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The Head of State calls on people to denounce unfair trials



During a moralization session that he led this Monday, August 30, 2021 for natives, elected officials and administrative, political and religious officials working in the province of Kayanza on good governance and patriotism, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye called on the entire Burundian population in general and that of Kayanza province in particular, to denounce and marginalize all judges who make unfair trials.

In this moralization session held at the Gatwaro stadium of Kayanza and which is part of a moralization campaign started a few months ago in various provinces of the country in order to awaken the population to patriotic conscience, the Burundian

Number One has castigated the behavior of certain magistrates who distort the trials because of corruption. The Father of the Nation promised a revision of the law on justice so that offenders are severely punished. "The current constitution allows litigants to lodge a complaint against magistrates who do not decide fairly in a trial," he said.

Talking about development, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye appreciates the step taken by Kayanza Province in terms of development and collaboration in all provincial sectors. He called on them to get down to work in cooperatives, to fight against corruption, economic embezzlement and fraud.

The President of the Republic finally called on all Burundians to set up processing industries for an adequate conservation of production in order to access the proper marketing and export of the surplus.

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President Evariste Ndayishimiye, friend of the young

This Tuesday, August 31, 2021, the President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye met at the Intwari Stadium nearly ten thousand young entrepreneurs from all socio-professional backgrounds of the economic capital of Bujumbura to discuss ways and means to concretely contribute to socio-economic development of Burundi.

From the outset, the President Evariste Ndayishimiye returned to the fundamentals of the responsible and laborious state that he had established and the decisive role that young people are called to play: "Youth is really the future of Burundi, and this is more than just a political slogan for me, it is a great and urgent responsibility".

The Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye then instilled in the young people who were present, the values and the bases of an enlightened patriotism, capable of making all young people actors of radical and positive change. He reiterated his commitment to support the entrepreneurial initiatives of young Burundians whose transformative force is essential to the economic recovery of Burundi.

As such, he cited as examples the journey of some developed countries which would never have taken off, had it not been for the collective awareness of their working population, the youth.

Several young entrepreneurs also had the opportunity to share their journey, their challenges and their successes. Through these testimonies, President Ndayishimiye rejoiced "at the awakening of the conscience of the Burundian youth, who is in the process of



breaking definitively with the old wait-and-see mentalities."

To achieve rapid and concrete results, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye urged young people to group together in cooperatives and / or associations and to invest as a priority in the processing and export of agro-pastoral products because it is a growth sector.

The Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye pleaded for "the emergence of a new generation of Burundians, loving peace and determined to build a new Burundi, beyond any form of divisions which have long hampered the development and the development of Burundi".

Recalling that peace and political and security stability are the best guarantees of socio-economic development, President Evariste Ndayishimiye warned those who would try to disrupt and sabotage the efforts of the People and the Government of Burundi.

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The President of the Republic calls on the population to practice irrigation during the dry season



The President of the Republic of Burundi Evariste Ndayishimiye visited on Monday, August 30, 2021, various agro-pastoral activities carried out by the branch of Munanira in Muruta commune of Kayanza province.

The President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye began his visit to Muruta commune on Kavoga hill. On the spot, the Head of State visited a model potato field, variety "Kijumbu", subjected to permanent hill irrigation and associated with a cattle barn. He also visited the new church of the Catholic branch of Munanira built by the Christians of the locality to the tune of 60 million Burundian francs. The Head of State also visited a storage shed containing 7 tonnes of wheat harvested from 4 hectares as well as 40 tons of potato

seeds. All this heritage belongs to the Rwegura parish.

The President Ndayishimiye said he was satisfied with the achievements of this community, especially since they are part of the government policy which encourages Burundians to use irrigation during the dry season to increase production.

In general, the Head of State welcomed the role of the Catholic Church in the economic development of Burundi. He encouraged the Christians of this branch to continue this momentum and invited them to apply the agricultural techniques learned in their households.

The President of the Republic recalled that the Burundians have the obligation to exploit the land to live and support theirs. He warned that this exploitation must not be done in anarchy, noting that the soil must be preserved for it to continue to produce. This is how he invited the population to draw contour lines to counter erosion. "The Government's objective is that soon, no drop of rainwater can leave the hill to finish its course in a river," insisted President Evariste Ndayishimiye.

He also addressed the subject of reforestation where he called on farmers to plant agro-forestry trees and fixing grasses along contour lines. (www.rtnb.bi)

The First Lady welcomes the contribution of the International School of the Maarif Foundation of Turkey to the promotion of quality education in Burundi

During the official opening of the 2021-2022 School Year at the International School of the Maarif Foundation of Turkey, this Tuesday, August 31,



2021, the First Lady Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE positively appreciated the contribution of this school in promoting quality education in

Burundi.

