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The Head of State returns from official visit to Dubai



Emirates, Prime Minister and Emir from Dubai. They exchanged views on strengthening bilateral cooperation and on business and trade opportunities between Gitega and Dubai.

On the sidelines of this universal exhibition, the President of Burundi H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye spoke with the Emirati authorities and investors who wish to invest in the agro-pastoral field, foreign trade, and infrastructure. In this regard, the Deputy Spokesman affirmed that “the fruitful exchanges that the Head of State had with the Emirati authorities and investors will be translated into actions through a joint commission which will be responsible for drawing up a roadmap for rapid realization”.

In addition to the members of the official delegation, the Presidential Couple was surrounded by members of the Burundian diaspora from Dubai who had responded massively to the day dedicated to Burundi at Expo 2020 Dubai, embellished by the mythical Burundian drum, classified as Heritage immaterial of humanity.

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Accompanied by the First Lady H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye and members of her delegation, the President of the Republic of Burundi H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye landed on Friday November 12, 2021 at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport on his return from a five-day visit in the United Arab Emirates.

As the Deputy Spokesperson of the President of the Republic indicated during a lively press briefing when he got off the plane, this visit, which was crowned with success in several aspects, will have enabled Burundi to confirm its return winner on the international scene through, in particular, the Universal Exhibition of 2020.

Indeed, during a visit to the Burundi pavilion of Expo 2020 Dubai, the President of the Republic H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye met His Royal Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President of the United Arab

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The Vice-President Prosper Bazombanza attends summit on peacebuilding and conflict prevention



a common approach towards marginalized groups, including children and young people. It is therefore important that the partner states of the East African Community (EAC) cooperate in matters of peace and security and collaborate with regional and international organizations to promote peace and security in the region.

His Excellency Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA finally specified that in order to prevent wars and resolve conflicts in a sustainable manner, a culture of peace and tolerance among young people should be promoted through education oriented towards peace. Creating

On behalf of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi, the Vice-President of the Republic H.E Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA participated, this Wednesday, November 10, 2021 by videoconference, to the East African Youth Summit on Consolidation of peace and conflict prevention under the theme: "The role of young people in peacebuilding and participation in conflict prevention as proactive measures to maintain peace and security in Africa".

His Excellency the Vice-President of the Republic said that the Government quickly understood that youth, which represents more than 60% of the population of 12 million inhabitants, must be at the heart of socio-economic and political decisions. As a result, the Youth Bank, the Youth Economic Empowerment Project and the Women's Bank were created to facilitate access to finance and develop entrepreneurship, associations and cooperatives.

He recalled that Burundi had in the past been confronted with security problems but that his daughters and sons were able to overcome them. The country's leaders subsequently had a vision of going beyond national borders to help other struggling Nations in this area. Thus, Burundian peacekeepers are currently renowned for their courage, discipline and professionalism.

He also indicated that peace and security are prerequisites for social and economic development. Indeed, Article 120 of the Treaty calls on partner states to develop

jobs and other programs that keep them busy is also an important tool. He ended his speech by thanking those who prepared and contributed to the success of this Forum, and by wishing the participants the success of the YouLead 2021 Summit.

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Burundi hosts session of the African Committee of Experts on Child Welfare



Burundi is hosting in Bujumbura, from November 08 to 10, 2021, the session of the African Committee of Experts on Child Welfare. This session is aimed at discussing the rules and procedures of the committee and working groups, and informing participants about their roles, mandate and responsibilities. Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni enhanced the opening ceremonies of this session with his presence.

During three days, the meeting will focus on the overview of the African Union and its political bodies, activities and functional relations with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. Participants will discuss the revised rules of procedure of this Committee, guidelines for the preparation of state party reports, guidelines for the consideration of communications. It will also be a question of the choice of the theme of the commemoration of the day of the African child, the organization of the preparatory meeting of the working group on disabled children, the preparatory meeting of the working group on children and businesses.

