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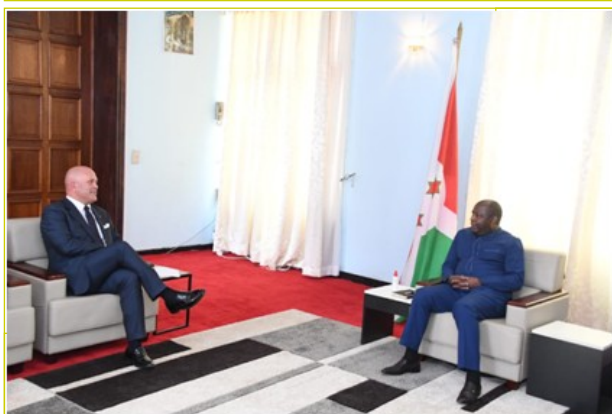


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The Head of State receives the Italian Ambassador to Burundi



This Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience, at the Presidential Palace of Gitega, Mr. Massimiliano MAZZANTI, Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to Burundi with residence at Kampala, in Uganda.

These two personalities focused on strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries. The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye outlined the situation of the country in several areas and the major concerns of the responsible and hard-working State to economically recover Burundi. He thanked Italy for its multifaceted support to Burundian government projects and programs, especially in the agriculture and livestock sector.

In turn, Ambassador Massimiliano MAZZANTI indicated that Italy is committed

to supporting Burundi especially in the development of the agricultural, energy and health sectors. In the area of agriculture, he said that particular emphasis will be placed especially on the tomato sector where Italy will release 1,700,000 euros to develop this area. In the field of energy, Italy is committed

to supporting Burundi in electrification through solar energy where Italian companies will come to set up in Burundi in order to be able to support this important sector for the development of a country.

During this audience, the Ambassador of Italy in Burundi also indicated that his country encourages Burundi for the remarkable progress that has been made in several areas, especially with regard to the promotion of a democratic state, the protection of human rights, good governance, the fight against corruption and economic malfeasance and especially the state of progress of the normalization of relations between Burundi and the European Union which is already making significant progress in several areas .

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The Head of State warns officials who do not properly carry out missions entrusted to them

This Monday, September 13, 2021, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye released 10 convalescent people from the Neuropsychiatric Center of Kamenge and the Hospital "Prince Régent Charles", by settling unpaid bills of over 9 million Burundian francs, representing 50% the salaries of the eight Senior Executives suspended for non-compliance with working hours.



In a speech on this occasion, the Father of the Nation His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye said that this sum was withheld from the salaries of civil servants sanctioned by a 15-day layoff. Burundian Number One His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye took the opportunity to wink and warn other State Officials who are not properly carrying out missions entrusted to them. (www.Presidence.gov.bi)

The Head of State congratulates the national defense corps for the step taken in environmental protection

While proceeding to the inauguration, this Monday, September 13, 2021, of a dry briquette manufacturing plant built at Camp Muzinda in Rugazi Commune of Bubanza Province, the President of the Republic and Commander-in-Chief of the Defense Corps and Security, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye congratulated the National Defense Forces of Burundi for this initiated project which contributes to the protection of the environment.



According to the Commander-in-Chief of the National Defense Force of Burundi, General Prime Niyongabo, the Burundian army is already equipped with 5 briquette production machines in 3 military camps including 2 in Muzinda, 2 in Gitega and another one in Nyanza-Lac, which contributes enormously in saving the environment, especially since these briquettes come only from the remains of rice, coffee and sawdust.

In his speech on this occasion, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye called on other sectors to footprint the Burundian army to support the national environmental protection program called Ewe Burundi Urambaye ". Welcoming the efforts of the National Defense Force of Burundi (FDNB) in the development of the country, the

President of the Republic encourages the institution to continue to provide support in the development of the country by initiating above all large production companies. His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye promises that the Burundian Government will spare no effort to support development projects designed by the Burundian army to support the State in its fight against poverty.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Defense and Security Corps promised that a development unit within the FDNB (Génie Militaire de Développement) will be set up, and will allow the Burundian soldiers to acquire the capacities of development of their nation.

After Muzinda, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye also inaugurated two expansion blocks of the Karwema Health Center in Gihanga commune. He finally inaugurated the Communal Hospital of Gihanga, which testifies to the determination of the Government of Burundi to provide each commune with at least one hospital. (www.Presidence.gov.bi)

Musigati: Inauguration of the first municipal hospital by the Head of State

The Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated, on Saturday September 11, 2021, the municipal hospital of Musigati in Bubanza province. It is the first hospital to be inaugurated as part of the program to transform health centers into municipal hospitals.

