



**“The Lord is aware of projects he has formed for Burundi, projects of peace and not of misfortune”**



Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE encourage his compatriots to place their trust in God in all circumstances because “the Lord knows the projects he has formed for Burundi, projects of peace and not of misfortune, to give us a future and hope.”

By reminding Burundians that faith without works is vain, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE warmly welcomed the involvement of the Anglican Church of Burundi in socio-economic development projects, particularly in the sectors of education, health and agro-livestock.

Laziness being a sin considered as the mother of all vices, the Head of State called on all religious leaders to lead by example by contributing to the development efforts of Burundi, like Saint Paul, whose the 2nd epistle to the Thessalonians specifies that “if someone does not want to work, he must not eat either” ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

**O**n may 08, 2022, the Head of State HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE joined the Christians of the Anglican Church of Burundi during a Sunday worship celebrated at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Bujumbura Town Hall. The Word of the day urged Burundians to always give glory to God for his priceless benefits.

The Bishop of Bujumbura, Mgr Eraste BIGIRIMANA, asked Christians not to take God's blessings for granted: “We complain as soon as difficulties arise. Let us learn to consider all the favors of God on our life. At all times, give thanks”

During this Easter period, President

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## “Burundi will always be part of the solutions and not of the conflicts”



**D**uring a lively press conference on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Ntare Rushatsi Presidential Palace, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste said that Burundi remains neutral and not aligned with the Russian-Ukraine NDAYISHIMIYE conflict.

Speaking of the question relating to the Russian Government's offer to provide Burundi with fuel and fertilizer support, the President of the Republic does not cut corners: "Burundi will always be part of the solutions not conflict. Its motto is to bring solutions to the countries that need them. However, Burundi is rebuilding itself and will not reject an offer of support. »

In his introductory remarks, the President of the Republic made a point of specifying that this meeting with media professionals is within the framework of strengthening democratic culture in Burundi so that all Burundians have a common understanding and walk together towards reconstruction and development of the country.

Thus, journalists, one after another, addressed to the Burundian Number One concerns affecting various sectors of national life.

Among other questions, President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE spoke about the galloping demography in Burundi. He indicated that the Government will soon

take appropriate measures as soon as the results of the next general population census are published.

As for the issue related to the high cost of living, President NDAYISHIMIYE encourages his fellow Burundians to increase production to deal with it. However, he deplores the speculation of certain links in the agricultural value chain which drives up prices, which explains the disparities in prices depending on the locality.

Faced with the proliferation of arable land thanks to cooperative groups and major construction sites in the country, the Head of State urges businessmen to invest in the construction of fertilizer and cement production plants.

Speaking of the process of renormalization of relations between Rwanda and Burundi, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE affirmed that the two countries have the firm will to preserve their peaceful coexistence and the extradition of the Burundian putschists would constitute a significant step.

The President of the Republic also appreciated the state already reached in relation to freedom of expression in Burundi. However, he urged media professionals to develop the patriotic spirit by participating through their profession in the strengthening of peace, national reconciliation and social cohesion.

As a mark of confidence and recognition of their noble profession, the Head of State shared with journalists, on the spot, the number of his personal line which they can use in case of great need.

At the end of this press conference, the exchanges continued by sharing a drink in a more convivial atmosphere. ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

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BAZOMBANZA received in audience the Ambassador Delegate of the European Union to Burundi Claude BOCHU to discuss the state of cooperation relations between Burundi and the European Union, on may 11, 2022.

European Union Ambassador Claude BOCHU warmly thanked the Vice-President of the Republic

for having promptly and warmly accepted to welcome him to the Presidential Palace Ntare House, and took the opportunity to invite the Burundian authorities to participate in the cooperation day organized by the European Union on June 10, 2022 at the Bujumbura public garden.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Prosper BAZOMBANZA, for his part, positively appreciated the invitation to this day of cooperation and reassured him of the participation of the Burundian authorities during the significant activities of this day.

The Vice-President of the Republic also welcomed the cooperation efforts of the European Union in the various sectors of the country and invited investors or non-governmental organizations wishing to work in Burundi to comply with the priority areas contained in the Program. National Development of Burundi (PND Burundi 2018-2027). ([www.presidency.gov.bi](http://www.presidency.gov.bi))

## The President of the Senate urges teachers to increase school performance



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President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera gathered on Wednesday May 11, 2022, in the Kibuye zone and in the Rushubi zone of the Isare commune, the directors and teachers of this commune. The purpose of these meetings was to assess the step taken in the education sector in Isare commune.

