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The President of the Republic of Burundi begins a State visit to the United Republic of Tanzania

The President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste Ndayishimiye took a plane on Friday, October 22, 2021 to the United Republic of Tanzania



in Dodoma for a State visit.

As noted in a press release made public by the office in charge of information, communication and spokesperson of the Presidency of the Republic of Burundi, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye has gone to the United Republic of Tanzania for a three-day State visit during which, he will meet his counterpart HE Samia Suluhu Hassan to explore ways and means of strengthening the historical and fraternal relations which bind the two countries.

According to the same press release, the President of the Republic of Burundi has been accompanied by HE Angeline Ndayishimiye, the First Lady of the Republic of Burundi.

It should be recalled that relations between Burundi and Tanzania have, since the 1960s, evolved positively during the struggle against colonialism. In 1993, these relations also continued to evolve as the negotiation process progressed

which led to the signing of the Arusha Agreement in August 2000. They have even become excellent since the establishment of the new institutions

resulting from the democratic elections held from June to August 2005.



High-level visits were made from two sides, mixed commissions were held among others the last Mixed Permanent Commission (CPM) between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Burundi which is also the 6th, which was held from March 3 to 5, 2021 in at Kigoma, in Tanzania. It followed the decisions taken during the 5th session of the CPM held at Dar es Salaam, in Tanzania, from November 24 to 26, 2006, as well as the directives of their Excellencies: John Pombe

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Joseph MAGUFULI, the late President of the United Republic of Tanzania, and Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, the President of the Republic of Burundi, in September 2020. The purpose of this session was to lay a solid foundation for revitalizing cooperation between the two countries in several fields.

Cooperation agreements between Burundi and Tanzania were signed. For example, the most recent of July 16 to 17, 2021 where Her Excellency Mrs. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania paid an official visit to Burundi, on the sidelines of which the Burundian and Tanzanian Heads of State had a tête-à-tête dialog followed by bilateral talks and the successful signing of eight (8) bilateral cooperation agreements in various fields: On the holding of political

and diplomatic consultations; in the mining sector; in the energy sector; on the teaching of Kiswahili in Burundi and French in Tanzania; in the health sector ; on the transfer of detainees; in agriculture and in fishing fields.

It is in the same logic that His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE is carrying out this State visit to strengthen the good relations of friendship, good neighborhood and cooperation that exist between these two brother countries, Burundi and Tanzania. Note that the President of the Republic of Burundi departed, accompanied by some Senior Officials of the Government of Burundi including the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, H.E. Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO.

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The African Development Bank is committed to cooperate with Burundi in the implementation of development projects

This Tuesday, October 19, 2021, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience the Resident Representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB), Mr. Daniel NDOYE who reaffirmed the AfDB's willingness to cooperate closely with the Burundian



Government in the implementation of various development projects underway in Burundi.

During this audience, the two personalities mainly discussed the cooperation between the Republic of Burundi and the African Development Bank, especially with regard to the multifaceted support of the said bank in the development of Burundi.

The Resident Representative of AfDB in Burundi took this opportunity to welcome the leadership of the President of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye in the monitoring of development programs in general and those financed by AfDB in particular, which is manifested in his involvement in a rigorous monitoring of implementation of projects, to ensure that the expected results are actually observable on the field. "This is an encouraging factor for us as partners," he said.

This personality of the AfDB also noted and welcomed the will of the Burundian Head of State to put the whole Government to work in the implementation of development projects. With regard to development planning in

all sectors, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye reaffirmed his desire to have joint planning with partners so that there is a better coordination within the framework of the implementation of the Government projects and programs, an approach that the AfDB greatly welcomes.

The two personalities also mentioned a number of projects financed by the African Development Bank, in particular the Rumonge-Gitaza road construction project where His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye insisted a lot on the assurance of the efficiency which should characterize this work, a feeling he shares with the AfDB through its Resident Representative, Mr Daniel NDOYE, who is committed to working for a better sustainability of investments for the benefit of the beneficiary population. He also raised the need for good collaboration in this regard.

During this audience, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye also insisted on the importance of capacity building, vocational training in important sectors such as agriculture and livestock, transport, mining, technology of Information and Communication ICT, etc., in short, undeniable components for the implementation of the entire development policy of the country.

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Women leaders are determined to fight against malnutrition

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye launched this Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in Bujumbura the work of the National high level Forum of Women Leaders, 2nd edition with the theme: "Women Leaders, unite ourselves against malnutrition in Burundi

"which shows the will to unite against malnutrition.

"Your presence among us, comforts our common commitment to pursue the objectives of the fight against malnutrition in the world and more particularly on our continent, Africa", said His Excellency the President of the Republic who did not fail to congratulate the designers of this Forum which offers women the opportunity to make an important contribution to the life of the country.

