



The Head of State enhances the construction activities of the new Presidential Office in Gitega



On Saturday, April 9, 2022, the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, accompanied by the Vice-President Prosper Bazombanza, Senior Executives and Executives of the State, Economic Operators and the population of Gitega, the political capital of Burundi, honored with his presence the construction activities of the new presidential office erected in the enclosure of the Presidential Palace of Gitega. The new Presidential Office of Gitega, of which construction activities were officially launched in no-

vember 2021 by His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE and whose architecture is inspired by that of the presidential office "Kwa Ntare Rushatsi" of Bujumbura, is built without any external financing thanks to the voluntary contribution of Burundians. After this work, a campaign of contribution by personal commitment was launched by the Head of State in order to accelerate the work on this site where voluntary commitments for the collection of funds were pronounced on the spot. In order to lead by example, the Burundian Number One His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE promises to offer his salary for the month of April and an envelope of 10 million BIF on behalf of the Presidential Family.

The Vice-President of the Republic Prosper Bazombanza, the members of the Government, the Senior Executives and/or Executives of the Presidency, the Vice-Presidency and the Primature spoke out for their contributions where most give their monthly salaries while adding other amounts from their income-generating activities.

For their part, Economic Operators, bankers, insurers, manufacturers, agri-breeders, etc., have also lent their support to the construction of the said infrastructure, where some promise

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sums of money, others bags of cement, etc. While the execution time for the construction of the new Presidential Palace of Gitega is 16 months, the works are evaluated at a rate of 48% after 5 months of

their execution. His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE congratulates all those who have contributed to the execution of the work of this work of sovereignty of the Burundian people. (www.presidency.gov.bi)

The Father of the Nation asks Christians to live the love of God and to avoid hypocrisy and betrayal like Judas Iscariot



While he had joined the Catholic Christians of the Murayi parish of the Archdiocese of Gitega for the Eucharistic celebration of Palm Sunday and of the Lord's Passion, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE

asked all Christians to live the love of God and asks them to avoid, during Holy Week, any form of hypocrisy and betrayal such as that of one of the 12 apostles, Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Christ for thirty denarii, leading the latter to the Passion.

In his speech, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE first transmitted to the Christians of Murayi

the greetings and blessings of the Holy Father to all Burundians and asked them to pray for him and for the country "because any good achievement or any success emanates from the will of the Most High," he added.

The Head of State takes the opportunity to invite all Burundians in general and all Christians in particular to get down to work and avoid any form of laziness which is the enemy of development. As we approach the summer period, he calls on the population to prepare to cultivate even during the dry season by practicing irrigation in order to increase production.

In this mass which was preceded by a ceremony of blessing the branches followed by a procession to the Holy Altar, the parish priest Murayi announced that we are beginning Holy Week which will make us live the Passion of Christ. It is an important holiday in Christianity because Easter commemorates the resurrection of Christ.

Speaking of the meaning of Palm Sunday, the parish priest of Murayi explains that it is in fact a way for the faithful of the Catholic Church to commemorate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by the people who lined their path with palm leaves, with a cry of joy and victory, "Hosanna". (www.presidency.gov.bi)

Two new Ambassadors are appointed to Burundi



The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE received in audience on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the Presidential Pal-

ace of Gitega, two new Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Damptey Bediako ASARE and Hatem LANDOULSI representing respectively Ghana and Tunisia.

Ghana welcomes the progress already made by President NDAYISHIMIYE in terms of good governance, which has removed Burundi from the agenda of the Security Council.

"As Africans, we encourage African countries to work together, to exchange our expertise, to reduce poverty," said Damptey Bediako ASARE.

The Ambassador of Tunisia, too, congratulated Presi-

dent NDAYISHIMIYE for the remarkable efforts, before expressing his hope to see Tunisia overcome its difficult social, political and financial situation.

"The strengthening of our already existing relations would contribute remarkably in the sectors of health, ICTs, business, etc," said Ambassador LANDOULSI.

He also invited the Burundian Head of State to participate in the eighth edition of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD

8) scheduled for the end of August in Tunisia and the Francophonie Summit in november 2022.