In his words of welcome, whether in the Kibuye zone or in Rushubi, the administrator of Isare commune Mr. Gilbert Niyonkuru indicated that Isare commune is stable in terms of peace and security,

that the population is going about their work of development. He said that on the education side, this commune ranks among the last 3 in national tests and that this sector faces a number of challenges.

The President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera thanked all the teachers who were present and encouraged those who work diligently for the success of the learners.

Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on teachers to redouble their efforts in exercising their profession despite the challenges. For him, the teaching profession is not a job like any other but a vocation. And to ask the teachers of the commune of Isare to get down to work according to the theme chosen for this commune, "increase school performance class by class, course by course".

During the exchanges, the teachers raised the challenges they face including insufficient salaries as life becomes more and more expensive, dropping out of school, lack of school materials such as computers,

laboratories, books for certain classes of the post-basic cycle, etc. For these teachers, these challenges are among the factors contributing to school failure in the Isare commune.

Responding to the concerns expressed by teachers, the President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera urged them to exchange experiences to increase academic performance.

Regarding the lack of school materials, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera said that the natives of this town will make an inventory of priority needs in order to make them available.

Regarding school dropout in Isare commune, the President of the Senate deplors this state of affairs while specifying that the State allows all children of school age to access school.

With regard to the galloping demography which could constitute an obstacle to academic success, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera indicated that this question is one of the national concerns. And to specify that substantial measures to deal with it will be taken based on data from the general population census of 2022. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The Ombudsman supports the construction of basic school Ntobwe



The Ombudsman of Burundi Honorable Édouard Nduwimana joined the population on wednesday, may 11, 2022 in the construction work of the administrative block of the Ntobwe Basic School, in the commune and province of Gitega, a school which has 18 classrooms. These are new buildings because basic school Ntobwe was housed in the premises of the local Modest United Church.

The construction of these new basic school Ntobwe premises was initiated by the natives, including the current provincial secretary of the CNDD-FDD party,

the deputy Georges Nshimirimana.

The Ombudsman of Burundi Honorable Edouard Nduwimana took this opportunity to thank all those who played a role in the construction of basic school Ntobwe, in particular FENACOBU which gave a lot of financial means, the Gitega commune, the natives who mobilized

the people and the United Methodist Church who donated the land Edouard Nduwimana gave a contribution of two million Burundian francs.

It was an opportunity for the Ombudsman to salute this synergy which proves that when there is peace and cohesion, people can carry out large-scale projects. Honorable Edouard Nduwimana particularly congratulated the United Methodist Church, not only for freeing the land for the construction of basic Ntobwe, but also for having succeeded in overcoming internal problems. He urged other churches to do the same, instead of getting bogged down in disputes fueled by self-interest. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The European Union in Burundi celebrates Europe Day



On the evening of May 9, 2022, the delegation of the European Union to Burundi organized a cocktail party for the celebration of Europe Day. The Ambassadors of the Member States of the European Union accredited in Burundi were present at this event as well as other Diplomats accredited in Burundi, representatives of civil society as well as certain members of the Government, including the Burundian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, H.E Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO.

In his speech, the Ambassador Delegate of the European Union to Burundi Mr. Claude BOCHOU first paid tribute to the Burundian peacekeepers who were victims of terrorism, far from their homes while serving as part of a peacekeeping mission of the African Union in Somalia. He sent his sincere and deep condolences to the people of Burundi and to the bereaved families. It was also an opportunity for this European diplomat to salute Burundi's efforts in favor of the stability of the continent.

The cooperation efforts of the Europe team in Burundi make the European Union the first donor to Burundi, a title which honors the Union, declared Ambassador Claude Bochou during

these ceremonies. Still according to Claude Bochou, the delegation will intensify its efforts in the coming months with the Burundian authorities, its headquarters, the World Bank, the IMF and the EIB in order to facilitate the mobilization of financing.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO congratulated the European Union and all its peoples by measuring at its fair value the deep significance of the Europe Day because he understood the political importance it takes on, as well as the attachment and pride of all the peoples of Europe to the achievement. He acknowledges the perseverance, determination and courage of the peoples and their leaders who have made Europe what it is today. "The unionist approach with the results achieved today is a fine example for the rest of the World. By creating the African Union, Africa wanted to demonstrate its interest in this unionist approach and its values". He added.

Minister Albert SHINGIRO recognizes that migration, terrorism and international conflicts are major challenges that risk jeopardizing the current world order. But that he is at the same time confident in the ability of nations to find adequate answers to them because they have the necessary resources and genius to do so.