"This Forum will look into the very important question of the eradication of malnutrition and related diseases", expressed His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye convinced that the recommendations that will be formulated will be used in the elaboration of projects aiming at the fight against malnutrition.



The Head of State is satisfied that the woman has taken ownership of the fight against malnutrition since she is the one who mainly takes care of the cooking. "You are giving the Government and the administration a boost," said His Excellency the President of the Republic.

"To establish sustainable food security, we call on both national and international investors to always support the Government in this noble vision of increasing production, for an improvement in terms of health of the population in general, of children and women in particular," he concluded.

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye thanked the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations Agency System for his commitment to mobilize all technical and financial partners in the fight against malnutrition.

The second edition of the Forum of women leaders saw the participation not only of citizens of Burundi, but also foreign delegations including the one led by the First Lady of Niger. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

Women leaders called on to combine efforts to help achieve zero malnutrition in Burundi by 2025

During her closing remarks at the National high level Forum of Women Leaders which ended on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 in Bujumbura, the First Lady HE Angeline Ndayishimiye announced the contribution of women leaders to the fight against malnutrition in Burundi.

She indeed suggested that during this Forum which lasted two days, the women leaders were called to "supervise the rural women in order to promote their effective economic empowerment and to combine the efforts in order to contribute to the



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achievement of zero malnutrition by 2025 for children under 5".

In addition, Burundian women leaders were called upon to invest in sensitizing communities on the importance of a balanced diet for pregnant or breastfeeding women and children under 5, she added.

On the side of African First Ladies Organization for Development / Burundi section (OPDAD-Burundi), the First Lady of Burundi who is at the same time the President of this organization reaffirmed her commitment to support the Government of Burundi for the achievement of the

sustainable development goals that it has set for itself.

The high level national Forum of women leaders organized by OPDAD-Burundi under the theme "Women leaders, unite against malnutrition in Burundi" was enhanced by the First Lady of the Republic of Niger as well as several high personalities of the country.

After the activities of the Forum, their Excellencies the

First Ladies of Burundi and Niger made a guided visit to the Afritextile and FOMI factories located in the Town Hall of Bujumbura.

The evening ended with a cocktail offered by Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye in honor of Her Excellency Hadjia Hadiza Bazoum and her delegation. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

The President of the Republic H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye paid a tribute to the Martyr of Democracy

28 years ago, after the assassination of the late President Melchior Ndadaye, the Burundian President HE Evariste Ndayishimiye accompanied by his Spouse, paid a tribute to him on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the mausoleum of the illustrious Martyr of democracy.

The Ceremonies began with the Requiem Mass celebrated by the Vicar General of the Diocese of Bujumbura, Bishop Anatole Ruberinyange, in the presence of the presidential family with their guest of honor HE Hadjia Hadiza Bazoum, the First Lady of the Republic of Niger, High Officials of the country, the Spouse of the late President of Burundi, Madam Laurence Ndadaye as well as the biological family of the Hero of Democracy.

In his Homily, the Vicar General returned to the Gospel according to Luke 12: 49-53 "I have come to bring fire on the earth and how I would like it to be kindled!" According to the Preacher, it is the fire of love, the fire that all Burundians need," he said.

The Vicar General recalled the slogan of the Burundian President HE Evariste Ndayishimiye "Turikumwe twese birashoboka" that is to say that the Union is strong. Bishop Anatole Ruberinyange said, recalling that the heritage of the fire lit by HE Melchior Ndadaye is in the image of Jesus who accomplished everything on the cross.

The Servant of God continued his homily with the gospel according to John who also speaks of peace. "Do you think I came to bring peace to the earth? No, I'm telling you, but rather the division" he added, high-



lighting the idea of the late President Melchior Ndadaye who was thirsty to bring peace to the hearts of Burundians, see his inauguration speech. The Vicar General finally ended his homily by inviting all Christians to be in the image of Jesus in the service of love and peace.

The Ceremonies continued at the Mausoleum of the Hero of Democracy where the Presidential Couple laid a wreath of flowers on the tomb of the late HE Melchior Ndadaye. The guest of honor HE Adjia Haziza Bazoum, the First Lady of the Republic of Niger also paid tribute to the illustrious Martyr of Democracy as well as the various high personalities and representatives of various political parties accredited to Burundi.

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The President of the Republic receives in audience the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates in Burundi

The President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates in Burundi, with residence in Kampala in Uganda, Abdalla Hassan Obaid Hassan Alshamsi who came to



present his credentials to him.

According to Madam Evelyne Butoyi, the spokesperson for the President of the Republic, they discussed ways and means to strengthen diplomatic relations between Burundi and the United Arab Emirates. (www.rtnb.bi) (MFADC)

H.E. Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, satisfied with the quarterly achievements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation for the months of July-September 2021-2022



On Wednesday October 20, 2021, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO held a press conference on the quarterly achievements of the Ministry for the month of July-September 2021-2022 which are already assessed at the execution rate: 95%.

