



United States Government Acclaims Government Action in Burundi



President NDAYISHIMIYE for having decorated her during the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Burundi's independence. "You have been decorated for having campaigned with great courage and strength for Burundi to regain its place in the concert of Nations", suggested the Head of State, expressing his gratitude for the multifaceted support of the United States in Burundi.

"The international community should not consider Burundi as a state that is not stable, but as a country that is rebuilding itself," said His Excellency President NDAYISHIMIYE after presenting his development vision. He also stressed that the new approach of his Government is to direct funding from partners to achieve the expected results.

The United States Ambassador to Burundi reaffirmed her Government's commitment to remain alongside Burundians to support sustainable development projects. She thus revealed that American entrepreneurs operating in the field of rural electrification will soon visit Burundi to explore investment opportunities in this sector. (www.presidency.gov.bi)

On Tuesday July 19, 2022, during an audience granted to him, at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace, the Ambassador of the United States to Burundi, Mélanie Higgins announced to the Burundian Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE a high appreciation of his Government in relation to government action in Burundi.

"I congratulate you because Burundi has received an honorary ranking thanks to the efforts and concrete actions carried out over the past two years", informed Ambassador Higgins who indicated that for this reason her Government will release 88 million dollars this year to support development projects in Burundi.

The American diplomat also thanked

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On Thursday July 21, 2022, as part of the strengthening of good governance and democratic culture, the Honorable Edouard NDUWIMANA Ombudsman of the Republic met with the inhabitants of Kirundo, Ntega and Busoni communes at the Bushaza stadium. The purpose of this interview was to listen to the grievances of the population, especially complaints against public services. For the Ombudsman, Honorable Edouard NDUWIMANA, this meeting with the population is a way of supporting the Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE in monitoring the concerns of the population, he who wants the leaders to always listen to the citizens. The complaints expressed by the population of Kirundo were related to the jurisdictions which take unfair decisions in land cases, the contradictions between the jurisdictions, the judgments rendered but which are not executed, the municipality which charges exorbitant fines without legal reference, people who are unfairly dismissed and claim reinstatement, etc. Responding to the concerns expressed, the Ombudsman first recommended to the Governor of the province of Kirundo to get involved in the resolution of certain problems, especially since he claims to be aware of certain files.

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trates and courts, the Ombudsman recommended that they pull themselves together, know that they are at the service of well-being, stop making unjust decisions, do justice to litigants before reports are sent to the Minister of Justice and the Head of State. To the question of the former workers of SOGESTAL Kirundo-Muyinga who are claiming their salaries and allowances after being fired when the company closed, the Ombudsman reassured those concerned by saying that the issue is known at the level of all the authorized bodies, even as President of the Republic.

To the question of an economic operator who has been obliged to pay a fine of three million five thousand and who wanted to know up to what level the municipality can have the fines paid, the Ombudsman replied that it is always necessary to refer to the relevant law.

As part of the strengthening of peaceful coexistence, the Ombudsman organized at the Nyarunazi stadium, Busoni commune, a football tournament which pitted four teams of young returnees against young non-exiles.

The final was between Kigozi FC and Rugeri FC. The kick-off was given by the Honorable Ombudsman Edouard NDUWIMANA.

At the end of the final, the Ombudsman presented prizes consisting of balls, shirts and envelopes to the four teams that took part. The winning team of the final, Rugeri FC received two balls, jerseys and an envelope of one hundred thousand francs. (RTNB)

The population of Bwambarangwe expresses its concerns before the Ombudsman



On Wednesday, July 20, 2022, the Ombudsman of the Republic of Burundi Honorable Edouard NDUWIMANA visited the Bwambarangwe commune of Kirundo province, to meet with the population, to inquire about their concerns in order to find solutions for them.

According to the Ombudsman, Honorable Edouard NDUWIMANA, his field trip to Bwambarangwe commune is part of the strengthening of good governance and social cohesion, but also supporting the action of the Head of State who continues to listen to the public.

The Ombudsman gave the floor to the population to express themselves on their problems with public services and the administration.

The population of Bwambarangwe complains about the poor management of conflicts by the administration, justice and the OPJ, the arrears of the municipality towards the INSS, the lack of return packages for returnees, etc.