"We encourage South-South cooperation, through the exchange of experiences in the areas of road infrastructure, industries, exploitation of our natural resources, etc. ", told them the Burundian Number One His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE after a short briefing on the stable situation prevailing in Burundi; which is an asset for international investors. (www.presidency.gov.bi)

President NDAYISHIMIYE encourages the use of ascending and decending approaches for sustainable development



When the President of the Republic His Excellency NDAYISHIMIYE Evariste hosted on wednesday, april 13, 2022 in Ruyigi, a moralization session for natives, elected officials and administrative, political and religious leaders, he demanded from leaders the use bottom-up and top-down approaches in administration.

"The Governor must speak with the heads of the

various departments, and in turn, the Provincial Commissioners will meet the Communal Commissioners, the Provincial Director of Education meets the Communal Directors of Education, the Provincial Director of Agriculture and of Livestock meets agronomists, etc" hammered President NDAYISHIMIYE calling on the leaders present in this session to serve as examples in their communities or cooperatives.

"Let's all work together for the development of Burundi, otherwise we will remain poor while the country is rich", said President NDAYISHIMIYE reminding Burundians to pay taxes for community development.

The Burundian Head of State also gave the floor to

the natives of Ruyigi to express their grievances, mainly related to the injustices suffered. He promised to follow the various concerns closely in order to be able to remedy them. This includes, among other things, assistance to young people who need support for their projects, cases that are poorly handled in court, etc. (www.presidency.gov.bi)

The Senate passes a major bill



She specified that the beneficiaries of the project are estimated at least 145,000 households distributed as follows:

- 100,000 poor households;
- 250,000 households economically affected by Covid-19;
- 20,000 households of refugees and host communities.

The Senators adopted on wednesday, february 13, 2022, the bill ratifying the financing agreement between the Republic of Burundi and the International Development Association (IDA) in favor of the so-called social safety net support project.

The Minister in charge of solidarity in her attributions Imelde Sabushimike who had represented the Government of Burundi before the Senate, explained that the financing agreement of 150 million US dollars is a donation intended to scale up the support project for productive social safety nets and jobs, the MERANKABANDI project whose pilot project was implemented in 4 provinces including Ruyigi, Karusi, Gitega and Kirundo.

The ratification of this agreement will make it possible to raise the standard of living of extremely poor and vulnerable households in Burundi through monetary transfers and support measures. Ratification will also promote economic opportunities through increased access to productive inclusion initiatives and jobs.

After the explanations provided by the Minister in charge of Solidarity Imelde Sabushimike, the Senators unanimously adopted the bill on the ratification by the Republic of Burundi of the Financing Agreement No. D9440-BI between the Republic of Burundi and IDA, in favor of the support project for productive social safety nets and jobs, the MERANKABANDI project signed in Bujumbura on January 24, 2022. (www.rtnb.bi)

Gitega: Senate Speaker Celebrates Palm Sunday at United Methodist Church



The President of the Burundian Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera in the company of his family joined sunday, february 10, 2022 with the Christians of the United

Methodist Church in the Parish of Saint Pierre of Nyabugogo in Gitega commune in the Sunday prayer of the palms.

In greeting the Christians of the parish of Saint Pierre de Nyabugogo, the Right Honorable President of the Senate at the same time Legal Representative of the United Methodist Church in Burundi Hon Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on Christians to love one's neighbour, to pray for peace, preaching the good news and doing development work.

With a view to increasing agricultural production as the responsible and hard-working Government wishes, Legal Representative Hon. Emmanuel asked the Christians of the United Methodist Church in Burundi

to exploit their fallow land holdings in order to develop the parishes.

The Right Honorable Speaker of the Senate ended his remarks by urging Burundians not to be dis-

tracted by the war in Russia and Ukraine rather to remain vigilant in preventing the covid-19 pandemic because it still exists in the world and takes human lives.(www.rtnb.bi)

Launch of the preparation process for the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework in Burundi



The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, opened the ceremonies for the launch of the preparation process for the United Nations Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development in Burundi, Bujumbura, on 11 april 2022.

