



The retreat of senior Executives and State Executives: President NDAYISHIMIYE advocates double-digit economic growth



During the 2-day retreat held on March 4, 2022 and 5 to which were invited the senior Executives and Executives of the State, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE called on the leaders to work assiduously to achieve the double-digit growth for the year 2022-2023. This retreat held in the Province of Gitega aimed to discuss the promotion of good governance and the increase in production in the various sectors of national life. It was also an opportunity given to the various managers to self-assess, take stock of their achievements and thus adopt

new strategies likely to produce concrete results. "You must do everything to increase production because you are now subject to an obligation of results", insisted the President of the Republic instituting the ministries to jointly establish action plans with economic and financial partners in order to initiate development projects together and prevent budgets from being cancelled. The President of the Republic also regrets that the actions of the State in certain private companies are not profitable and recommends to the Ministry of Finance to get involved so that these investments generate ben-

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official interests for the country.

Reminding the leaders that "the people are the foundation of all the public powers of the State", the Burundian Number One insisted on the promotion of good leadership which is characterized by the management of public affairs as a good father.

"When all leaders campaign for equal justice for all, there will be no more conflicts in Burundi," indicated the Head of State, stressing the importance of protect-

ing citizens and their property, but also of promoting the law respect by fighting against impunity for the maintenance of peace and security in the country.

The Burundian President closed this retreat by announcing the establishment of a commission chaired by the Deputy Chief of Civil Cabinet which will be responsible for drawing up the image of a prosperous Burundi and proposing an action plan to be implemented in order to achieve the expected results. (Presidence)

The Burundian woman is committed to demonstrating her bravery in the agricultural sector and the environment



The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE enhanced with his presence, on tuesday, the commemoration ceremonies of International Women's Day, celebrated at the Iyizigiro stadium in Rumonge (South-West) under the theme "women at the center of development agriculture and environmental protection.

In his speech delivered mainly in Kirundi, the resident coordinator of the United Nations system welcomes the measures taken by the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye for the advancement of women. He reassured that with the support of all, gender equality will be guaranteed.

Before presenting the new Office of the Women's Forum, the Minister of National Solidarity and Gender Equality, Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike reminded Burundian women to fully play their role in the sectors of agricultural research, phytosanitary products, the production of selected seeds, the creation of food industries, etc. for the implementation of the theme of the day.

The President of the Republic appreciated very posi-

tively the theme chosen for the year, because according to him, it coincides with the objectives of the Burundian State to protect and benefit from the natural resources that the country abounds.

The Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE pointed out with illustrations that, contrary to what some might imagine, Burundian women have always been well regarded and protected by society, as evidenced by the rapid adoption of legal texts relative.

"I hate laziness, economic misappropriation, corruption and injustice," emphasized President NAYISHIMIYE, promising to spare no effort to promote equal access to the country's dividends.

However, he recommended that Burundian women behave well and safeguard their dignity. He did not fail to plead for orphans cared for by orphanages while family members (uncles, aunts, cousins, etc.) are still alive.

Beginning with a long parade of women from different institutions and associations, the International Women's Day ceremonies were also embellished with cultural dances.

It should also be noted that other high personalities including the Vice-President of the Republic, the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD party, members of the government, members of the Bureau of Parliament, etc. were present to support Burundian women. (Presidence)

The World Bank supports the ongoing reforms for the development of Burundi



During an audience granted to her by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE on thursday, march 10, 2022 at the Presidential Palace Ntare Ryshatsi, the Resident Representative of the World Bank in Burundi announced the execution of development projects in Burundi in the infrastructure and digital sector.

Reporting on the World Bank's portfolio in Burundi, Ms. Veronique Kabongo also suggested that the World Bank plans to finance transport resilience in Burundi, trade facilitation and the integration of the Great Lakes region.

During their discussions, the Head of State informed the Representative of the World Bank that the Government of Burundi has initiated various reforms, including the review of the wage policy to harmonize wages, the digitalization of public enterprises in order to ensure transparency in the management of public affairs as well as the reform of the exchange rate.