Among the other concerns expressed, the Bwambarangwe commune is accused of not paying for the services rendered by certain citizens and requests the intervention of the Ombudsman to be

regularized. The municipality is also accused of not paying employees' contributions to the INSS.

The Ombudsman promised to follow up on the concerns expressed, in particular complaints against the administration and justice. For other questions, the ombudsman recommends that the municipal council listen to the people that leaders behave like parents who take care of the well-being of the population. On the sidelines of this meeting with the population, the ombudsman organized, at the Nyarunazi stadium in Busoni commune, football matches which opposed the teams of young non-exiles and young returnees with the aim of promoting social cohesion. (RTNB)

Four billion Burundian funds to save the Burundian herd against Rift Valley feve



On Tuesday, July 19, 2022, the major decisions were taken in a joint meeting organized by the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock and that of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security. , for senior officials in charge of animal health, provincial governors, heads of provincial offices for the environment, agriculture and livestock and security managers. Only two days are granted to animal health experts to propose to the Government an effective vaccine against Rift Valley fever (RVF) and two days also to develop a contingency plan for the quarantine of animals intended for slaughter so that the population resumes the consumption of meat from cows and ruminants.

In his opening speech, the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Ir Déo Guide RUREMA said that this disease constitutes a socio-economic threat in Burundi at a time when the Government had provided cattle restocking efforts through the value chain system.

Following this Rift Valley fever disease, measures had been taken to limit the spread of this disease, including the closure of cattle and ruminant markets and their slaughter, said Ir Déo Guide RUREMA.

Animal health experts informed the participants that until July 18, 2022, 910 cows have been infected and 413 cows have died, i.e. 45%, while 632 rumi-

nants have been infected and 215 have died.

During the exchanges, the participants learned that there are two kinds of vaccines: the inactivated vaccine without side effects but very expensive and its immunization does not exceed 6 months while the live attenuated vaccine which has side effects such as abortion in pregnant heifers.

The participants also learned from a modern

breeder, Mr. Prosper NDANGAMIRA, promoter of Life Way Company who received authorization to import vaccines against Rift Valley fever.

At the end of the meeting, the two Ministers, the one in charge of livestock breeding and the one in charge of community development, accompanied by the participants, made a didactic visit to this modern farm to inquire about the state of health of the cows vaccinated.

After the meeting and the visit to this modern farm, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock revealed to the press that it had been decided that it is absolutely necessary to make vaccines available, the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security has promised that an envelope of approximately 4 billion will be available for the purchase of these vaccines. Animal health experts have two days to decide which vaccine to buy and show how to import those vaccines. Managers in charge of livestock have been asked to draw up a realistic plan of activities that will concern the period before vaccination and the period after. These executives also have two days to prepare a contingency plan for the quarantine of animals intended for slaughter with a view to consumption of meat by the population, like the one made on the occasion of the feast of sheep for muslims.(RTNB)

His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO presents the annual achievements of the Ministry for the 2021-2022 year



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On Friday July 22, 2022, as usual, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, in a press conference he held in the great hall of the Ministry, presented to the Community National and International the major annual achievements of the Ministry for the 2021-2022 budget year, based on the Annual Action Plans of the Government and the Ministry as well as on the basis of creative initiatives outside the Action Plans.

The ultimate goal of the presentation of achievements is to show the National and International Community what the Ministry does on a daily basis, its achievements, its strengths, its weaknesses, its future prospects, its challenges, etc.

His speech was based on three lines of communication. First, he highlighted the politico-diplomatic gains recorded by Burundi during the 2021-2022 budget year according to the guidelines of His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE. Then he took stock of the key actions carried out at the level of the Central Administration of the Ministry in accordance with the Annual Action Plan of the Ministry and the Annual Action Plan of the Government. And finally, he identified the main challenges facing the Department as well as future prospects.