In his address, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO recalled a quote from His Holiness Pope Francis: "the challenge of safeguarding the common home includes the concern to unite the whole human family in the search of a sustainable and integral development" which has a title the importance of the sustainable development to safeguard this common house which is our planet. Burundi, like the other member countries of the United Nations adopted in 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) whose expectation before the deadline in 2030 requires bold transformative changes at several levels. The United Nations system, to which all belong, has introduced the United Nations cooperation framework plans for sustainable development. Burundi will very soon acquire the breast which will cover the period 2023-2027 to replace the UNDAF program whose implementation period has been shortened by one year to end on december

31, 2022 for strategic reasons mutually agreed between the two parts.

The new United Nations cooperation framework for sustainable development in Burundi will be in perfect coherence and alignment with the National Development Plan of Burundi (PND2018-2027) and the National Program for the Capitalization of Peace, Social Stability and the Promotion of Economic Growth, (PNCP-SS-PCE). The new Framework Plan marks a new dynamic of commitment between the United Nations System and the Government of Burundi. It is

a type of strategic partnership respecting the principle of national ownership at all levels at the national level which reflects the real nature of contemporary relations between Governments and the United Nations in order to achieve the SDGs in the deadlines for 2030.

Minister Albert SHINGIRO invited the development partners and the joint teams that will work on the design of the Framework Plan for Sustainable Development Cooperation in Burundi to make the three guiding principles of action: a tool at the service of economic transformation of Burundi, the spirit of collaboration and exclusivity and to concretize their common commitment to leave no one behind. He also stressed the importance of statistical data in the work that will be done because the strategic choices that will be made in the context of the Framework Plan must be made on the basis of evidence and rigorous statistical data that will highlight the investment data and the opportunities they represent for the development of Burundi. They will make it easier for everyone to carry out the work well and thus to objectively identify the expected results.

In his speech, Mr. Mama Damien, Coordinator of the United Nations System in Burundi, stressed

that the development of the framework plan takes place in a context marked by renewed cooperation between the Government of Burundi and its partners and the affirmation of a new vision for the country. As Burundi has adopted the National Program for the Capitalization of Peace, Social Stability and the Promotion of Economic Growth (PNCP), with the instrument for accelerating the implementation of the National Development Plan (PND), the two frameworks should be at the heart of the preparation of the Cooperation Framework Plan, as they express Burundi's vision and priorities in terms of socio-economic development and the PND. It reminds us to work towards the structural transformation of the Burundian economy, for strong, sustainable, resilient, inclusive growth, creating decent jobs for all and inducing the improvement of social well

-being.

Mr. Mama Damien said to see on the partnerships that must be integrated into the cooperation framework plan. The SDGs can only be achieved with varied partnerships and strong cooperation. He also thanked the Government of Burundi for demonstrating the leadership it intends to play in the preparation and implementation of Burundi's cooperation framework plan.

Recall that during these activities there were presentations on the cooperation framework plan and on the SDGs respectively presented by Mr. Pacome Kossy, the Head of Office, Coordinator of Development Issues and Coordinator of Strategic Planning at the Office of the Coordinator Resident of the United Nations in Burundi and Ambassador Isaïe KUBWAYO, Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations. (MFADC)

The Minister in charge of National Defense presents the quarterly review of achievements



The Minister of National Defense and Veterans Alain Tribert Mutabazi presented on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, the quarterly report on the achievements of the year 2021-2022.

In the field of defense reinforcement, the defense forces worked day and night to ensure security on all the borders of the country, indicated the Minister in charge of National Defense. He added that the military has always remained vigilant to prevent and track down any criminals who intend to carry out actions that disturb the security of the country.

Alain Tribert Mutabazi specified that concerning the strengthening of institutional capacities, the amended organic law of the National Defense Force of Burundi was adopted by the Council of Ministers. The 2021-2027 sector strategy document was produced and adopted and produced. Awareness sessions were organized on the personal and family code, the military penal code and the code of organization and jurisdiction of military courts in different divisions, continued the Minister in charge of National Defence.

In order to improve the well-being of soldiers and their families, the Kamenge military hospital has been rehabilitated, an emergency-resuscitation block and a billing block have also been built.

As part of the care of disabled veterans, drugs were granted to sick veterans and kits were given to veterans with disabilities, including 11 canes for the blind, 73 pairs of crutches, 24 prostheses, 33 orthoses and 11 wheelchairs, specifies the Minister in charge of National Defence.