In his speech, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, said that on the basis of the Action Plans of the Government and the Ministry for the fiscal year 2020-2021 as well as on the basis of initiatives and innovations outside of Action Plans, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation carried out actions around six main areas, namely: strengthening good governance; strengthening and expanding development cooperation; strengthening diplomatic communication; the consolidation of a strategic relationship between the diaspora and the Government; the challenges encountered and the pros-

pects for the future.

As part of the strengthening of good governance, the fight against corruption and economic malfeasance and the implementation of axis 13 of the Burundi National Development Plan 2018-2027 on governance, concrete actions have been carried out.

Without being exhaustive, these include, among others: active participation in community work, in actions of the national reforestation project "Ewe Burundi Urumbaye" and organization of cleanliness campaigns around services; the intensification of social dialogue through the organization of regular monthly and / or quarterly consultation meetings with the staff of the Ministry, the organization of quarterly visits and field trips for monitoring and evaluation in decentralized services; taking anti-corruption measures and reducing administrative slowness in processing files and raising awareness on the fight against corruption among Central Administration staff during the General Assembly and Diplomatic and Consular Missions of Burundi abroad; organization of training workshops in key areas of Diplomacy; organization of monitoring and evaluation missions for the achievements of Regional and International Organizations and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations; the Ministry carried out inspection missions in Diplomatic and Consular Missions; the training of Executives of the General Inspection and of the General Direction of Administration and Management in performance auditing; the unanimous adoption, for the first time in history, of the bill on the organization of the Diplomatic Service of

the Republic of Burundi by the two chambers of Parliament; the adoption during the Council of Ministers of July 07 2021, of the decree on the Sector Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation by the Council of Ministers; to adopt the draft decree regulating the granting and management of diplomatic passports by the Council of Ministers; monitoring the implementation of the Sector Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation; have the draft protocol guide for Burundi adopted by the Council of Ministers; have the performance contracts signed by all Senior Executives and Executives of the Central Administration and the Heads of Diplomatic and Consular Missions; ensure the popularization of Burundi's foreign policy within national and international institutions; the Ministry made the follow-up of the construction works of the chanceries, residences and fences of lands of some diplomatic missions. The Ministry is also seeking funding for the construction of the building that will house its services.

With regard to the strengthening and extension of development cooperation within the framework of the implementation of axis 16 of the National Development Plan (PND Burundi 2018-2027) which speaks of the Development of Regional and International Cooperation

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation ensured the monitoring of the financing of the rehabilitation project of the Melchior NDADAYE International Airport, the Port of Bujumbura as well as the deviation of the national road (RN1) next to the presidential palace called " Kwa Ntare House", the Ministry finalized the development of the National Regional Integration Strategy (SNIR) and the Action Plan for its implementation; the Ministry is currently negotiating several bilateral agreements on the employment of Migrants from Saudi Arabia; the Ministry has also negotiated 22 Technical and Economic Cooperation Agreements with bilateral and multilateral partners; the Ministry has further negotiated scholarships and internships with bilateral partners; the Ministry held two (2) sessions of the Permanent Mixed



Commissions of cooperation between the Republic of Burundi and its partners; and the Ministry continues to advocate for the resumption of direct cooperation with the European Union (EU).

In terms of strengthening diplomatic communication

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation has started preparations for the holding of one exchange and information session for the Heads of Diplomatic Missions and Consular and Representatives of International Organizations accredited to Burundi, the Ministry participated in several regional and international meetings and conferences; the Ministry received bilateral and multilateral partners in audience and publish the related information; the Ministry has also produced and sent a quarterly newsletter and magazines bringing together current affairs subjects of the country to the Diplo-

matic and Consular Missions of Burundi abroad and to the Diplomatic and Consular Missions and to the International Organizations accredited in Burundi. As part of strengthening the communication diplomacy which is oriented towards diplomacy focused on economic development, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation has adopted an internal and external Communication Strategy document valid from 2020 to 2027.

Regarding the consolidation of a strategic relationship between the Diaspora and the Government, as well as the promotion of the employment of migrants

The Ministry organized with resounding success in July the week of the Diaspora. During this week, the President of the Republic held a moralization session with the members of the diaspora who had made a trip to Burundi. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation ensured the follow-up of the processing of applications for exemption from personal effects of Burundians living abroad and who expressed the wish to voluntarily return to their native country. A legal framework to properly regulate this activity is in the process of being finalized and a joint order between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and De-

velopment Cooperation and the Minister in charge of finance has just been signed.