Despite the challenges encountered, Minister Albert SHINGIRO said that they are satisfied with the results they have been able to achieve with the means and conditions available. He promised that they will redouble their efforts to maintain the dynamism of his teams in order to achieve the objectives of the Laborious and Responsible Government as much as pos-

SHINGIRO added that the Ministry will continue to work with dedication and determination in deepening relations of friendship and cooperation with the various partners of Burundi, in the search for new partners, in strengthening economic diplomacy based on: trade, foreign investment, technology transfer and infrastructure development through partnerships, in the effective dynamism of relations with the countries of the European Union with a view to strengthening relations with bilateral and multilateral partners and in improving the working conditions of the Ministry. (MFADC)

Political-diplomatic gains recorded during the year (2021-2022)



The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation underlines that during the period of the 2021-2022 financial year, gains have been made in the State of Burundi, including the lifting of sanctions against Burundi by the United States of America and the European Union, the removal of Burundi from the political agenda of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the United Nations.

The Minister indicates that this decision to lift sanctions against Burundi by the United States of America and the European Union, the lifting of Burundi from the political agenda of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the United Nations is a recognition of the very significant advances in reforms, in terms of democracy, human rights, good governance, economic development and international cooperation, undertaken by the responsible and hard-working government (Reta Mvyeyi-Reta Nkozi), under the aegis of His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi.

Moreover, the State of Burundi welcomes the nor-

malization of diplomatic relations between Burundi and its partners and reiterates its commitment to continue the consolidation of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in its dynamic of mutual respect between the States and the various partners. through mutually beneficial and advantageous relationships of collaboration and cooperation.

It should also be noted that during the high-level meeting of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism of the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation 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 welcomed the decision of the United States of America and the European Union and its Member States to lift the economic sanctions taken against the Republic of Burundi.(MFADC)

Membership of Burundi in International and Regional Organizations



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presidency that the Government of Burundi organized the continent-wide youth dialogue on youth, peace and security. This dialogue resulted in the Bujumbura Declaration by which the young people asked/recommended to the authorities of the African Union to designate His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi, the Champion of the African Union for the theme "youth, peace and security",

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- Also Burundi takes the second round at the Presidency of the East African Community (EAC) at the Summit of Heads of State of our common organization. His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi is President-in-Office of the EAC from July 22, 2022.

Burundi strengthens bilateral cooperation



The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO informs that, in the field of education, about 150 scholarships and 50 vocational trainings were negotiated and obtained from Burundi's development partners during the financial year. 2021-2022. The Ministry organized several working visits

at the highest level and at ministerial level which resulted in the signing of several cooperation agreements with other countries in areas of common interest. His Excellency cited in particular: the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Ethiopia, the State of Israel, the Holy See, the Kingdom of Morocco, Turkey, the Kingdom of Belgium within the framework of the AU-EU Summit, Paris, Bern, Rome and others.

As part of monitoring the implementation of these Agreements, the Minister indicated that formalities relating to accession, entry into force of treaties and conventions and Agreements, ratification and deposit of the required instruments of ratification have been effected.

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In the same context of strengthening bilateral cooperation with Burundi's partners, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO informed that the Ministry has continued diplomatic steps for the holding of Sessions of Joint Cooperation Commissions between Burundi and Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia, etc. The Minister added that the Ministry also negotiated with the partners the terms of implementation of the Assistance Agreements/or financial support granted

to Burundi: negotiations with the Japanese Party so that the revenue generated by the sale of Japanese Donated Fuel and Japanese Don Rice are used for the construction of infrastructure in Burundi have been carried out: A Project for the construction of storage sheds at the Ministry having Agriculture in its attributions has already been approved by the Japanese and Burundian parties.

Regarding good neighborly relations, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO stressed that Burundi's new foreign policy emphasizes the promotion of good neighborly relations with all countries in the world in general and in the sub-region in particular. It is within this framework that the Ministry facilitated and conducted diplomatic contacts aimed at normalizing relations of friendship and cooperation with the northern neighbour, Rwanda. The process of normalizing relations with this brother country is progressing normally and has reached a satisfactory level. Nevertheless, the point of departure for this ongoing process will be the surrender by the Rwandan side of the Burundian putschists of 2015 on the run in this country. This is the only point that remains open, all other questions have already been settled. Burundi believes in it because no country can sacrifice the cooperation of a country, let alone a neighboring country, for the benefit of a group of criminals with no political future.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO stresses that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation attaches great importance to strengthening the bridges connecting members of the diaspora to their dear homeland. Several activities have been carried out to meet certain needs of the Burundian Diaspora, among others:

- The organization with resounding success of the Diaspora Week in July 2021 in which the Head of State actively participated by leading a moralization session with the brothers and sisters of the diaspora. Preparations for the organization of another week dedicated to the Diaspora, 2022 edition are already advanced. Its official launch is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

The meeting of the President of the Republic, on the sidelines of the European Union-African Union summit with Burundians living in the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, in total exclusivity.