Alain Tribert Mutabazi informs that in the field of prevention and fight against terrorism and cyber-attack, exercises for the prevention and simulation of a terrorist attack have been prepared and carried out in

Cibitoke and Kayanza.

In an effort to minimize the funds allocated to the supply of consumables, more than 64 tons of briquettes were produced by the military briquette factory, Alain Tribert Mutabazi said.

In the area of gender mainstreaming at the FDNB, soldiers were sensitized on the fight against gender-based sexual violence.

The Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs was delighted with his achievements but he cited certain challenges encountered, including the lack of financial means, the delay in means which does not allow the timely execution of the planned actions, and some equipment which is dilapidated and which needs to be renewed, concluded the Minister in charge of National Defense and Veterans Affairs Alain Tribert Mutabazi. (www.rtnb.bi)

Launch of activities to implement the national strategy to revitalize the cotton sector



The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Dr. Déo Guide Rurema officially launched on Monday, April 11, 2022 the activities of the national multisectoral and inter-ministerial steering committee for the implementation of the national strategy for the revitalization of the cotton-textile-clothing sector in Burundi 2019-2027. This sector experienced a problem, production decreased and went from 8 thousand tons to 1000 tons

and even less according to the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock. He explains that it is for this reason that the Ministry presented a document to the Government showing how to revitalize this sector.

Dr. Déo Guide Rurema said that land must first be granted to COGERCO to expand cotton cultivation and thus increase its production.

And at a time when COGERCO is almost bankrupt with a hole of more than 4 billion, the steering committee to revitalize this sector proposes that COGERCO becomes a mixed company with Afritextile, continued the Minister in charge of the environment.

Dr. Déo Guide Rurema clarified that the responsible and hardworking government is concerned to increase agricultural production in all sectors and that cotton occupies an important place in the manufacture of clothes, which brings in foreign currency to carry out development work, continued Déo Guide Rurema. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Minister in charge of Agriculture receives in audience a Swiss delegation



in audience on Monday April 11, 2022 a Swiss delegation led by the Representative of SUCAFINA Nico-

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Déo Guide Rurema received

las Tamari, 2nd world company in the field of increased production, processing and marketing of coffee.

According to the Minister in charge of Agriculture and Livestock, the boss of SUCAFINA Nicolas Tamari and his team saw fit to pay a visit to Burundi to realize the progress of the implementation of the Government's decision to revitalize the coffee sector.

Minister Déo Guide Rurema indicated that ODECA has been allocated 100 ha to plant state-specific

coffee plants. On the side of the representative of SUCAFINA, Nicolas Tamari promised that he will strengthen the partnership so that we work in a win-win spirit, given that there are many unpaid bills at the level of coffee growers and so that the repatriation currency is insured.

SUCAFINA as a partner that has been working in Burundi for a long time, its boss thanked the entire coffee sector in Burundi, especially the coffee growers who work very hard every day. Nicolas Tamari has also agreed to look for other partners so that we can sell Burundi's image through coffee. (www.rtnb.bi)

Kigwena Nature Reserve, an under-protected and under-exploited ecosystem



The Governor of the province Rumonge, Consolateur Nitunga made on wednesday april 13, 2022, a guided tour in the Kigwena Nature Reserve. The observation was that this 565ha forest should be protected and developed to attract more tourists. It is a peri-Guinean forest located on the shores

of Lake Tanganyika. Its fauna is made up of monkeys, snakes, birds and hippos. As for the flora, there are different kinds of trees, some of which resemble those of the forest of Equatorial Guinea. Unfortunately, acknowledged the Governor, this ecosystem is not sufficiently protected: only two forest guards have to monitor 565 ha and fight against poaching and those who enter it in search of firewood. As for those who claim to own land in the Kigwena Nature Reserve, the Provincial Governor Rumonge Consolateur Nitunga considers that their allegations are unfounded insofar as this reserve has been protected by law since 1958. He invites the surrounding populations to respect the law which prohibits any activity in this nature reserve. (www.rtnb.bi)