The pooling of efforts by all the Member States of the United Nations to build a new world order based on the rule of international law and respectful of all countries regardless of their size, geographical location and degree of development would be one of the best ways to follow. To tackle the many collective challenges facing humanity right now without resort-

ing to wars and muscle diplomacy.

With regard to the maintenance of peace, according to Albert SHINGIRO, the phenomena of terrorism, migration, internal or inter-State conflicts do not only concern Europe, Burundi has once again been hit by Al Shabab terrorists in Somalia where the valiant peacekeepers within the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) were attacked using vehicle bombs, suicide bombers and heavily armed men, causing deaths, injuries and missing persons and that it is clear that the objective of this attack is to hinder the efforts of ATMIS to bring peace and security throughout Somalia, but that the Burundian

contingent remains determined to bring the best of itself so that peace and stability finally triumph in a lasting way in this brotherly country.

Note that the European Union is present in Burundi since 1978 without interruption. Many cooperation projects have succeeded, particularly in the sectors of infrastructure, food security, health and many others. Ambassador Bochou announced on Monday during the Europe Day celebration ceremonies that the European Union will move towards areas such as climate change, justice, culture, environment and support for the youth. (MFADC)

### European Union Cooperation and Burundi



willingness of the parties was reaffirmed on February 17 and 18, 2022 in Brussels during the talks of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi with the President of the European Council and with the European Commissioner in charge of international partnerships, on the sidelines of the African Union – European Union Summit.

According to His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Burundi and the European Union will also continue the political dialogue initiated in a new spirit of trust and mutual understanding, because they want the partnership to be based on sincerity, mutual respect and convergence of interests as

**B**urundi and the Europe maintain excellent relations of friendship and cooperation. This cooperation, which is characterized by longevity, diversity and dynamism, from the eve of Burundi's independence; because Burundi was among the very first beneficiaries of European support with EDF commitments covering the period from 1959 to 1965.

For H.E Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, Europe Day for the year 2022 is celebrated when the European Union took the happy decision on February 8, 2022 to lift the suspension of its direct financial support to the Burundian Government. This decision is another good ingredient for warming up relations with this important partner and with its Member States. This

is in the content of the Final Declaration of the AU-EU Brussels Summit where the leaders of the AU and the EU reaffirmed their adherence to a common vision of a renewed partnership to build a common future. The common vision aims to consolidate the partnership for solidarity, security, peace and sustainable economic development.

The renewed partnership is based in particular on the recognition of history, human ties, respect for sovereignty, mutual responsibility and respect, shared values, equality between partners and reciprocal commitments both at protection and defense of common values and at the level of the development and prosperity of citizens and future generations. (MFADC)



## The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of Foreign Affairs receives in audience a BMC delegation



**O**n may 11, 2022, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako received in audi-

ence a delegation from British Motors Company (BMC) of Turkish origin led by Gen-Bde Pol Thadée Birutegusa, Defense Attaché at the Embassy of Burundi in Ankara. They discussed military-security cooperation between Burundi and Turkey with a view to maintaining and strengthening the said cooperation. Note that Burundi and Turkey have had good relations for a long time. For this, they have already signed several cooperation agreements in various fields such as education, science and technology, inter-state mobility, culture, politics, economy and trade, defense, security, air and maritime transport, agriculture and livestock, health and diplomacy. (MFADC)

## The Turkish Company AKDAGLAR wants to open its gates in Burundi



**O**n thursday, may 12, 2022, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako granted an audience to a delegation from the Turkish Company AKDAGLAR. This delegation was led by YEKTA TURE, Managing Director and member of the Board of Directors of AKDAGLAR.

Speaking about the purpose of the visit, Mr. YEKTA TURE said that the purpose of the visit

to Burundi of these investors is to explore all the investment opportunities in Burundi in order to develop innovative projects. He indicated that the AKDAGLAR Company is specialized in the field of infrastructure, production of construction materials for roads, bridges, hospitals and energy production centers.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako welcomed the delegation from the AKDAGLAR Company. He said that Burundi is preparing to take off but it will not do it alone, it will also need strong partnerships with others. He praised the good relations that unite Burundi and Turkey, as evidenced by these Turkish Companies which want to develop their projects in Burundi. (MFADC)

## Opening of the retreat for National Coordinators of the ICGLR



**O**n may 11, 2022, the National Coordinator of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Angola and President of the National Coordinators Amb. Miguel Caesar Domingos Bembe, the ICGLR National Coordinator of Burundi Amb. Bernard NTAHIRAJA as well as the Executive Secretary of the CIRGL Amb. Joao Samuel Caholo opened the National Coordinators retreat which will last three days at the Hotel Club du Lac Tanganyika. This retreat aims to analyze, discuss and approve the draft Strategic Plan of the ICGLR Secretariat, for the time horizon of 2022-2026. In his address, Amb. Miguel Caesar Domingos Bembe indicated that the realization of this retreat responds to the request emanating from the two meetings of the National Coordinators of the ICGLR, held face-to-face in Luanda, Republic of Angola, respectively on december 2 and 3, 2021 and by videoconference, on march 23, 2022.