Ministry has also developed a sector strategy for the implementation of the national diaspora policy. He also proceeded to the signing with the Minister in charge of Finance of an Order granting exemption from taxes on the personal effects of members of the diaspora who decide to return permanently to the country.

In the same vein, the Department negotiated and signed cooperation agreements in the area of labor mobility with Saudi Arabia. These Agreements have already been ratified by Burundi and will be implemented as soon as all the implementing texts are ready. Similar agreements are being negotiated with the United Arab Emirates, OMAN, QATAR etc.

The goal is to ensure that Burundian labor investigations abroad leave legally with legal and social protection. The signing of these cooperation agreements in the field of labor mobility was one of the factors that prompted the United States to raise Burundi's level in the fight against human trafficking: from level 2 with surveillance at level 2 unsupervised, what I call level full.(MFADC)

Flagship actions carried out at the level of the Central Administration



His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation cites key actions that were carried out at the level of the Central Administration during the 2021-2022 financial year. This is the development of a strategy for good governance, the fight against corruption and other economic malfeasance in line with the policy of zero tolerance to the phenomenon of corruption, the adoption for the first time in the history of Burundi of a foreign policy document which acts as a dashboard for the diplomatic action of our country, the adoption by the Council of Ministers of a protocol guide for Burundi which is a frame of reference for protocol units of the country's institutions this document will enable Burundi to adopt a unified protocol at the level of diplomatic practices established in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963 as well as to other relevant International Treaties, has put in place, for the first time in the country's history, a law on the diplomatic service which will serve as a legal framework to manage the diplomatic quarry which will henceforth fall within the domain of the law, the implementation of the government's policy aimed at transforming the State of Burundi into a state owner and not a tenant, in particular by acquiring its own buildings abroad to serve as chancelleries and residences,

and the development of an Action Plan for the implementation of the National Strategy for Regional Integration. The document was transmitted to the competent authorities to be presented to the Council of Ministers.

With regard to the key activities carried out within the framework of ensuring the admin-

istration of diplomatic privileges and immunities, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO indicated that the Ministry coordinated the hearings requested from State Institutions by the Missions Diplomatics and International Organizations; welcoming and supervising foreign delegations; administered accreditations; legalized the documents, treated the files of requests for exemption of the material used by the diplomatic and consular missions accredited in Burundi, granted diplomatic cards, of service, treated the files of request for visas of establishment; granted the license plates Diplomatic; granted Approvals to resident and non-resident Foreign Ambassadors.

With regard to diplomatic communication, the Ministry has developed and transmitted quarterly bulletins and magazines in French and English, has published several articles and information respectively on the website, the twitter account, the Instagram account and the Facebook page of the Ministry, designed and submitted to partners for funding, the production project of a documentary film and booklets in French and English, in order to promote the brand image of our dear country. The Ministry also organized from June 09, 2022 to June 30 the Open Doors Day, 2022 edition, and the Diplomatic Week, 2022 edition, from July 27 to 30, 2022.(MFADC)

Challenges faced by the Ministry (MFADC) in the 2021-2022 year and the outlook for the future



pointed out that Burundi is firmly embarked on the orbit of its economic and social development. He said that the Ministry will work hard with zeal and dedication to build on the achievements already recorded in the defense of the

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO indicates that, despite the good performance of the Ministry during the 2021-2022 financial year under review marked by the undisputed return of Burundi on the regional and international scene, challenges abounded. Among the main challenges, he was able to cite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Burundi's diplomatic action, to which is now added the situation in Ukraine which has disrupted fuel and other supply chains. basic necessities, the lack of sufficient and predictable means to carry out our foreign policy in good conditions as well as the strengthening of the capacities of certain Ministry officials in the various fields, the availability of buildings that can house all the Ministry's services in one same place. His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO gave hope that the last challenge is being resolved because a construction project for the building capable of containing all the services of the Ministry has been approved by the Chinese partner in the form of a donation.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO

interests and brand image of Burundi in the concert of Nations.