In his speech, CPG Prime Minister Alain Guillaume Bunyoni indicated that Burundi recognizes, in terms of the promotion and protection of rights, the eminently important place reserved to the child. The Government has therefore taken measures that ensure his protection and well-being, as evidenced by the unreserved ratification of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child become operative on June 28, 2004 as well as the provisions contained in Burundi's fundamental law on the protection of human rights in general, and those of the

child in particular, he added.

The Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni specified that the Government of Burundi continues to focus its action on new proposals and the adoption of laws; this concerns in particular the code for the protection of children in the process of adoption. At the institutional level, a framework favorable to respect for the rights of the child has been strengthened, in particular with the creation, since 2011, of the Department for Children and the Family within the Ministry in charge of human rights, the establishment of the national children's forum in Burundi, the specialized police unit responsible for the protection of minors, a unit for the judicial protection of children within the Ministry of Justice. CPG Minister Alain Guillaume Bunyoni did not fail to point out that children under 5 continue to benefit from free health care and free education for students in the basic cycle.

The Prime Minister announced that the Government will spare no effort to ensure that the commitments made by Burundi in the implementation of the ratified African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child are honored. CPG Minister Alain Guillaume Bunyoni stressed that Burundi has taken ownership of the 2040 agenda for children in Africa.

As for the Minister in charge of Human Rights, a strategy for the prevention of the phenomenon of children in street situations and their reintegration into the community, a guide for the operation and orientation of volunteer foster families and reunified children as well as a study on the implementation of the national policy for the protection of children against violence, exploitation, discrimination, abuse and neglect is in the process of being drawn up. The session of the African Committee of Experts on Child Welfare will last three days from November 08 to 10, 2021.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Mwaro: The President of the National Assembly recommends updating the Communal Community Development Plans



The President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Danie NDABIRABE, met, on Monday, November 8, 2021, the administrative officials and heads of services working in Mwaro province. In his message, he insisted on Burundi's development policy. The Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndadirabe first explained to them the organization and functioning of the institutions of the Republic of Burundi. Then he showed them the qualities of a good leader so that they could assess and correct themselves if necessary.

For the President of the National Assembly, a good leader or a good leader must be concerned with those for whom he is responsible. He must love them, be their servant and their defender. A good leader must be able to receive and give advice. On the other hand, a good leader must be able to make good decisions at the right time, but he must be respected by all.

Speaking of development policy, the President of the National Assembly informed these leaders in Mwaro province that in the current vision, development is based on the promotion of agriculture and livestock. It is this sector that must take over from the other sectors. And the increase in agricultural production must be done in the Sangwe and other cooperative societies.

It is also in these cooperative societies that the Communal Community Development Plans (PCDC) must be implemented. The President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndadirabe recommended to the various officials to work

in synergy to update these PCDCs in order to adapt them to the functioning of the Sangwe hill cooperatives and cooperative societies. He also called on these officials to identify unused state lands and hand them over to cooperative societies to develop them. Even non-exploited or badly exploited land belonging to the private sector must be identified and developed by cooperative societies, even if the production is shared between the owner of the land and the operator.

The Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndadirabe asked these leaders to sensitize the population on the interest of pooling land. For the household, the pooling of land does not cause a problem. The household divides its plot in two, one part is pooled with neighboring land for modern agriculture according to the Government's program, the other part is freely used by the household. To understand this practice of pooling land, the President of the National Assembly advised them to organize experience-sharing trips to benefit from the experience of the people of other provinces.

At the opening of the meeting, the Governor of Mwaro province said he would like this province to become the tourist capital because it has many tourist sites. He requested the Government's commitment to develop these tourist sites.

This meeting was organized as part of the parliamentary recess activities.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The President of the National Assembly pleads for the support of ISABU Gisozi



The President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe made a guided visit on Wednesday November 10, 2021 to the Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi ISABU in Gisozi. During this visit, Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe noted that this station is the starting point for what we consume, with regard to its role in the production of seeds for different crops. For him, this research station deserves greater support from the burundian State.