"For the salary harmonization program, there will be restructuring at the institutional level. It is a program that will be costly and we will need the support of our partners", he indicated, stressing

that the support of the World Bank is more than necessary for the operation of all these reforms. "The liberalization of the foreign exchange market is a strong signal from Burundi, which is now open

to business," said the Resident Representative, welcoming the efforts of the government of Burundi which, according to her, will allow investors to come to Burundi but also to the World Bank to support Burundi since these programs are in line with the vision of this banking institution.

Mrs. Véronique Kabongo took this opportunity to ask the Head of State to send a delegation to the next general assembly of the World Bank to be held in April in Washington, with the mission of presenting the various reforms taking place in Burundi.

It should be noted that Peter Taniform, Head of the Program in charge of Infrastructure at the World Bank present during this audience, for his part, revealed that through the transport development project, the World Bank intends to strengthen the capacity of Burundians engineers in this area and to finance the construction of the Bujumbura-Gitega highway as well as the construction of the Bujumbura-Rumonge road, precisely the Bujumbura-Gitaza part. (Presidence)

The Italian Government intends to strengthen its support in the agricultural, health and security sectors



The Head of State, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE granted an audience, at the Ntare Rushatsi Presidential Palace on Thursday, March 10, to the Italian Ambassador to Burundi, Mr Massimiliano Mazzanti who announced that his government intends to strengthen cooperation with Burundi in the field of agriculture, health and security.

The Italian diplomat has indeed indicated that his country will support the health sector through the Good Action Umugiraneza Foundation chaired by the First Lady HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE and

that he plans to send modern equipment to improve the ultrasound service to the Polyclinic under construction in Kibimba belonging to this Foundation. Speaking, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE welcomed Rome's efforts to strengthen cooperation with Burundi, recalling to this effect that his country is committed to promoting socio-economic development. The Head of State also informed him of the various programs and projects underway in Burundi.

"We are at a satisfactory stage of socio-economic start-up, what is needed is the promotion of good governance and the change of mentalities", revealed the Number One Burundian.

Ambassador Massimiliano Mazzanti congratulated HE President NDAYISHIMIYE on the efforts of the Government of Burundi and his personal commitment to promote the socio-economic development of the country, while emphasizing that Rome remains open to any request aimed at consolidating relations between existing cooperation with Burundi. (Presidence)

The President of the Senate encourages State Executives to invest in agro-livestock



The President of the Burundian Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera urges the country's executives and all civil servants to invest in the agri-livestock sector. This exhortation was made on Wednesday, march 09, 2022, on the occasion of the potato harvest in a 5

ha field located on Kabamba hill in Gashikanwa Commune of Ngozi Province belonging to the Agro Investment Cooperative -Pastoral (CIAP) of Ngozi. In his speech on the occasion of the potato harvest by CIAP-Ngozi, the President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera congratulated the members of the CIAP-Ngozi cooperative who knew how to make use of a land that seemed sterile and who served as a model for the surrounding population. He recalled at the same time that it is the living forces of the nation that are called upon to build the country and ensure the economic growth of Burundi.

It was also an opportunity for the President of the Burundian Senate to call on Burundians to transcend their differences and all that can divide them and to work in cooperatives to increase production,

recalling that unity is strength. The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera also encouraged the administrators, municipal agrono-

mists and agricultural monitors to provide local support for farmers and to set up model fields to encourage the population to invest more in agriculture. (rtnb)

The First Vice-President of the Senate meets the leaders in Cankuzo province



The Honorable Denise NDADAYE also urged the population of Cankuzo to fight all the factors of insecurity including the consumption of prohibited drinks, cohabitation, idleness, fraud, injustice, non-respect of human rights human, etc

The First Vice-President of the Senate of Burundi, Honorable Denise NDADAYE made a visit to the province of Cankuzo from march 9 to 10, 2022. She met with administrative officials, local elected officials, parliamentarians, representatives of political parties, civil society, religious denominations of the municipalities that make up the province of Cankuzo.

Honorable Denise NDADAYE indicated that the meetings she held in this province were part of the parliamentary holidays where the people's elected representatives go to the field to discuss their concerns with the population. It was also a question of realizing the progress of the implementation of government actions, one of the missions of parliamentarians, she continued.

The First Vice-President of the Senate asked the leaders to be good examples for the population, to take the lead in safeguarding peace and security by strengthening the joint security committees. She also asked them to ensure obedience and the application of the law.