As this school educates students who are largely of Burundian nationality, the First Lady welcomes this initiative which contributes to strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and Turkey.

"We learned that the International School of the Maarif Foundation provides preschool training up to high school for students of several nationalities dominated by Burundian nationality. It is a hope for Burundi at a time when Turkey is known worldwide for its ability to provide quality training and education, which also contributes to strengthen the ties of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and Turkey." Suggested the First Lady while urging other countries with their representations in Burundi to do the same.

For his part, the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, Dr François HAVYARIMANA, specified "the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research will spare no effort to contribute to the development of International School of the

Maarif Foundation as long as all the requests addressed to it will be in line with the norms and standards dictated by the legislation in force in Burundi."

Minister François HAVYARIMANA also welcomed the presence of Her Excellency the First Lady who "testifies to her permanent concern to contribute to the emergence in Burundi of quality education, a pillar of national development in all sectors of national life."

Created in 2018, the International School of the Maarif Foundation, which applies the "Cambridge" program from kindergarten at the High School of Turkey, will open the upper cycle this year, said Mr. Erol Arslan, Director of the School and Legal Representative of the Maarif Foundation in Burundi.

Note that before the actual opening ceremonies of the 2021-2022 School Year, Her Excellency the First Lady was entitled to a guided tour of the premises of this school, namely the classrooms, the library, the computer room and many others.

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The First Lady asks parents not to discriminate against girls in education

While distributing school kits to vulnerable children in Mubunga, in the Commune and Province of Gitega, the First Lady, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye called on



parents to educate all children without discriminating against girls during the start of the school year set for September 13, 2021. "We would like to urge the parents of the children who will benefit from this school kit to send them to school and serve as examples for others. We take this opportunity to launch a strong appeal to parents to enroll

their children on a massive scale in school and to break down stereotypes that discriminate against girls in the face of schooling," said the First Lady.

Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye also revealed

that this assistance granted under the OP-DAD-Burundi is intended for 4,386 children from poor families including those of the Batwa and the disabled, and will continue in the provinces of Rumonge, Bujumbura, Kayanza, Ngozi, Karusi, Bubanza, Mwaro and the City of Bujumbura.

The First Lady finally thanked the Organiza-

tion of United Nations for Education and Culture, UNESCO, for support in promoting the education of vulnerable children in the world in general and in Burundi in particular. Dr Bruno Tayim Dzounesse the Representative of UNESCO in Burundi for his part welcomed the measure taken by the Govern-

ment of Burundi in 2005 to grant free education which has enabled the growth of the school attendance rate in Burundi. He therefore reiterated UNESCO's support to the Government of Burundi for the promotion of inclusive and quality education in Burundi. (www.presidente.gov.bi)

National Assembly: 3 Ministers talk about land issues

The Ministers in charge of Home Affairs, Justice and Infrastructures were this Wednesday at the National Assembly for a session of oral questions followed by debates. Members' questions related to the payment of taxes when buying, selling, registering and transferring land properties.

Before the oral questions session, the permanent committee of finance presented the report of the raids carried out in all the provinces. The observation was that when registering properties and acquiring certain documents, it happens that citizens pay taxes not provided for by law. Due to too many steps, the population does not hurry to register their land portions.

The permanent committee recommended to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security to immediately stop the payments of taxes not provided for by law at the level of municipalities and provinces in the process of registering land portions. The committee also recommended to the Ministry in charge of the Interior to remove all unnecessary steps in the registration of plots which unnecessarily tire the population. At the Ministry of Justice, the committee recommended specifying the necessary documents in this area.

During oral questions, the deputies raised several concerns of citizens in the field of land. They worry that the applicants for plots pay the costs of servicing in the town planning services to acquire plots, but they spend several years without having these

plots to build them.

The deputies asked if there is no way to decentralize the land titles because the acquisition of the title requires a lot of means. They asked if the Ministry could not pay the travel expenses of the land title officers to get to the land. The deputies asked if after having fought the commissioners of the cattle there is not means to do it also for the commissioners of the houses and land portions.

The deputies deplore the long procedures for acquiring land documents. They also deplore the low value of the land certificate issued at the municipal level and want this document to be valued in the same way as the land title.

Responding to the concerns of deputies on collaboration between services, the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security said that the Government has in its vision, the establishment of an executive of the municipality. This will allow citizens to benefit from all the public services of the ministries in one place.

For the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca, there is no reason for the communal administrators to continue to charge taxes related to the registration of plots. The Ministry will send inspection missions and in the event of a repeat offense, the Ministry will begin to apply sanctions to offenders.

The Minister of Justice, Madame Jeanine Nibizi, for her part, finds it necessary for

state lands to be registered. Otherwise, she explains, people are trying to appropriate it. She argues that land certificates and title deeds have the same value because even the procedures for having both documents are the same. Only land certificates are issued for plots in rural areas.