Mr. Alfred Niyokwishimira, Director General of ISABU presented to the President of the National Assembly the achievements, the current strategy to make ISABU a seed industry of Burundi as desired by the Government of Burundi. He specified that the objective to be reached is that by 2024, there will be no more imports of seeds. The step already taken is promising as ISABU has the technology for the production of hybrid maize seeds, said the Director General of ISABU.

In his presentation of the research results, the Director General of ISABU Gisozi Mr. Alfred Niyokwishi-

mira explained that research has been carried out on different crops such as beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes, rice, wheat, white sorghum, indigenous medicinal plants, etc. The goal is to produce high-performance seeds to offer to the population.

He also noted that ISABU Gisozi needs electric current permanently, because any power cut leads to enormous losses at the level of laboratories and therefore on seed production. This station particularly needs to enjoy its financial autonomy because when there are emergency interventions, it can do nothing because of the slowness and lengthy procedures of the public procurement system, added the President of the National Assembly.

The ISABU Gisozi agronomic research station needs a seed storage shed and a sufficient number of qualified personnel, because the current personnel is overloaded, noted the President of the National Assembly. He expressed the wish that the results of ISABU Gisozi's research be popularized and sufficiently exploited.

After grasping the importance of ISABU Gisozi, especially in these times when the country's policy places particular emphasis on increasing agricultural production, the President of the National Assembly declared that this research station deserves more support from the Government. He pledged to advocate, as much as possible, in favor of ISABU Gisozi so that it receives a budget to enable it to accomplish its mission.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The First Deputy Speaker of the Senate raided in Matana commune



The First Vice-President of the Burundian Senate, Mrs. Denise Ndadaye, on parliamentary recess, raided on Wednesday in the commune of Matana, Bururi province (southwestern Burundi), where she met the administrators, the religious, the traders and representatives of the approved political parties of the municipalities of Matana and Mugamba. The Senators and Parliamentarians elected in the constituency of Bururi were also there.

The Honorable Ndadaye had, before this meeting, started his activities by sowing potatoes on a two hectare property belonging to the Anglican Church, Diocese of Matana. She said that during this period of parliamentary recess, the elected representatives of

the people carry out raids in the municipalities to discuss with the population on their concerns.

(Source: www.abpinfo.bi)

Villagisation, a source of social cohesion and a pillar of sustainable community development, according to the Minister in charge of home affairs



The Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca, on Tuesday, November 9, opened the work of the restitution workshop of the preparation activities of the project “Sustainable and inclusive reintegration of displaced people in Burundi”. This project is part of the National Integrated Support Program for Villagization (PNIAV) currently under development.

The Minister Ndirakobuca indicated that the villagization promotion program is found in the strategic axis number 12 centered on land use planning, with the strategic objective of rationalizing the occupation of the land. To this end, he cited the projects relating to this promotion of villagization, including the development of rural villages, support for the establishment of basic socio-economic infrastructure in the villages and the promotion of generating activities of income in these same villages.

In addition, specified Minister Ndirakobuca, villagization has always been considered as a source of social cohesion and a pillar of sustainable community development in Burundi.

Following the socio-political crises in Burundi, he

stressed that villagization was seen as a key factor in consolidating peace by allowing communities to be able to live together again.

In addition, he signified that the National Development Plan has the overall objective of structurally transforming the Burundian economy for strong, sustainable growth, inclusive resilience, creating decent jobs for all and leading to the improvement of social welfare.

Burundi must break with the traditional vision of building villages of peace, but to evolve towards model villages of peace that participate in the promotion of community development by bringing basic services closer to the population, he said. He affirmed that the Government is in the process of developing a PNIAV in all the country, starting from the big cities, provinces, capitals of the communes until the hill level.

In the process of implementing this program, the Minister in charge of Community Development recalled that the National Communal Investment Fund (FONIC) was responsible for technical coordination, with particular emphasis on collaboration with partners involved in the preparation and implementation of this program.

According to Minister Ndirakobuca, the pilot villages located in Cankuzo, Kirundo and Ruyigi provinces will be a source of inspiration and will give directions for the rest of the program.