The Director General of the Burundian Office for town planning (OBUHA) explained to the Head of State that out of the first batch of 37 municipal hospitals, 35 have already been completed. With the transformation of the Musigati health center into a municipal hospital, the OBUHA added two new blocks, a pediatric ward and an adult hospital ward. The Ministry in charge of Public Health assigned two additional doctors, native of the municipality, with a batch of drugs and medical equipment. With the transformation of the Mabayi Health Center into a municipal hospital, the OBUHA added two new wards, a pediatric ward and an adult hospital ward. On the occasion of the inauguration of Musigati communal hospital, the First Lady HE Angeline Ndayishimiye offered gifts to mothers who had just given birth.

After the inauguration of the Musigati municipal hospital, the Head of State sent a message of congratulations to the population of this municipality for this infrastructure equipped with medical equipment worth 400 million Burundian francs. He asked the staff to manage this material with due diligence and to provide quality health care to the population without ever threatening to go on strike. The President of the Republic called on the population to protect themselves against diseases by respecting the rules



of hygiene.

He declared that he is the leader of the development. In his poverty reduction strategy, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye said that it is necessary to put in place a leadership committed to serving the people, not corrupt. We must promote good governance, education and good

health of the population, fight against laziness and mobilize the entire population to work. The Head of State affirmed that Burundi has all the assets to get out of poverty. He explained that Burundi has a rich underground in terms of minerals, abundant water, fertile land and a Burundian people are intelligences. "Everyone just needs to get to work," insisted the Head of State.

To fight against unemployment, the Head of State revealed that the Government has placed particular emphasis on technical training. That is why a training center is under construction in Karusi province. This is where young people can acquire a variety of professional skills that will enable them to compete in the labor market or to create their own jobs.

In his message on the occasion of the inauguration of the Musigati hospital, the Head of State protested against the embezzlement that characterized the construction of the Mpanda hydroelectric dam, whose work stopped while the State had already spent 50 billion FBu and the Kajeke hydro-agricultural dam, the work of which was poorly executed.

For the Head of State, the money spent on these two infrastructures must be recovered and returned to the public treasury. For the President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye, the corrupt, the lazy and the thieves of public funds no longer have a place in Burundian society. (www.rtnb.bi)

The First Lady of Burundi receives in audience the Ambassador of Italy in Burundi

The First Lady of Burundi and President of the "Fondation Bonne Action Umugiraneza" HE Angélique Ndayishimiye received in audience at the headquarters of the Foundation located in the commune of Giheta in the province of

Gitega, the Ambassador of Italy in Burundi with residence in Kampala H.E Massmilliono Mazzanti.

After the audience, the First Lady of the country indicated that the Ambassador of Italy in Burundi had come to inform her that the aid of modern medical equipment

intended for the Urumuri center in Gitega (which treats women suffering from obstetric fistulas) and the Polyclinic of the “Fondation Bonne Action Umugiraneza” promised during the First Lady’s visit to Italy in Milan, is already available at the ALCHEM Pharmacy.

The First Lady of the Country and President of the “Fondation Bonne Action Umugiraneza”, expressed her deep thanks to the Italian government for its support, especially to the “Fondation Bonne Action Umugiraneza”.

For the Ambassador of Italy in Burundi Massmiliano Mazzanti, this audience was part of the framework of



opening a dialogue with the First Lady of the country regarding the future of the new Burundi. He said Italy is doing everything to improve and strengthen the good bilateral relations that have long existed between the two countries.

On the sidelines of the audience, the First Lady of the Country and the Italian Ambassador to Burundi made a guided visit to the buildings of the polyclinic under construction of the “Fondation bonne action Umugiraneza” which is located in Giheta province. The First Lady indicated that the polyclinic will take care, among other things, of infertile couples. (www.rtnb.bi)

National Assembly: Adoption of the bill on the regulation of migration in Burundi

The National Assembly adopted Monday, September 13, 2021 the bill regulating migration in Burundi. It was the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security who explained the reasons for this new law. According to Minister CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca, the legislation on migration dates from the promulgation of Decree-Law No. 1/007 of March 20, 1989 regulating the access, stay and establishment of foreigners in the territory of Burundi and their remoteness.

This sector is also governed by Law N ° 1/32 of 13/11/2008 on asylum and the protection of refugees and stateless persons. Thirty years later, this decree-law needs to be adapted because since this period, several social phenomena and various regulations in this area have appeared in Burundi and elsewhere, in particular the ratification of the Treaty of Burundi to the East African Community.

Being a member of the East African Community, and having ratified the Treaty and the protocols that govern this community, there is an obligation for Burundi to harmonize the laws governing migration services in member countries, said Minister CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca. As globalization has taken hold of all countries, the nature of the cross-border movement of people and goods has changed dramatically. Travel



documents have been digitized. Transnational crime, including terrorism and cybercrime, have taken worrying developments.

The two texts were in force while they legislate on the same domain; foreigners, refugees and stateless persons. It should also be noted that they are all silent on the issue of emigration. The regulation of the movement of people should no longer consider entry only. It should also extend to nationals traveling outside the country, security issues and the implementation of community conventions such as that of the EAC.