During the oral questioning session, the President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe raised the issue of decentralization and computerization of land titles and notarial services. The Minister of Justice replied that the question is relevant. For the Minister, computerization would limit cases of cheating, "We are taking up the related challenges to find solutions," she reassured.

As for the Minister in charge of infrastructures, Ir Déogratias Nsanganiyumwami, he reassured

the deputies that the activities of the Burundian Office town planning (OBUHA) will start soon. He explained that the OBUHA has just had sufficient human resources with the last recruitment and that it currently has 348 agents with a budget revised upwards, from 8 to 21 billion.

Minister Ir Déogratias Nsanganiyumwami acknowledges that the procedures to acquire the documents of the plots are long. It is nevertheless reassuring because the OBUHA, which has its headquarters in Gitega, will have offices in all the provinces of the country, which will improve its services in the interest of the citizen. (www.rtnb.bi)

4th session of the joint commission for cooperation between the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi

As part of implementing the instructions received from the Heads of State during the state visit of HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi, in Kinshasa on July 2021 at the invitation of his Counterpart HE Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the DRC, and to support the great initiatives of their elders and their respective peoples as

expressed in the General Agreement on Economic, Technical, Scientific, Social and Cultural Cooperation between the two States signed in Kinshasa on June 26, 1980 reviewed and revised during these meetings, as well as all the agreements and memoranda of understanding on specific issues signed in July 2021 before their Heads of State in Kinshasa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation HE Ambassador Albert



SHINGIRO took part in the 4th session of the joint commission for cooperation between the DRC and Burundi from August 31 to September 2, 2021.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation HE Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO began by recalling that Burundi and the DRC have ties dating for a long time of friendship which form part of a fruitful, dynamic, sincere coopera-

tion, honest and mutually beneficial in several sectors of common interest without forgetting that they share the same values such as attachment to the values of peace, the unity and integration of Africa, dignity, sovereignty, Pan-Africanism and that like the twins, they are not only neighbors, but evolve in a very close proximity of heart, fraternity and sharing of the same ideal, the same future.

The Minister continued by indicating that 33 years which have just passed without organizing any meeting of the joint commission between these two countries is a mishap that will never happen again. Contacts at the highest summit and at the ministerial and intermediate level will continue in an intense, regular, coordinated and planned manner in order to place the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries and the two peoples at the highest level of the history.

In fact, during this 4th session of the joint commission, the DRC and Burundi updated the agreements signed previously in various areas of cooperation in order to give them a more usable and achievable character, with a sub-work program by concrete actions accompanied by implementation deadlines, in accordance with the recommendations of the Heads of State of Burundi and the DRC.

To close, Minister Albert SHINGIRO said he was delighted with the results obtained after 72 hours of hard work, in particular the consensus reached in updating the revised general cooperation agreement between the two countries which covers various areas such as politics and diplomacy, defense and security, agriculture, breeding and fishing, trade, transport, industry, tourism, mines, small and medium-sized enterprises, investment, infrastructure, hydrocarbons, ICT, education and scientific research, as well as the convergence of views in the areas of mobility of goods and people, environmental protection, energy, finance, town planning, housing and land affairs, culture and art, etc.

The Minister Albert SHINGIRO, before closing, invited the Minister in charge of regional integration His Excellency Mr. Didier Mazenga to pay a working visit to Burundi, at the time of his convenience within the framework of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the commitments made at that moment at all levels. (MFADC)

10th joint sectoral council on cooperation in defence matters, inter-state security and foreign policy coordination

The 10th Joint Meeting of the Sectoral Councils on Cooperation in Defence, Interstate Security and Foreign Policy Coordination held a conference in Arusha to discuss regional security matters.

After lengthy deliberations, the meeting, among other issues, considered the report of the joint session of permanent secretaries/ Consultative Committee, adopted and signed it. Speaking during the closing session, Dr. Mathuki underscored the importance of peace and security in



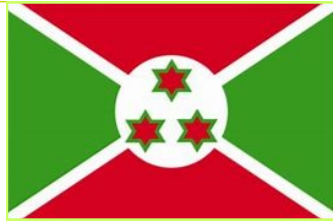
the region and also the need for a coordinated approach in handling Covid-19.

Note that Burundi was represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development

Cooperation HE Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, along with his counterpart in charge of Defense Alain Tribert Muta-bazi. (Source: EAC, translated and edited by MFADC)

Burundi deposits the Instrument ratifying the Agreement establishing the (AfCFTA)

On August 26, 2021, the Embassy of Burundi in Addis Ababa deposited, in the European Union, the law and the Instrument ratifying, by the State of Burundi, the Agreement establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).



