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### The members of the Burundian executive in retirement at Gitega since Wednesday, under the leadership of the Head of State



This Wednesday, November 3, 2021, started at the Presidential Palace at Gitega, the political capital of Burundi, a two-day retreat organized for Members of the Burundian Government, under the auspices of the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye.

In an introductory word pronounced at the beginning of the activities of this retirement, the Head of State H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye indicated that the objective of the retirement is to assess the step taken in the implementation of the aspirations of the population in different areas of national life.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye also informed that this retirement constitutes an opportunity for the members of the Burundian Government to make an evaluation of the activities carried out during the year of 2021, in various fields of the country and thus to define the future prospects to be able to improve

the lives of citizens. "As members of the Burundian executive, we will analyze all the contours of the national economy, given that it is the Government that is the primary guarantor of the country's prosperity", he said. The Burundian Number One also reminded participants that it

is the Government which is the main regulator of all areas and that it must guarantee the well-being of the population in key sectors and which are the main pillars of development such as transport, water and electricity, tourism, industry, agriculture and livestock, information and communication technologies, etc.

The President of the Republic also stated that this retirement will allow members of the Government to discuss respect for the national heritage, what the people need and what they expect from the Burundian executive.

"It's a form of self-assessment over the last few months of the coming year. I do not understand why Burundi is not among the developed countries, when it has all the potential to recover. We have minerals, fertile land, the country is geographically in a strategic position, we have a lot of intellectuals, etc. To this end, we must analyze together

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why the country is not developing ", declared the Head of State.

Before concluding, the President of the Republic said that he hopes that at the end of this two-day retirement, the members of the Burundian executive will define stra-

tegies and remedies to meet the needs of the population and thus arrive at an effective development of Burundi.

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## The First Lady brings aid to landslide victims in Kabezi



The First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, through the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation that she chairs, this Wednesday, November 3, provided her support and solidarity to the victims of the landslides that occurred on the Migera Hill, in the locality of Kabezi Commune of Bujumbura province following the torrential rains which recently fell on this locality.

She was carrying food aid and iron sheets that will help to rehabilitate destroyed houses.

"We learned that these landslides caused a lot of damage, which is why we came to show you our support", declared the First Lady of the country after having distri-

buted food and 40 sheets to each of the 8 families most affected by this natural disaster.

Reacting to the declaration of the Governor of Bujumbura Province according to which 60 other households in the same locality of Migera would be threatened in turn by these landslides, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye promised unwavering help and especially through prayer. She took the opportunity to announce that the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation is also ready to support the neediest families living in another locality of the Province of Bujumbura.

During this descent into Kabezi Commune, food assistance was also granted to the 35 most deprived households as part of a campaign recently started by the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation to bring joy to orphans, widows and the poorest families during Christmas and New Year celebrations.

"We wish you to celebrate Christmas and the New Year 2022 in decent houses filled with food", launched the First Lady at the place of the inhabitants of the Kabezi Commune who highly praised this humanitarian gesture.

It should be noted that each of these households received 15kg of rice, 5kg of beans, 10kg of wheat flour, milk, sugar and salt.

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## The President of the National Assembly joins the Christians of the Church of the Rock in Sunday prayer



The President of the National Assembly joined the Christians of the Church of the Rock of Bujumbura in the Sunday prayer on Sunday, October 31, 2021. The preacher of the day, Reverend Pastor Denise Nkurunziza referring to the word of God drawn from Proverbs 29:18 and speaking of revelation, asked Christians to hold on to God until they get their own revelation in order to achieve their dreams.

The President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe called the Christians of

the Church of the Rock and others to love their neighbors because they are all created in the image of God.

The President of the National Assembly also urged Christians to ask God for his will towards them, the strength to accomplish it and revelation in order to

know if they are still on the right track.

Some Deputies, the Chief of Staff of the Bujumbura City's Mayor as well as the Minister in charge of Trade were also present at this Sunday prayer.

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## Burundi relies on cooperative societies to develop



On the second day of his working visit to Muramvya province, the President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe met on Thursday, November 3, 2021, municipal and zonal supervisors as well as members of the management committees of Sangwe hills' cooperative societies and others.

Muramvya province currently has 99 Sangwe cooperative societies spread over the 99 hills. According to the coordinator of Sangwe cooperative societies in Muramvya province, all have invested in agriculture and livestock. The challenges encountered are, among others, the cramped nature of the land, the lack of storage sheds, in particular for perishable products such as potatoes.

The coordinator of the Sangwe cooperative societies requested that the State make available to them certain state plots that the National Commission of Lands and other Properties has returned to the State, in particular in the communes of Muramvya and Rutegama.

In this meeting, the President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe explained to the participants the role of the Na-

tional Agency for the Regulation of Cooperative Societies (ANACOOB). The latter is involved in the development of projects, their implementation, training in management and accounting, drafting of reports, preparation of reports and collaboration with partners, said the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe.

