National Police of Burundi is currently governed by organic law n ° 1/03 of February 20, 2017.

Since the promulgation of this law, certain omissions and errors have been observed in the body of the text, as well as confusion in the name of certain services having the same equivalence. In addition, some structures are not located in the appropriate place, with regard to their missions.

In order to make the National Police of Burundi more operational and avoid certain overlaps, it is necessary to correct all these imperfections.

Thus, the following are corrections and innovations brought by this project:

- The abolition of the General Training Commission for the benefit of a Technical Office in charge of Training at the level of the General Inspectorate of the National Police of Burundi;
- The replacement of the Interpol Central Police Station by the Interpol Central National Office in order to harmonize with the practices of the Region;
- The introduction of a structure called Haute Hierarchy of the National Police similar to the General Staff of the National Defense Force of Burundi;
- The creation of a service in charge of refugees within the Central Commission for Foreigners;
- The creation of an IT Office and a General Chaplaincy Office;

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted after having undergone some alterations.

**5. Bill on the prevention and repression of cybercrime in Burundi**, presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security.

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In recent decades, the development of information and communication technologies has reached a considerable level and has brought users closer together. The internet is an illustration of the opportunities offered by information and communication technologies.

Despite the advantages offered by these information and communication technologies, the economy, privacy and social interactions are threatened by a new form of crime that specialists have agreed to call “cybercrime” which is “any illegal behavior involving electronic operations aimed at security and the data they process ”.

Currently, only Burundi does not have a specific law on the fight against cybercrime at the level of the East African Community.

The Burundian Penal Code has only four articles on computer crime. This is a loophole that is detrimental to the administration of justice in the area of cyber crime. This situation places Burundi among the preferred targets for this form of crime which can originate from abroad or from within the country.

It is therefore necessary for Burundi to adopt a law that will allow the fight against this type of crime to supplement the existing penal system.

Given that cybercrime is currently classified among transnational organized crimes, the related sanctions included in this project must be very severe and have been raised to the model of those provided for in the laws of the member countries of the East African Community which already have their specific laws on cybercrime.

During discussions, the Council made the following observations, among others:

- This law is necessary and urgent;
- It must be ensured that the project is in line with the Global Strategy for Cyber Security and Cybercrime under development;

- It is necessary to verify whether the penalties provided for are proportional to the offense committed and to include them in the Penal Code when it is revised;
- Once this law is in place, put in place strategies to apprehend criminals.

The Ministers in charge of Information and Communication Technologies, Justice and National Education will support the finalization of this project which will be brought back to the Council of Ministers for adoption.

**6. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the National Center for Emergency Operations**, presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security.

Since 2011, Burundi has had an emergency organization plan, which has become the Civil Security Response Organization Plan “ORSEC” intended to set up emergency response bodies, including the National Center for Emergency Operations (CNOU).

The National Emergency Operations Center is a physical location in which emergency management activities take place. It is, for the moment, being created with the technical and financial support of the Russian Federation.

The Center could be called upon to intervene at the sub-regional level if necessary, given that Burundi was chosen to host the Regional Center of Excellence in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction.

In order to make this Center operational and strengthen the existing emergency response coordination mechanisms, the latter must be supported by a legal text.

This is the subject of this draft decree.

At the end of the debate, the draft was adopted.

**7. Draft decree regulating the manufacture and reproduction of keys in Burundi,**  
presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public  
Security.

For some time now, there has been a crime related to the forgery and falsification of documents resulting in various crimes committed.

This practice has become commonplace in recent days when robberies are committed on parked vehicles, when criminals use fake keys or master keys.

Some managers of hardware stores are singled out for combining this activity with duplicating keys.

Individuals also intervene in the reproduction of keys without an address and without any guarantee of security.

In order to strengthen the security of the keys through the professionalization of the houses that do this work, and to follow this activity well, it is necessary to put it in order.

The purpose of this draft decree is to fight against related crime through the monitoring and control of the activities of those involved in this field.

It concerns keys used in households such as those for door locks, safes, letter boxes, gates, vehicles, etc.

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with, among other recommendations:

- Specify the documents required for the approval request;
- Specify the penalties applied for someone who manufactures the keys without having been approved;
- Decentralize the issuance of loss certificates by the provincial police stations;

- Make this text a joint ordinance of the Minister in charge of the Interior and the Minister in charge of Trade;
- To the Minister in charge of Justice to prepare the text in connection with the manufacture of bags.

**8. Draft decree institutionalizing a national greenhouse gas inventory system,** presented by the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock.

Burundi has been a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change since 1997, and initiated its implementation in 1999 through the development of the first national communication on climate change.

The Convention provides that States Parties communicate to the Conference of the Parties through the Convention Secretariat the following information:

- A national inventory of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions;
- A general description of the measures that the State Party is taking or intends to take to implement the convention;
- Any other information that the State Party considers useful to achieve the objective of the Convention.

In this context, the Government of Burundi has already prepared and submitted to the Secretariat of the Convention three communications, the most recent of which is that of 2019.

As part of this third communication, in terms of the greenhouse gas inventory, the establishment of institutional and legal procedures to improve the existing inventory system was planned.

The establishment of institutional and regulatory procedures to improve the existing inventory system, through a decree which institutionalizes a national



greenhouse gas inventory system and which determines the roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders is a necessity.

Thus Burundi:

- Respond to the commitment of parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which it has ratified;
- May be eligible for funding sources available to implement this Convention;
- Will know the level of its greenhouse gas emissions and will be eligible for clean technologies with less pollution or without pollution;

After analysis, the project was adopted with, among other things, a recommendation to ensure that the efforts made by Burundi in the protection of the environment have the counterpart through the obtaining of financing by the most industrialized countries which are the on the top to produce greenhouse gases that destroy the ozone layer.

## 9. Any Other Business

- The Minister of Civil Service and Employment presented a Note on the activities of private employment agencies.

She indicated that the activities of these agencies were suspended after the finding that some of them were engaged in illegal activities by sending Burundian migrant workers abroad in violation of the regulations in force.

Pending the regulatory process in this sector, and taking into account the importance of the intermediation by these labor placement agencies at the level of the local labor market, the note proposes the revision of Ordinance no. °

660/351/91 of November 9, 1991 which regulates this activity, to allow these agencies to resume labor placement operations only on the local market.

The Council of Ministers asked the Minister in charge of the Civil Service to prepare a text relating thereto for the the Council of Ministers in order to bring it into line with the other texts currently in force.

- The Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning spoke about the progress of preparations for the general census of population, housing, agriculture and livestock 2022. He indicated that with regard to the steering bodies and operational structures of the Census, it remains to set up the Central Bureau of the Census as well as the provincial committees and the municipal census committees.

In terms of preparation, the National Census Orientation Committee and the Census Technical Committee have already held meetings to discuss the whole process, the challenges and the prospects of this operation.

As perspectives, he indicated, among other things, the mobilization of financial and material resources, the development of census mapping and the conduct of the pilot census.

The Council of Ministers asked the Minister in charge of Finance to draw up the schedule of activities so that everyone can organize themselves as far as they are concerned.

- The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation presented a Note on the management of Burundian labor migration.

This note is produced following the observation of illegal migration in certain Gulf countries for the purpose of finding employment, notably through neighbouring countries.

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He indicated that Burundi has established cooperation mechanisms with neighbouring countries to fight against this phenomenon and that it has bore fruits. He also indicated that draft bilateral agreements between Burundi and certain Gulf countries and other countries of destination of this Burundian workforce are in preparation in order to ensure regular and orderly migration.

**Done at Gitega, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

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Secretary-General and Spokesman.-**

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