During the presentations, the UNDP Representative, Mrs. Nicole Kouassi, said that model villages will soon be built in Cankuzo, Kirundo and Ruyigi for the benefit of the population, especially returnees and displaced

people, as well as the most vulnerable.

The construction of these villages will be carried out by FONIC and international partners such as UNDP and UNHCR, said Mrs. Kouassi. According to her, the estimated cost of this program is BIF 29,586,590,216 (approximately US \$ 15 million). It is planned to build

56 houses on an area of 3.5 hectares in Cankuzo province, 224 houses on an area of 28 hectares in Kirundo and 480 houses on an area of 53 hectares in Ruyigi, said the UNDP Representative in Burundi.

(Source: www.abpinfo.bi)

IMF approves rapid credit facility for Burundi



The Minister of Finance, Budget and Planning, Dr. Domitien Ndiokubwayo moderated Monday, November 8, 2021, a press briefing during which he indicated that the Board of Directors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved the facility of rapid credit in favor of Burundi, for an amount of 76.2 million US dollars.

He said that it is in order to support the initiatives taken by the Government of Burundi in terms of reviving the national economy.

The Minister in charge of Finance specified that this facility is in addition to an envelope of 14.46 million US dollars granted to Burundi as part of debt relief, in order to contribute to the release of budgetary space allowing the authorities to limit the economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Minister Domitien Ndiokubwayo stressed that these financial resources granted by the IMF will improve the level of foreign exchange reserves on the one hand, and more flexibility in the management of economic policies on the other.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

INTWARARUMURI announces Torch of Peace Activity Calendar



The legal representative of the INTWARARUMURI association, Agricultural Brigade General Ntirampeba Mwamba, hosted a press briefing on Wednesday November 10, 2021 on the launching of

the torch of peace, 15th edition.

During this press briefing, Brigade General Agricole Ntirampeba indicated that the President of the Republic of Burundi H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye will officially launch the torch of peace, 15th edition on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, in Gitega under the theme: "All together, let's fight against poverty, let's work for a sustainably developed Burundi".

The Legal Representative of the INTWARARUMURI Association announced a series of activities planned on the sidelines of the launching of the 15th edition of the torch of peace. He cited community work coupled with the launch of construction of the presidential office in Gitega, the inauguration of the pediatric ward at Kibuye hospital and a cultural vigil at Ingoma Stadium.

During this caravan, the President of the Intwararumuri Association announced that apart from community work, a special day of Olympic games is planned at the Nkurunziza Peace Park stadium in Makamba, on November 21, 2021.

He further indicated that from 23rd to 26th November 2021, there will be a fair exhibition of national products and services "made in Burundi" and an exhibition of young Burundians talented in entrepreneurship and innovation.

The chosen sub-themes are: "Youth ready for the promotion of peace, youth ready for development". These activities will take place in Bujumbura Town Hall, Prince Louis Rwagasore Roadway and Independence

Square, in Mukaza commune.

Note that the closing activities of the 15th edition of the torch of peace are scheduled for November 27, 2021 and will be marked by the inauguration of the rehabilitated Kamenge market, the inauguration of the Tanganyika Care Polyclinic hospital and the inauguration of the fundamental school of Kanyosha II as well as other activities of the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS.

In addition, a cultural vigil marking the end of the 15th edition of the torch of peace is planned at the Town Hall of Bujumbura.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Air Tanzania resumes flights to Bujumbura



carried out in June and November 2021 respectively. During his last State visit to Tanzania, the burundian President H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye and his Tanzanian counterpart have themselves established the schedule of these flights which, from now on will be carried out in Bujumbura on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

It is a feeling of gratitude towards these two Heads of State who have invested

Tanzania Airlines resumed flights to Bujumbura on Monday, November 08, 2021, after an 18-month suspension due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resumption of flights from Tanzania Airlines will facilitate exchanges between Dar-es-salaam and Bujumbura and connectivity between international flights.