Regarding future prospects, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO informed that Burundi will spare no effort to strengthen, cement, tone and further diversify its relations of friendship, brotherhood and cooperation with traditional partners and will lead at the same time a diplomatic offensive to seek new partners to support the Government of Burundi in building Burundi.

The Ministry will continue to lead the implementation of economic diplomacy with five (5) ramifications, namely: the promotion of foreign investment and strengthening of the private sector, trade, technology transfer, promotion of tourism in a country practically virgin in this field, the promotion of development infrastructures at national and regional level through regional, integrating projects, such as, for example, the tripartite project (Burundi, Tanzania and DRC) for the railway linking the three countries and the two Atlantic and Indian oceans.(MFADC)

Burundi hosts the fifth edition of the African Tea Convention and Exhibition



From July 20 to 22, 2020, the economic capital of Burundi hosted the fifth edition of the East African Tea Convention and Exhibition. The theme chosen was: "Managing for the future, practices for sustainable tea trade". Several delegations from 11 countries involved in the cultivation, production, processing, marketing, consumption and exhibition of tea took part in this event.

In his opening speech, the Minister in charge of agriculture, Ir Deo Guide RUREMA indicated that tea cultivation comes in 2nd position among industrial crops. It brings in foreign currency to the country up to 20% but also supports 52,000 households. And to add that tea provides employment for families. It is in this perspective that the government of Burundi spares no effort to make this crop a real engine of economic growth through the production of plants, the subsidy of agricultural inputs, the policy of extension of the fields of the of Burundi OTB tea, the renewal of production equipment, the promotion of private individuals, explained Minister Ir Deo Guide RUREMA.

The Minister in charge of agriculture did not fail to point out that in terms of promoting this tea sector in Burundi, the government's objective has not yet been fully achieved. It is clear that holding this event in Burundi is an opportunity to exchange with their peers to improve the business climate, he said. For him, it is also an opportunity for Burundian investors to negotiate collaboration agreements in order to promote the development of economic relations between African countries that are members of the East African tea trade association EATTA. Minister Ir Deo Guide RUREMA further stressed that the success of this event is an opportunity to exchange experiences to improve and learn from

each other in order to improve the marketing sector through strong collaboration between countries. Africans.

For the President of the organizing committee of this event, Mr. Emmanuel NDAYIZIGA at the fifth edition of the African tea convention and exhibition is devoted to exchanges on innovations in tea production, processing and marketing technologies. For Burundi, this event will allow OTB and other private factories to form a family and face current challenges in order to increase productivity in Burundi again. In terms of quality, Mr. Emmanuel NDAYIZIGA mentioned that Burundi ranks second in Africa after Rwanda. However, for this 5th edition, samples of Burundian tea arrived late to be competitive. Regarding the low quantity of tea production in Burundi, Mr. Emmanuel NDAYIZIGA suggested that the 6th tea production and processing plant is being set up in Matana in the province of Bururi.

According to the Director General of OTB, Mr. Déogratias NDUWIMANA, economic operators are called upon to invest in new tea plantations because vacant land suitable for tea cultivation is available. However, he pointed out that the regulatory and control authority of the tea sector should be set up in the coming days, to ensure the coordination of activities in this sector, indicated the Director General of the OTB, Mr. Déogratias NDUWIMANA.

For the representative of tea growers on the OTB board of directors, the price of one kg of tea in Burundi remains minimal, the government of Burundi must revise the price of tea upwards. "Instead of 280Fbu per Kg, that the government grants us at least 400Fbu to 500Fbu per Kg", he underlined. In addition to this grievance, he added that the tea plantations are still operated by the elderly. He asks the government to sensitize the young people grouped in cooperatives to cultivate tea, a crop which represents the 2nd export crop in Burundi.