The President of the National Assembly said that in order to move forward, members of cooperative societies must know the law so as not to fumble or fall into mistakes. For the President of the National Assembly, knowledge of the law governing cooperative societies is a priority for the managers of these societies. It is by mastering the law that members of cooperative societies will know exactly their rights and duties. The Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe made a point of clarifying that we no longer speak of cooperatives but of cooperative society, because only cooperative societies have the right to trade.

According to the President of the National Assembly, the Sangwe and other cooperative societies have the mission to increase production, develop the country's economy, reduce the budget deficit, reduce public debt, implement communal community development plans and strengthen social cohesion. For the President of the National Assembly, the country is counting on them to develop.

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## Treaty of Kiganda: The President of the National Assembly pays tribute to King Mwezi Gisabo



On his second day of parliamentary recess in Muramvya province, the President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe paid a visit to the Kiganda Treaty tourist site on Thursday, November 4, 2021, in the Kiganda locality of the province Muramvya.

Mr. Novence Nkeshimana, tourist guide told the President of the National Assembly the whole history of Burundi, from the birth of the kingdom in the 15th century to the Treaty of Kiganda on 6/6/1903 between King Mwezi Gisabo and the Germans. A treaty by which Burundi lost its sovereignty.

The President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe was very edified by the history of the struggle led by King Mwezi Gisabo in defending the honor of his country. If he agreed to sign the Kiganda Treaty, it was out of wis-

dom that he did so, he prevented the people from perishing under the arms of the Germans. The President of the National Assembly paid a great tribute to King Mwezi Gisabo. For him, he was a politician, a good leader, a great warrior full of wisdom and patriotism.

Kiganda commune has a rich history unfortunately unknown to the public while it is full of moral lessons that should educate current and future generations, said the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe. He expressed the wish that broadcasts on this history of the Treaty of Kiganda be produced on a large scale.

He said that the Germans will have to reimburse Burundi for the 424 head of cattle that King Mwezi Gisabo paid unfairly as an almand. The Germans will also have to compensate Burundi for all its citizens killed while they were only defending their country.

The President of the National Assembly Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe subsequently visited the farm of the economic operator Mr. Jean Baptiste Simbare. The farm has 62 cows which give an average of 420 liters of milk per day.

This farm employs 200 workers who earn more than three million monthly wages. The farm of the economic operator, Mr. Jean Baptiste Simbare, served as a model of breeding in permanent stabling and contributed to the improvement of livestock.

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## Muramvya: the President of the National Assembly meets the heads of the different services



The Deputies have just started the parliamentary recess during which they get closer to the people. The President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe, started the activities organized during the parliamentary recess in Muramvya province where he met on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 the administrative officials and heads of different services.

The discussions focused on the country's policy, the economy, development and leadership and the functioning of the institutions of the Republic of Burundi. Speaking about the politics of the country, the President

of the National Assembly explained to the Representatives of the inhabitants of Muramvya that since the promulgation of the constitution in 2018, the politics of Burundi is guided by a new vision of the life of the country.

First through this constitution, the Burundian people granted primacy to God the Almighty, added the President of the National Assembly.

The Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe said that the agricultural sector has been identified as the basis of development and this development must start at the base, on the hills. He indicated that the Communal Community Development Plans (PCDC) must be designed at the level of the hills and that the state budget must take into account the projects developed in the communes.

The Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe explained to them the functioning of the institutions of the Republic, the missions of the Head of State, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister and the Ministers. In the case of the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security, he is responsible of putting into practice the content of the oath of the Head of State. Responsible for the administration of

the territory, he organizes the population for development activities, said the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe.

According to the President of the National Assembly, the agricultural sector being the basis of development, production should increase in cooperative societies and Sangwe cooperatives. He asserted that it is agriculture and animal husbandry that should boost Burundi's economy, reduce the deficit, increase the GDP and enhance the Burundian currency. The increase in agricultural production must be achieved in cooperatives. With the increase in production, each mouth will have to eat, will make it possible to release the surplus to sell and store.

The Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe called on all Burundian citizens to join Sangwe cooperative and cooperative societies because it is this development that we are trying to achieve, no one should be left behind. Certainly, the idea for these cooperatives came from the CNDD-FDD party, but it has become a national program, continued the President of the National Assembly.

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## The Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture presents its achievements



The Minister of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture Ambassador Ezéchiel Nibigira presented on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 in Bujumbura, the report of the quarterly achievements of this Ministry, valid for the month of July, August and September 2021. During the first quarter of 2020-2021, the major achievements cover 4 key areas of intervention namely: the area of integration of Burundi within the East African community, the area of youth, the field of sports and that of

culture.

The Minister Ambassador Ezéchiel Nibigira indicated that the main achievements in the sector of the integration of Burundi within the East African community focused on the monitoring of the implementation of the decisions and directives of the summit of the Council of Ministers and of all EAC sector councils and the implementation of regional and national projects and programs, including institutional harmonization.

To this end, a supply of the "East African Monitoring System" EAMS in acronym has been set up, the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the commitments initiated by the EAC and those initiated at the national level including monitoring carried out with the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB) and the Ministry in charge of Finance on the state of play of the implementation of 24 decisions or directives and 2 community projects and programs, among others, the request for Burundi's accession to the East African Community Development Bank (EADB) and the

procedure for cleaning up arrears on contributions relating to EAC multinational roads.