She thanked the Burundian government for opening the Investment Bank for Women, a sign that shows the importance of women in the development of the country. She makes women aware of taking advantage of this bank created for their development, by requesting loans to finance their investment projects.

During her visit to Cankuzo province, the First Vice-President of the Senate joined the population in the development work where she participated in the work of sealing potholes at the level of the Cankuzo -Mishiha road and in the construction works of the Mushasha hospital.

The First Deputy Speaker of the Senate Honorable Denise NDADAYE also visited the offices of the OBR located in Gahumo in Mishisha commune, bordering Tanzania to realize the challenges facing cross-border services. She noted that the Cankuzo-Mishiha road is in poor condition, which is hampering OBR services and the activities of traders. (rtnb)

Celebration of the International Women's rights Day



Women of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation joined other women around the world on Wednesday March 09, 2022 to celebrate the International Women's rights Day, 2022 edition.

In her speech, Mrs. Rose NDAYIKEZA who represented the gender unit in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation thanked the Ministry for having thought about them for the day dedicated to them and the value that the Ministry reserves for women. She also thanked the Head of State of Burundi for his commitment to the well-being of women and particularly for the establishment of the

Bank for Investment and Development for Women (BIDF). She invited the women of this Ministry to participate in different activities for the economic development of their families and their country by referring to this year's theme "Women at the center of agricultural development and environmental protection".

For Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation who represented the Minister stated that the International Women's rights Day for our days,

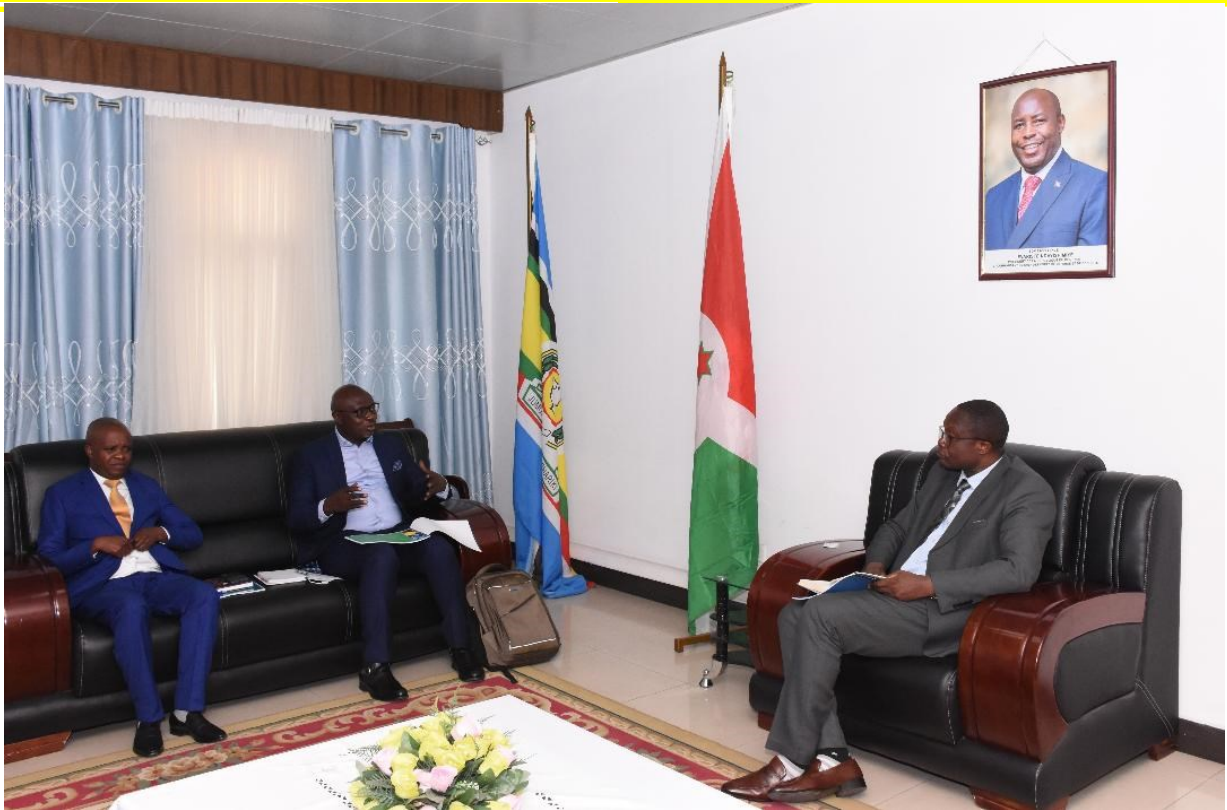
is an opportunity offered to women to assess their role in the development of their households and their countries, the step taken in the realization of their projects and their objectives of their action plans with a view to ensuring the development of women. The Permanent Secretary also thanked the Head of State and the Government of Burundi for many actions they are undertaking in favor of the

economic development of women.