It should be noted that this is the first time that Burundi has hosted such an event, 11 years after its birth. The East African Tea convention and exhibition is an opportunity to showcase Africa as a global player in the tea industry and the exhibition is one of the most powerful marketing tools, the CEO of the OTB. (RTNB)

Celebration of the National Day of the Kingdom of Belgium



On July 21, 2022, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO joined the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium in Burundi and the Belgian population on the occasion of the celebration of the National Day of the Kingdom of Belgium, celebrated on July 21 each year.

In his speech, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Burundi Mr. Alain Van GUCHT said that this day commemorates the oath taken, on July 21, 1831, by Léopold 1er, first King of the Belgians, to remain faithful to the Constitution. According to Ambassador Alain Van Gucht, the King played a major role in the stability of the nation, respectful of the system of constitutional and parliamentary monarchy that it chose, the harmonious relationship between the King and his people, a relationship that allowed the Belgian people to register much better performances, a remarkable national and international influence.

Regarding diplomatic relations with Burundi, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium said that his country will remain alongside Burundi as its most important bilateral partner to consolidate respect for certain cooperation agreements. Belgium is involved in many areas of development, as Ambassador Alain Van Gucht mentioned in his speech.

In his speech, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO,

pointed out that Burundi and Belgium share a history that the two peoples are far from forgetting. This privileged relationship for several years, he added, gives Belgium a special place, that of being the first bilateral partner in terms of volume of aid. He indicated that the partnership between the two countries has led to the target of aid concentration sectors, of which particular attention has been paid to agriculture, health and education, the preferred targets for achieving the goals of sustainable development.

The Permanent Secretary did not fail to wish His Majesty King Philippe much success in his noble mission of leading his people to great progress and influence. The Burundian people indeed know King Philippe because he came to Burundi to share the delights of the fiftieth anniversary of the Independence of Burundi, as Royal Highness and Special Envoy of King Albert II. While he was in Burundi, King Philippe was able to visit support projects for rural populations carried out by his country and above all to talk directly with the beneficiaries to see the impact of this support on improving their level of life. This gesture was greatly appreciated by the Burundian population and the Burundian Government.

The Permanent Secretary ended his speech by once again thanking Belgium for having joined Burundi during the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Burundi's independence by sending the Special Envoy of the King of the Belgians in order to intensify the prevailing bilateral relations. The Permanent Secretary reiterated on behalf of the Republic of Burundi, the Kingdom of Belgium, the defense, the sharing of the same values of promotion of sovereignty etc.

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Celebration of the National Day of Swiss



On Saturday July 23, 2022, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKA joined the Director of Swiss Cooperation Office in Burundi Mr. Boris Maver and the Swiss community living in Burundi to celebrate the national day of Swiss

In his speech, Mr. Boris Maver recalled that the national day at the level of Swiss Confederation is celebrated on August 1 of each year but within its representations abroad, it is celebrated according to the availability of each other. The National Day is a moment of sharing, of freedom and peace as a heritage, of joy, a day when everyone, without excessive patriotism, rejoices together to live in a country of freedom and well-being. It is also a day of reflection on the foundations and what makes the cohesion of Swiss Confederation. Mr. Boris Maver added.

According to the Director of the Office of Swiss Cooperation in Burundi, Swiss is committed throughout the world to several themes of responsible and reciprocal cooperation, including health, nutrition, the fight against women violence, governance in the broad sense, which also includes culture, the promotion of peace and human rights, employment and economic development, etc. which are the main areas of inter-

vention of Swiss in Burundi. Swiss is a small country with its strengths and weaknesses, but all important issues are decided by the people with flexibility.

As for the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, the Government of Burundi joins them in sharing the joy of this celebration and in wishing their people more happiness, prosperity and well-being. Burundi and Swiss are delighted with the good relations of friendship and cooperation since the day after Burundi's independence, because already in November, 1969, the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Agreement launched these links in a concrete way and even in other areas such as teaching and research, crafts, housing, decentralization, health and land management. In order to give a new dimension to this cooperation, Burundi and Swiss concluded in April 2012, a framework agreement concerning development cooperation and humanitarian aid.

Important sectors such as health, governance and employment, through vocational training and skills building had been targeted through various projects. The partnership has always been marked by trust, sincerity and mutual respect to which Burundi attaches great importance. Burundi has no doubt that Swiss will continue its work to support Burundi in achieving its development objectives, the priority sectors which are included in the National Development Plan 2018-2027.