The UPG provides capacity building for state officials



The Rector of the Polytechnic University of Gitega UPG hosted a press conference at the University on wednesday april 12, 2022. He announced that from now on the Polytechnic University of Gitega will provide certifying training for capacity building professional civil servants. During this press conference, the Rector of the Polytechnic University of Gitega UPG Dr Silas Sayumwe shared the experiences learned from his visit to the Polytechnic

University of Madrid in Spain from february 02 to 09, 2022. As indicated by Dr. Silas Sayumwe, this trip is part of the consolidation of relations between the Polytechnic University of Gitega and that of Madrid. The two universities intend to strengthen exchanges of experience and cooperation in the academic field, specified the Rector of the UPG. The holding of this press conference by the Rector of the UPG, Dr. Silas Sayumwe, also aimed to inform the public that the UPG has initiated certifying training for the strengthening of professional capacities, in particular for civil servants of the State especially in English and Swahili and in other sectors of development of the

cooperatives in order to support the policy of the responsible and hard-working government which wants that each mouth has food and each pocket has money.

The Polytechnic University of Gitega is under Com-

munity law, all the municipalities of the province of Gitega have participation rights. The establishment opened its doors in 2015 with 300 students. For this academic year 2021-2022, the UPG has around 2500 students. (www.rtnb.bi)

Mayengo: victims of natural disasters face a great challenge



The victims of the 2015 natural disasters in the Gitaza area thank the Government, UNDP and other partners for providing them with decent housing in the peace village of Mayengo, in Rumonge province since 2018.

These former victims of natural disasters who have been relocated to the peace village of Mayengo face a major challenge: idleness. Most are still unable to carry out income-generating activities as before.

Rémy Bitariho, head of the peace village of Mayengo, says that these villagers are hardworking men and women. They are ready to roll up their sleeves to work.

Before the natural disasters that forced them to move, they practiced agriculture, animal husbandry, trade, and other occupations, and they are still able to do so. They ask the public authorities to grant them land to cultivate, to organize them into cooperatives and to give them access to small capital, so that they can practice petty trade and small trades in order to meet their needs without having to beg.

These disaster-displaced people are also asking the public authorities to provide them with a health center and new classrooms in order to improve learning conditions in schools.

They would also like them to be authorized to exploit the electrical energy that arrives in the peace village of Mayengo. (www.rtnb.bi)

Rumonge: soon a site for victims of the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika



The rising waters of Lake Tanganyika in march 2020 disrupted the lives of the local population in Rumonge province. Most have seen their homes flooded by the waters of the lake. By order of the administration, they were forced to move to avoid the risk of loss of life. Today, for

some, it is impossible to return to their homes. One can wonder how the victims of this natural disaster live.

According to the Governor of Rumonge, Consolateur Nitunga, the provincial disaster management committee has taken charge of the issue of people affected by the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika. Of the 180 households affected by the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika in 2020, only 44 households are still gathered at the CEMINA site, a former trades teaching centre. They are the ones who are regularly monitored by the administration, the others have been taken in by the neighbours.

Asked about their living conditions in this site, these victims of the rising waters, say that they are exposed to cold and winds, coughing is common

among children, because they are in an un-closed shed. Family life no longer exists, men sleep on one side, women and children on the other. It is, they say, an untenable situation.

The most ardent wish of these victims of the rising waters is to leave this site to be settled elsewhere in order to be able to return to a normal family life. To the complaint of those

affected by the rising waters of the lake to be resettled elsewhere, the Governor of Rumonge Comfoter Nitunga responds that a 5ha plot has already been identified in Mutambara where they will be relocated.

There remains, he says, only the authorization to develop this land, otherwise the donors have affirmed that the budget is available for the construction of the houses of these victims. (www.rtnb.bi)

Kabezi: landslide, a dangerous phenomenon



It is a new and dangerous phenomenon for the inhabitants of certain localities of the Kabezi commune, landslides, which destroy either their homes or their fields.

The Administration of this locality indicated that in recent months, sixteen households in Kiremba hill, Ramba zone, Kabezi commune were forced to move following a threat of landslide.