Although the Ministry's achievements for the period from July to September 2021 are satisfactory, the Minister spoke of some challenges encountered: the context of the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted and slowed down the activities of the Ministry, especially at the level of the Foreign Service; the lack of sufficient resources to achieve all the objectives of the Ministry. However, the Ministry is delighted with the results recorded with the means available. He undertakes to redouble his efforts to maintain the current dynamism in order to achieve as much as possible the objectives of the Laborious and Responsible Government: "Reta Nkozi, Reta Mvyeyi" in the field of cooperation. It is also determined to maintain the current

memento to allow Burundi to regain its rightful place in the concert of Nations and on the diplomatic map.

With regard to future prospects, the Ministry intends, among other things, to draw up the implementation plan for the decree on the Sector Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation; adopt the draft revision of the decree regulating the granting and management of diplomatic passports by the Council of Ministers; Prepare an internal audit manual, after the finalization of the Ministry's Strategy on good governance and the fight against corruption and economic embezzlement; continue the process of ratifying certain cooperation agreements and others.

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From now on, a legal framework for managing the mobility of Burundian labor

Following the establishment of a Directorate in charge of promoting the employment of migrants and the establishment of institutions coordinating activities in this Directorate, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation quickly moved on to the next step.

As part of realizing the common will shared at the highest level between the Leaders of the Republic of Burundi in Gitega and those of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh, to strengthen, cement and expand the areas of cooperation between our two countries through mutually beneficial partnerships, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation HE Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO signed two Agreements on the recruitment of migrant workers in general and domestic workers in particular, between the Government of Burundi and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, during an official mission to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in early October 2021.

HE Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO said he was satisfied and was very pleased with the signing of these agreements because "moreover, in a constantly changing and increasingly interdependent world, the regional or international mobility of the workforce remains essential for both countries of origin and coun-



tries of destination. To avoid possible abuse, this mobility must be orderly, safe and regular," he said.

He indeed confided that, what pushed him to invest in the signing of these agreements it is above all the legal and social protection of our young people who left so far in this country in

search of employment without any legal and social protection. For him, these agreements will put an end to the clandestinity and the abuses of which some of our young people were victims. The second reason is that these agreements will open up job opportunities to our youth, who represent more than 60% of the population.

As the first agreement opens the door to young Burundians with a trade in other fields, once there, they will acquire experience and new technologies that they can use for the benefit of our country at the end of their stay in Arabia. Arabia.

These agreements come at the right time because, as soon as they are implemented, things will not be the same as before. Instead, Burundian migrant workers will be able to observe the end of clandestinity, benefit from legal and social protection, and protection in terms of respect for workers' rights. Recruitment will be well organized and regulated, there will be the possibility of opening a bank account in the name of

the worker to pay his salary directly. Training before deployment on the requirements of the profession and the culture of the host country will be provided to Burundian workers. Above all, there will be a monitoring committee on both sides to ensure compliance with the clauses of these agreements.

Another good news is that young Burundians with professions or talents sought in the host countries will have the chance to go there and work legally with the guarantee of social and legal protection.

Note that similar agreements will soon be signed with other Gulf countries and elsewhere in order to

broaden the basket of opportunities for Burundian youth in search of employment. Diplomatic demarches on this subject are underway and are going well.

The two agreements will be definitively in force after the internal ratification procedures in each country. In the case of Burundi, they will first go to the Council of Ministers for analysis, before being sent to Parliament for adoption. The procedural shuttle of these two instruments will end with the promulgation by the Highest Authorities. **(MFADC)**

Gitega: official launch of the judgment execution campaign

The Minister of Justice Madam Jeanine NIBIZI proceeded on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 to the official launch of the campaign of observation and execution of the civil judgments rendered in the 1st degree by the courts of residence. The campaign will

cover the period from October 20 to November 20, 2021. The launching ceremonies of this campaign took place on Gisuru hill in Giheta commune of Gitega province.

In her speech for the occasion, the Minister of Justice thanked the President of the Republic H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye for his support in the organization of the campaign. She then asked the magistrates who are going to execute these judgments to do so well by respecting ethics and professional deontology. To the administrators, the agents of the judicial order and the police, to accompany them in order to ensure the good progress of this activity.



Minister Madam Jeanine NIBIZI indicated that the objective of this campaign is to bring justice to litigants. She added that across the country more than 600 trials remain pending in the courts of residence.

On the sidelines of the official launch of the campaign for the execution of civil mares rendered

by the courts of residence, the Minister of Justice in the company of senior officials of the judiciary attended the execution of civil judgments in the municipalities of Giheta, Mutaho, Bugendana and Gitega.

After the execution of civil judgments in various municipalities of Gitega province, Minister Madam Jeanine NIBIZI met with the population of Kumuciro hill in Gitega commune to whom she presented various judicial authorities who were with her, particularly the President of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General of the Republic and the President of the National Commission for Land and other Goods (CNTB).

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