In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, women occupy a place of more than 53% and perform various activities and thus play a very important role in the economic development of the country. The women of the Ministry are often asked for other functions elsewhere following their bravery underlined the Permanent Secretary.

He closed his speech by inviting the women of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation to open accounts at BIDF and to develop development projects to be submitted to this bank for financing and to invest in agricultural development and environmental protection.(MFADC)

An audience granted to the Ugandan delegation



On Friday, march 11, 2022, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO received in audience a delegation led by Mr. BOBRICH MWECUMI.

The two personalities discussed the topics of the implementation of irrigation techniques in Burundi, the importation of the Ugandan irrigation system in partnership with the Government of Burundi and Non-Governmental Organizations in the agricultural sector, to put the irrigation system that

uses solar energy in areas where rain is rare (precipitation) and to train the Burundian population on how to use the Ugandan irrigation system.

Note that the Ugandan irrigation system allows harvesting four (4) times a year according to Mr. BOBRICH MWECUMI.(MFACD)

The implementation of Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the DRC and the Region



The Heads of State and Government of the signatory countries of the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Region met on february 24, 2022 in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo under the copresidency of His Excellency Felix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, the President of this country with the representatives of the guarantor institutions namely the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU), the International

Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Organ for Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Burundi was Highly represented by the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

The Heads of State took stock of the political and security situation in the Great Lakes Region as well as the progress made in the implementation of the Framework Agreement since their last meeting, held in Kampala, Uganda on october 08, 2018 and gave certain conclusions:

- ◆ Implementation of the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation;
- ◆ Promoting dialogue and inclusive political processes;
- ◆ Strengthening security and judicial cooperation against negative forces;
- ◆ Promoting regional integration;

- ◆ Promoting the role of women, youth and civil society;
- ◆ And the Next High Level Meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism. (MFADC)

ICGLR Countries Strengthen Security and Judicial Cooperation against negative forces



The stabilization in the Democratic Republic of Congo against the negative forces present in the East of the country was appreciated by the Heads of State and Government during the High Level Meeting of the Monitoring Mechanism held in Kinshasa on february 24, 2022. The Heads of State and Government congratulate the Democratic Republic of Congo for the stabilization against the negative forces present in the country and welcome the pacification and stabilization of the East of the Country and the region. The Heads of State and Government also congratulate the DRC and Uganda, which have publicly committed to respecting human rights and international humanitarian law. However, the Heads of State and Government are concerned that the negative forces that have networks in the region, some of which are affiliated with international terrorist groups, continue to pose a

threat to civilians and to fuel mistrust and tensions between the countries of the region.

The Heads of State and Government appreciate the measures taken to follow up on the decisions adopted at the ninth high-level meeting of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism with regard to the strengthening of the regional security mechanisms set up bilaterally between the Republic Democratic Republic of the Congo and its neighbors, and welcome the repatriation of combatants.

Consultations are also regularly held between the heads of the intelligence and security services in Burundi, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania with the support of the institutions guaranteeing the Agreement- framework, a measure taken with a view to closer security cooperation.

It is important to ensure respect for human rights and humanitarian standards at the national level and to promote synergies between security and judicial processes.

The Heads of State and Government are fully committed to supporting these efforts in accordance with the regional commitments made under the Framework Agreement. (MFADC)

The Heads of State and Government reaffirm the importance of measures aimed at deepening regional economic integration

During the high level meeting of the regional monitoring mechanism of Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Region held in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo on february 24, 2022, the Heads of State

and Government reaffirmed the importance of improving the processes of traceability and certification of natural resources in the region in the service of regional stability and development. They also noted that it is also important to apply in this regard the recommendations resulting from the



high-level regional workshop on natural re-

sources in the Great Lakes Region which was

held from August 31 to september 2, 2021 Khar-toum in Sudan.