Indeed, the President of the National Coordinators indicated that the retreat will be an essential exercise of review and improvement of the aforementioned draft Strategic Plan, with the aim of planning the restriction of the secretariat and its Organs, as well as to define together major regional objectives, adapted to the internal and external needs of the ICGLR and which is associated from time to time with the outline of the policies necessary for the materialization, both in terms of resources, agents, alliances and deadlines, including how to thwart possi-

ble opposition or hindrances.

Ambassador Miguel Caesar Domingos Bembe also indicated that the politico-diplomatic axes; Defense and Security; Economic and Regional Development as well as Intelligence and Reform of the Functioning and Organization of the Secretariat are the 5 strategic pillars of the strategic plan and the lines of action of Angola as President-in-Office of the ICGLR.

The President of the National Coordinators did not fail to recall that the ICGLR, like all organizations, as one of the three regional mechanisms for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts in Africa, associated with the African Architecture of Peace and Security (APSA) and recognized by the African Union (AU) is also subject to various and permanent strategic challenges.

Therefore, he added, "it is imperative to develop an essential plan for the strategic process of application to the sequential and particular set of actions which aim to better enable the ICGLR Secretariat to determine the sequence of threats or problems to overcome and opportunities to exploit, employing potential and correcting vulnerabilities".

To end his address, Amb. Miguel Caesar Domingos Bembe said that the CIRGL continues to be an essential mechanism for the search for a solution to conflicts and guarantee of stability and development in the sub-region, it is for this reason that the national coordinators will work and support a reform of the ICGLR, in particular, of the secretariat by promoting

a new organizational structure adapted to the challenges of peace, security, stability and regional development that they face.

The ICGLR National Coordinator of Burundi Amb. Bernard NTAHIRAJA said that this retreat will allow the National Coordinators of the ICGLR, without a doubt, to reflect and discuss important subjects, relating in particular to the assets and the organization and the region, with the aim of contributing more to shared happiness of the peoples of the region. According to the Executive Secretary of the ICGLR Amb. Joao Samuel Caholo, during this retreat, the National Coordinators of the ICGLR must, together, identify the areas on which they focus. To succeed, they must be selective, systematic

and rational. They must understand the interrelated and multifaceted challenges facing the region.

To better understand the drivers of conflict and radicalization, the factors that hinder economic growth and job creation for young people and women in the region. At the practical level, they need to understand and decide how they will engage with all member states to find durable solutions.

The ICGLR Executive Secretary also indicated that ICGLR National Coordinators must make difficult but necessary choices for the Conference Secretariat to effectively fulfill its mandate and remain relevant to the region. They must engage in sustained engagements that allow them to both identify and unlock blockages that prevent the ICGLR from fulfilling its mandate.(MFADC)

## The Russian Embassy in Burundi celebrates the 77th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe



**R**ussia joined the world on Monday May 9, 2022 to celebrate the 77th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. In Russia, it is called the great patriotic war, said the ambassador of the Russian Federation Valery Mikhaylov during a press briefing.

Embassy officials participated in the so-called "Immortal Regime" activity which took place in front of the Embassy, very close to the monument of the first man in space Mr. Yuri Gagarin. As indicated by the Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Burundi Valéry Mikhay-

lov, this activity aims to honor the memory of their grandfathers who lost their lives or who participated in the Second World War.

The Ambassador of the Russian Federation said that for several years, Russia has presented annually to the UN General Assembly a resolution that condemns all forms of racism or other discriminatory practices. But 77 years after the victory, Russia was once again forced to confront Nazism and militarism in Europe, said the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Burundi.

Unfortunately for Russia, continued Valery Mikhaylov, the realization of the right to defend the interests resulted from a reaction of the Western countries which already imposed 5 series of sanctions against Russia like financial systems, food and energy products, said the ambassador.

Valery Mikhaylov said that as part of strengthening close and friendly ties with Burundi, Russia is currently working on solving logistical problems related to the possible delivery to Burundi of fertilizers, fuel and medicines. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

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