According to Mr. Gervais Abayeho, Ambassador of Burundi in Tanzania, who accompanied the inaugural flight, these Tanzania Airlines flights have just resumed thanks to the efforts made by the two heads of state H.E Suluha Hassan and H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye in their talks during the reciprocal State visits

themselves in ensuring that these flights resume in Bujumbura, according to Ambassador Gervais Abayeho. The added value, according to him, is that these flights will contribute to the improvement especially of economic relations between burundian and tanzanian businessmen because they will not only save time, but also save the means because it will take them only 3h30 min to make the trip Bujumbura - Dar es Salam.

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Meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission, Burundi Configuration



On November 2, 2021, the President of the Commission for the Consolidation of Peace Configuration Burundi, H.E Mrs. Pascale Baeriswyl, organized a meeting to identify ways to support Burundi's efforts to promote economic empowerment and the spirit of youth enterprise, in particular by strengthening the work of the United Nations. From New York, more

than 50 Ambassadors / Permanent Representatives (PRs) attended the meeting including Ambassador Zéphyrin MANIRATANGA, Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations.

After presentations by the Permanent Representative of Burundi, the United Nations Resident Coordinator, the Managing Director of the Youth Investment Bank (BIJE), five youth representatives from different sectors of the economy, and the Executive Director of Jimbere magazine, the Commission took note of the Government's bottom-up-to-top strategies to prepare young men and women to participate fully in the economy, a prerequisite for lasting peace.

(Source: UN Flash Info-Burundi)

New method of electronic data collection will allow good control of the mineral flow



The Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines through the Office Burundais des Mines (OBM), in collaboration with the international NGO Pact Burundi, organized an awareness-raising workshop on the new tool for registering productions and its involvement in the mineral supply chain, towards the various stakeholders in the mineral exploitation and marketing chain in Burundi. These are the heads of service of the OBM, the police, those of the national intelligence service, heads of counters, heads of mi-

ning cooperatives, from the seven provinces in which Pact Burundi operates, namely Bubanza, Cibitoke, Gitega, Kayanza, Ngozi, Kirundo and Muyinga. The objective was to train and sensitize these various stakeholders on the new way of controlling the transport and export documents of 3 TS minerals including Coltan, Cassiterite and Wolframite.

The Director of geological research and mining cadastre at the OBM, Mr. Evelio Mushimantwari, who opened this meeting, first recalled that the Govern-



ment of Burundi is committed to fighting against illegal exploitation and trade illicit minerals from the Great Lakes region. He also said that the member states of the ICGLR approved, in Lusaka, Zambia, at the special summit on December 15, 2010, the six specific tools to fight against the illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Great Lakes region.

He cited the regional certification mechanism, the harmonization of national laws, the regional database on the flow of minerals, the formalization of the artisanal mining sector, the promotion of the transparency initiative in the extractive industries, and the mechanism early warning.

He indicated that the Government of Burundi has already started the implementation of these six tools through the promulgation of the new mining code of 2013 which is under revision, the development of a mining practice which is under revision, formalization of the artisanal mining sector by leaving artisanal miners to mining cooperatives, traceability and certification of minerals from 3 TS and others.

He reported that the various documents that support mineral traceability activities have been completed on paper from 2014 until today. He added that after eight years of existence of the ITSCI project of the international NGO Pact Burundi which carries out the monitoring and coordination of mineral traceability activities in collaboration with the Ministry in charge of Mines, technological advances are perpetual evolution.

According to Mr. Mushimantwari, to comply with these new technologies, improvements and facilities are necessary to facilitate the activities relating to the traceability of minerals.

For this reason, thanks to the NGO Pact Burundi, an application has just been set up to facilitate data transmission and eliminate potential problems of loss or damage that rain can cause on previously used documents.

This workshop made it possible to understand the importance of electronic data collection and the tools used for traceability in order to properly control the mineral circuit from the mining sites to the purchasing and export counters of the ores.

Mr. Jean Baptiste Sabukwigura, country team leader at the NGO Pact Burundi, said that improvements will take place in the document accompanying the minerals at the time of their transport, and that in terms of labels nothing will change. He indicated that the 3 TS's mineral traceability activities, which are now completed on paper, will now be done using tablets.

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