The Heads of State welcomed the decision of the United States of America and the European Union and its Member States to lift the economic sanc-tions taken against the Republic of Burundi.

The Heads of State and Government decided to collaborate closely with a view to accelerating the identification and financing of cross-border projects promoting integration, consolidating partnerships with international financial institutions and other partners and jointly mobilizing resources at the ser-vice of regional socio-economic integration, etc. (MFADC)

The high Authorities of the ICGLR undertake to implement the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation



The Imple-mentation of the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation is one of the points concluded

during the High Level Meeting of the Monitoring Mechanism held on February 24, 2022 in Kin-shasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Heads of State and Government firmly reaf-firmed the implementation of the Framework

Agreement to combat all the causes of instability in the region.

The Heads of State and Government greatly appre-ciated the adoption of the United Nations Strategy for the Consolidation of Peace and the Prevention and Resolution of Conflicts in the Great Lakes Re-gion and called for the rapid implementation of its Action Plan 2021-2023.

To this end, the Heads of State ask the technical support committee to update the Regional Action Plan and harmonize it with the other Action Plans drawn up to support the implementation of the Framework agreement. (MFADC)

Burundi offers to host the 11th high level meeting of the ICGLR mechanism



In the conclu-sions of the High Level Meeting of the Regional Moni-

toring Mechanism held in Kinshasa on february 24, 2022, the Heads of State and Government thanked His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, for his leadership and the effective action he led at the head of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism from october 2018 to 2022.

The Heads of State and Government welcomed the generous offer of Burundi to host the Eleventh High Level Meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism in Bujumbura in 2023 and encourage other signatory countries to consider hosting the meetings. following.

The Heads of State and Government finally thanked His Excellency Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, for having organized the tenth high-level meeting of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism, and thank all

those who contributed to its success.

Note that this meeting is held in principle every year and is hosted according to a proposal by one of the Member States and then the Heads of State proceed to the validation. (MFADC)

Dialogue and inclusive political processes in the ICGLR promise

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The Heads of State and Government welcome the formation of a revitalized Provisional Government of National Unity, in accordance with the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in

the Republic of South Sudan, signed on 12 september 2018 in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia and encourage the parties to expedite the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement.

The Sudanese parties are also encouraged to engage in political dialogue leading to consensus in order to organize free and transparent elections at the end of the transition period, in accordance with the rule of law and fundamental freedoms. The Heads of State and Government decide:

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The Heads of State and Government also appreciate the signing of the memorandum of understanding between Uganda and Rwanda on august 21, 2019 in Luanda (Angola) and recommend that dialogue continue between the two countries in order to

and fully restore good neighborly relations;

- Promptly implement the bilateral agreements recently concluded with a view to further strengthening bilateral relations and improving good neighborly relations;

- Further promote inclusive, credible and peaceful political processes that give a voice to all citizens while respecting the rule of law and fundamental rights and freedoms. (MFADC)

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Gitega: The PAEEJ sensitizes young entrepreneurs about its activities



The Economic Empowerment and

Youth Employment Program (PAEEJ) organized on monday, march 7, 2022 in the capital of Gitega province an awareness workshop on the activities of this program for representatives of young people who came

of all the communes of Gitega province. It is also the occasion of the official launch of PAEEJ activities in the province of Gitega.

The national coordinator of PAEEJ, Mr. Désiré Manirakiza invited the young people of Gitega to overcome the fear of taking out loans to finance their investment projects through associations or cooperatives. He then pointed out that members must imperatively give contributions on a regular basis for the cooperative to be eligible for credit.

Mr. Désiré Manirakiza asked the municipal administrators to support the activities of young people in

cooperatives by granting them land for exploitation and other opportunities for the smooth running of young people's activities.

The PAEEJ Coordinator told the young people that the Government is not able to hire all the young people who finish their studies. He advised them to set goals of becoming entrepreneurs after graduation.

The PAEEJ will give 300 chicks to each cooperative composed of 20 members in all the communes of Gitega and the cooperatives in turn will build chicken coops. And as a condition of PAEEJ to join the cooperative, members of the same family are not entitled to join the same cooperative. (rtnb)

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