To the question of Burundians living abroad who experience difficulties after the expiration of their passports, the Minister replied that they must make this effort to return to the country to have this so important document, it is also a way to keep a link with the country of birth. But the students don't have to come back, he continued. And to add that they can go through the Ministry in charge of Education which is empowered to contact the services responsible for preparing and sending these passports.

After the analysis and clarifications of Minister CPC Gervais NDIRAKOBUCA, the deputies unanimously adopted the bill on the Regulation of migrations in Burundi. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Prime Minister receives in audience the Nigerian Ambassador to Burundi

P rime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni received in audience on Monday, September 13, 2021, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Burundi, H.E Mr. Elijah Onyeagba. Their exchanges focused on friendship and cooperation relations. The two personalities also dis-



cussed the possibility of conducting political consultations to allow the free movement of the authorities of the two countries, holders of diplomatic or service passports, without visa requirements. (www.rtnb.bi)

Prime Minister receives in audience the Ambassador of USA to Burundi

P rime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni received in audience the Ambassador of the United States of America to Burundi, H.E Mrs Melania Harris Higgins. Their exchanges focused on bilateral cooperation between the two countries, particularly on the strengthening of the Burun-



dian economy. The two personalities discussed the partnership between the two countries, particularly in the field of health, good governance, human rights, humanitarian assistance and the possibility of expanding the areas of cooperation. (www.rtnb.bi)

Official inauguration of the honorary Italian consulate in Burundi

T his Friday, September 17, 2021, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako accompanied by the Ambassador of the Republic of Italy in Burundi HE Mr. Massimiliano MAZZANTI proceeded to the opening ceremony of the Honorary Consulate of the Re-



public of Italy in Bujumbura. In his remarks, the Ambassador of the Republic of Italy in Burundi said that the opening of an Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Italy in Burundi represents the realization of the will of HE Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi.

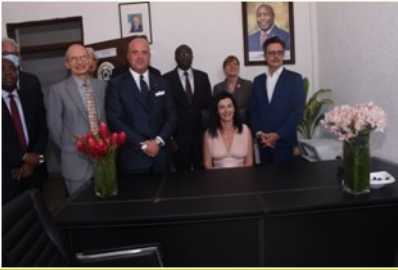
Ambassador Massimiliano MAZZANTI noted that the opening of a Consulate is never a useless act in relations between States. He added that this sovereign decision of Italy and Burundi reflects the strong will to strengthen the friendship between our two countries, and once again demonstrates the intention to strengthen bilateral political, economic and social relations.

The Ambassador of Italy to Burundi reported that Italy intends to support all initiatives that aim to consolidate the agricultural and poultry sector in order to guarantee food security, to contribute to the solar electrification of the country and to improve the health system



in these hard times of the pandemic.

As for the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako, he thanked HE Ambassador Massimiliano MAZZANTI for the invitation to share the great moment,



the historic moment in interstate relations. He said diplomatic representation reflects the firm desire to boost the bonds of friendship and partnership between nations and

their respective peoples.

Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako addressed his warm congratulations to Mrs. Caterina IAMETTI on her appointment as Honorary Consul of Italy in Burundi. He promised her all the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation in carrying out her tasks.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Af-

fairs and Development Cooperation said that Burundi and Italy have maintained, for about fifty years, contacts and multifaceted relations, in particular through bilateral cooperation and decentralized cooperation.

Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako indicated that although these relations between Italy and Burundi are promising, they have not yet reached a very remarkable level, but he is delighted with the key role and the considerable place occupied by non-governmental Italian organizations in the development of Burundi.

“We now need to give new content to bilateral cooperation. This is the wish of the Burundian Government, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation undertakes to work in close collaboration with You, Your Excellency the Ambassador and Madam Consul in order to translate our wishes into concrete acts », Indicated Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako. (MFADC)

An information session on reforms of the system of United Nations

On September 16, 2021, some executives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation participated in an information session on reforms of the system of United Nations. This session was organized by the office of the Resident Coordinator of the system of United Nations which



was represented by the Head of this office, Mr Pacome Kossy.

This session was opened by the Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Ambassador

Isaïe KUBWAYO who welcomed all the participants.

In turn, the Head of the Resident Coordinator's office, Mr. Pacome Kossy, said that now there is a reform program within the system of United Nations which lasts until 2030.

Mr. Pacome Kossy continued by saying that this reform program is centered on sustainable national development. In fact, he indicated that in this system, it will be spoken of win-win cooperation instead of assistance. He also said the new global partnership will be characterized



by human rights-based approach, transformation, leaving no one behind, national ownership, integrated approach, and universality. For the thorough reform supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Mr. Pacome Kossy said that there will be the reform of the development system, the management reform and the reform of the peace and security pillar.

After the Head of the office of the resident Coordinator, the participants gave their

interventions and asked a few questions to Mr. Pacome Kossy to which he gave clear answers.

The session was closed by the Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations Ambassador Isaïe KUBWAYO who thanked Mr. Pacome Kossy for his presentation and the participants for having answered the call. (MFADC)



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