In the youth sector, Minister Ambassador Ezéchiel Nibigira informed that on August 12, 2021, Burundi celebrated International Youth Day, 8 youth centers received equipment in computer tools, 50 associations of Schooled and out-of-school young people grouped together in self-development associations in entrepreneurship received capacity building training. Through the Youth Investment Bank (BIJE), young people in associations from Cibitoke were made aware of financial education and 1,720 members of cooperatives were made aware of BIJE products, including the conditions required to open an account, granting credit and how to manage credit.

In collaboration with the MAARIF Foundation of Turkey in Burundi, advanced computer training was organized for 100 young job seekers graduates.

In the culture sector, a national festival of culture was organized from October 1 to 2, 2021 and 540 festival-goers from eighteen provinces participated to reflect on ways and means to safeguard and promote Burun-

dian culture.

In the sports sector, Minister Ambassador Ezéchiel Nibigira stressed that his Ministry coordinated the activities relating to the triumphal reception of the champion Francine Niyonsaba. He further indicated that in collaboration with the sports federations of Burundi, this Ministry coordinated various national and international competitions including 10 outings abroad and 05 national competitions.

In the area of good governance, the Ministry in charge of EAC has highlighted the development and signing of institutional and individual performance contracts and the redeployment and assignment of advisers in all provinces of Burundi.

In concluding, the Minister Ambassador Ezéchiel Nibigira announced that the Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Sports and Culture is satisfied with the level of achievements for the period from July 01, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

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## Court of the East African Community (EAC): 300 cases closed



On the eve of the celebration of the 20 years of existence of the Court of Justice of the East African Community (EAC), the President of this Court Mr. Nestor Kayobera hosted a press conference on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 during which he announced that since its inception in November 2001, more than 500 cases have been brought to court, 300 have been closed and more than 150 are pending.

Mr. Nestor Kayobera explained that the EAC Court of Justice is the judicial body created by Article 9 of the Treaty establishing the EAC with the mandate to en-

sure the interpretation, application and compliance with the treaty.

The EAC Court of Justice is formed by two divisions: the first instance division composed of 6 judges from the six member countries of the EAC and the appeal division composed of 5 judges from 5 member countries. The treaty provides that the division of the first instance is composed of 10 judges at most and the appeal division, 5 judges at most, specified the President of this court.

The President of the EAC Court of Justice also informed that the judges of the EAC court are appointed by the EAC Heads of State Summit on the proposal of member countries for a 7-year term non-renewable. The retirement age for judges is set at 70.

Mr. Nestor Kayobera also indicated during this press conference that in July 2021, the Court of Justice of the EAC organized and participated effectively and for the first time in mediation sessions in a case which opposed the South Sudanese Government and a non-governmental organization. He added that the two

divisions of the court will conduct their public hearings for the November session at the Supreme Court of Burundi and more than 30 cases will be heard. The court may also pronounce some judgments before the close of its sessions.

According to the President of the EAC Court of Justice, one of the weaknesses of this court is the enforcement of judgments. He calls on member States to be responsible and enforce the verdict.

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## Gitega: Launch of the 2nd edition of the national catalog of plant species and varieties



As part of the implementation of the texts of application of the seed law, the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, through the National Office for the Control and Certification of Seeds (ONCCS) in collaboration with the Project for the Intensification of Agricultural Production and the Reduction of Vulnerability (PIPARV-B) organized on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at Gitega, a workshop to launch the 2nd edition of the national catalog of species and varieties plants, accepted for certification in Burundi.

The workshop was organized for local administrators, officials from the Ministry in charge of agriculture, parliamentarians, technical and financial partners working in the seed sector.

The Director General of ONCCS informed that the national catalog of plant species and varieties accepted for certification in Burundi is a collection of all the varieties that are accepted for production in Burundi.

And this collection of species of varieties cultivated in Burundi was made in close collaboration with research institutions in this case the Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi (ISABU) which worked in collaboration with the technical agents of the ONCCS

so that together we can find varieties that are better compared to varieties fully exploited in Burundi. "This collection will allow users of our different varieties to have a variety that adapts to the different agro-ecological forms of the country", said the Director General of the ONCCS.

Regarding the techniques that will be used so that farmers are aware of the selected seeds and which are adapted in their regions, the Director General of the ONCCS indicated that the Ministry has the services in charge of the popularization of the various innovations. And to add that there are also Provincial Directors of the offices of the environment, agriculture and livestock who support in this activity.

In all agro-ecological zones, suitable varieties are available and it is up to the various Directors of the provincial offices of the environment, agriculture and livestock to properly collect these different varieties of seeds so that they can offer them to users.

As for the challenges that haunt the ONCCS, the Director General mentioned in particular the inadequacy of staff and means of travel. He also indicated that the vehicles and motorcycles used are in poor condition. He also cited the lack of laboratories that meet the conditions to accommodate all seeds for analysis. The Director General of ONCCS has asked the Government for new vehicles to facilitate work on the ground.

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