This Agreement was adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union during its 18th Ordinary Session which took place from January 29 to 30, 2012 in Addis Ababa and Burundi signed it on July 02, 2018 before being ratified on June 17, 2021 by HE Mr. Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi.

It should also be noted that at the moment the official information indicates that 54 African countries out of 55 have signed the Agreement ratifying the African Continental Free Trade Area and 37 out of 55 have already ratified it and have tabled laws and Instruments of their ratification.

It should also be reminded that the African Continental Free Trade Area is now a giant project (Organ) of the African Union in a very advanced state with regard to its implementation and aims, among other things, to stimulate and support economic development of the continent to meet the objectives of Agenda 2063,

to integrate African markets with the free movement of people, capital, goods and services, to strengthen regional integration and the competitiveness of States Parties at continental and global level, to promote agricultural development, to strengthen food security and to support industrialization and economic structural transformation, etc.

Consequently, by affixing its signature to the Agreement establishing this African Continental Free Trade Area and by accompanying it by the ratification and deposit of the law and the Instrument of ratification, Burundi will have a lot to gain. It will indeed be able to benefit from all AfCFTA programs aimed at supporting national and regional development projects without forgetting access to the large African Market for national products without customs duties at around 90% of products.

On the other hand, Burundi will need to invest more in industrial development and entrepreneurship to support the large-scale production of export goods, which will strengthen the country's competitiveness and prevent it from being drowned in this vast African Market.

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The agro-pastoral sector, a pillar of the country's development

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema met in Gitega on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, the staff of this Ministry to discuss the performance and challenges that the agro-pastoral sector is facing now.

To the staff of the agro-pastoral sector, the Minister recalled that the President of the Re-

public HE Evariste Ndayishimiye made this sector the pillar of development. Dr Deo Guide Rurema asked them to work diligently to fulfill the wish of the President of the Republic "let every mouth have food and every pocket money".

The Minister in charge of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock thanked

and congratulated the staff of the agricultural and livestock sector including orderlies and secretaries because, according to him, they perform their tasks well. He also thanked the Directors of the provincial offices of the environment, agriculture and livestock for the fact that they remain at the side of the population by sensitizing them to the practice of modern agriculture and livestock to increase production.

Before closing the meeting, Minister Dr Deo Guide Rurema advised the staff of the Ministry to change their mentality, to respect the hours of service, to manage the heritage of the Ministry as good fathers of families, especially those who own the vehicles and motorcycles of the Ministry, to serve as a model for those around them in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry, etc. (www.rtnb.bi)

Visit to the dry port of Kwala-Ruvu in Tanzania

A Burundian delegation made up of a technical team accompanied by a Tanzanian delegation carried out a field mission in Tanzania from 23 to 28 August 2021 on the visit of the dry port of Kwala-Ruvu in the coastal region of Pwani at around 100 kilome-



ters in the East of Dar es Salaam. The dry port was granted by the Government of Tanzania to the Government of Burundi.

The Burundian delegation was led by Ambassador Jérémie Banigwaninzigo, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry having transport in his attributions. The Heads of Missions from two respective countries were also present: Gervais Abayeho, Ambassador of Burundi in Tanzania, and Dr Jilly Maleko, Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania in Burundi. For this field visit, the two delegations first visited the port of Dar es Salaam, from where goods transit to Burundi; Dar es Salaam Railway Station, from which passengers and goods will depart when the modern standard gauge railway

is operational; the dry port of Kwala-Ruvu, by taking the dirt road alongside the railway under construction to check the progress of the works and the Morogoro railway station. The land that will host the dry port of Kwala-Ruvu is located along a metric gauge railway, which will facilitate the transportation of goods from there to Kigoma.

The two delegations also went to Kigoma on the site housing the dry port of Katosho, where Burundi will be able to benefit, "on the request of the land with an area of 5 to 10 Ha". Goods from the dry port of Kwala-Ruvu will transit through



the dry port of Katosho before being transported to Burundi. In addition to the dry port of Katosho, the technical teams had the opportunity to visit the port of Kigoma, from where goods transit to the port of Bujumbura. The mission undertaken by the technical teams of the two

countries resulted in the following resolutions: the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania must prepare a draft bilateral agreement for the provision of the agreed land, then submit it to Burundi before On October 30, 2021, the two technical teams will meet in Burundi to finalize the bilateral agreement and initial it, the draft bilateral agreement will then be submitted to the authorized legal bodies of the two countries for approval.

The legal act will be followed by the conference, in Tanzania, of the Ministers of the two

countries having transport in their attributions to endorse the bilateral agreement, allowing the Government of Tanzania to initiate the process of final allocation of land / dry ports to the Government of Burundi. The meeting of technical teams / experts in Burundi and the conference of Ministers in Tanzania will be held according to a schedule to be agreed between the two parties. (MFADC)

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