Since July 2021 the population had informed the administration that they had noticed cracks on the ground and since then 8 houses have already collapsed. The administration has asked the population to leave this locality without delay to avoid possible human and material damage that this landslide could cause at any time on the whole hill.

According to the administration, this landslide

threat is due to climate change. For the moment, the displaced families express the wish to be rehoused in safer places.

The administration also reports that some displaced people are staying with host families, others have settled in their properties on the neighboring hills. During the day they come to work in the fields but do not spend the night there and that there are some who have also removed the sheets on the

houses to settle elsewhere, continued the administrator of this locality.

In the same commune of Kabezi, in Bujumbura province, a large-scale landslide occurred in the locality of Ceri, Migera hill, it was on March 28 and 29, 2022. There were no deaths but fields of cassava, beans, corn were destroyed, palm trees, mango trees and avocado trees washed away according to Emmanuel Niyibizi, the chief of the Migera hill.

In total, more than sixty hectares are threatened by this landslide on the left bank of the Karonke River, not the law of the Mutumba parish. The people who exploited this land will suffer a considerable loss during the harvest and are asking for assistance to be able to survive after this natural disaster. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Regional Project for Integrated Agricultural Development in the Great Lakes (PRDAIGL) distributes cattle in Nyanzalac



The Regional Project for Integrated Agricultural Development in the Great Lakes (PRDAIGL) distributed on thursday, april 14, 2022, 260 cows on the 7 hills of the Nyanza-Lac commune in Makamba Province, including 111 on the hills of Gisenga, Kabonga and Mukerezi.

As indicated by the national coordinator of PRDAIGL Louis Nduwimana, this project aims to increase the production of 3 value chains based on rice, corn and milk. The PRDAIGL will also improve the living conditions of the populations and create jobs, he continued.

He specified that this project intervenes in five provinces namely Bubanza, Bujumbura, Cibitoke, Rumonge and Makamba in Nyanza-Lac commune where 620 cattle will be distributed.

The national coordinator of the PRDAIGL calls on the beneficiaries of these cattle to maintain them well so that they soon have better milk production for consumption and marketing.

Louis Nduwimana said that the project intends to build a milk marketing center in Nyanza-Lac explaining that milk costs around 1400 F Bu per liter in this town and that these cattle can have at least 10 l per day each. For him, the population will experience an increase in milk production, said Louis Nduwimana.

As for the Director General of Livestock Serges Nkurunziza, he urged the beneficiaries of these cattle not to sell them, to give them an appropriate diet and to always take the temperature of these cattle 3 times a day.

One of the beneficiaries of these cattle expressed her thanks to the government of Burundi through its PRDAIGL project saying that it is for the first time that she is raising a cow in her family.

The main beneficiaries of these modern cows are agri-pastoralists including smallholder farmers and dairy producers living in these regions, poor households with incomes of less than USD 2 per day and owning an average of 0.5 ha earthen.

The other beneficiaries are private stakeholders in the agri-food industry as well as cooperatives and micro-small and medium-sized enterprises established in the targeted areas seeking to invest in the targeted sectors.

The Regional Integrated Agricultural Development Project in the Great Lakes (PRDAIGL) is a project of the Government of Burundi financed by the World Bank to the tune of 75,000 USD. (www.rtnb.bi)

Protecting the environment, a priority for palm oil producers

Protecting the environment is a commendable practice resulting from a major awareness campaign by palm oil production units that are increasingly committed to this good practice. This is the case of the production unit of Mr. Gérard Ndikuriyo in Kanyenkoko in Rumonge commune where wastewater is transformed into fertilizer.

According to the agronomic director at the Palm Oil Office (OHP) Christian Nimubona, the awareness campaign of palm oil production units to protect the environment has borne fruit. Of the approximately 440 improved artisanal production units, only about twenty would still lag behind in environmental protection. The owners of these production units have

understood that not only must the environment be protected, particularly Lake Tanganyika, but also the effluent must be made profitable, ie the waste water recovered after palm oil extraction.

Whereas before this awareness-raising campaign, wastewater from palm oil production

units was sent into Lake Tanganyika and polluted it, today these effluents are recovered in sedimentation tanks, a few months later they are transformed in organic manure, much appreciated by farmers. (www.rtnb.bi)

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