The Permanent Secretary ended his speech by emphasizing that the security situation is very good throughout the country and that the population is savoring the delights of restored peace and the political order based on the values of justice, democracy, pluralism and respect for the fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual. The Government of Burundi is fully determined to further anchor democracy in all institutions and throughout society, since it is believed that it's one of ways of hope for all countries of the world.(MFADC)

The Ambassador of Burundi in Dar-Es-Salam presents the figured copies of his credentials



The Ambassador of Burundi in Dar-Es-Salam His Excellency Mr. Gervais Abayeho presented the figured copies of his credentials to His Excellency Mrs. Veronica Nataniel Macamo Dlhovo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mozambican Cooperation before the official presentation to His Excellency Mr. Felipe Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique.

Infact, diplomatic contacts between the two countries are made through their respective

Embassies in Pretoria, Dar-Es-Salaam, Addis Ababa, through their permanent representations in New York and Geneva or opportunity for both regional and international meetings.

It is in this context that on the sidelines of the work of the 2nd African Forum of Heads of State and Government held in Cape Town on July 10, 2006, the President of the Republic of Burundi at that time the late Pierre NKURUNZIZA, and Mr. Armando Emilio Guebuza, who was leading Mozambique, agreed to send a Mozambican delegation to Burundi to make a working visit in various areas of cooperation, in particular by giving Burundians the benefit of the Mozambican experience in matters of national reconciliation.

It should be noted that Burundi and Mozambique belong to the same international, regional and sub-regional organizations (UN, COMESA, AU, etc.) and establish de facto a certain political cooperation even if there is no signed agreement.(MFADC)

The Burundian Diaspora in Uganda will participate in the Diaspora Week, Edition 2022.



About fifty members of the Burundian Diaspora are traveling to Bujumbura to participate in the activities of the week dedicated to the Diaspora, Edition 2022.

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The Ambassador of Burundi in Kampala His Excellency Epiphane NTAMWANA KABUSHEMEYE met them before starting the trip to wish them a safe trip to their native country.

This delegation led by Doctor Pierre NSENGIYUMVA, President of the Burundian Diaspora in Uganda includes Burundians who have gone to Uganda since the colonial period and young Burundians born in Uganda.

Note that the Diaspora Week will take place from July 26 to 29,

Gitega: Campaign of 100 days of contour tracing



On Thursday, July 22, 2022, the Governor of Gitega province, Mr. Venant MANIRAMBONA, launched the work of the 100-day campaign of contour lines on Musama hill, Kabanga zone, in Giheta commune of the Gitega province.

In his speech for the occasion, the Governor of Gitega province, Mr. Venant MANIRAMBONA indicated that it is planned to draw contour lines on all the hills of Gitega province for a period not exceeding 3 months. According to the Governor of the

Gitega province, contour lines will be drawn over an area of 4 thousand hectares and will extend over a length of two thousand kilometers at the level of the whole province.

Mr. Venant MANIRAMBONA indicated that each municipality should draw at least contour lines which extend over 120 kilometres. The communes compete in this activity and those which will occupy the first places will be awarded, specified the Governor of the province Gitega.

The work of launching the campaign of the 100 days of tracing contour lines in Gitega province saw the participation of parliamentarians elected in the constituency of Gitega province, communal administrators of Gitega province, provincial officials of the ministry in charge of agriculture, the police as well as the population.

On the sidelines of this launch of activities, the committee for monitoring and organizing the contour tracing activity met to guide its members in order to achieve good results. (RTNB)

A mid-term review workshop on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Action 2015-2030



On July 20, 2022, a three-day workshop on the mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Action 2015-2030 was opened at the Royal Palace Hotel in Bujumbura under the coordination of the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management with IOM and UNDP.

The opening ceremony of the workshop was chaired by the Director General of Civil Protection and Disaster Management and President of the Na-

tional Platform (PFN) for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management (PRGC), the Police Brigadier General Anicet NIBARUTA.

This workshop was attended by some forty actors from the PFN PRGC, state structures, the private sector, civil society, religious denominations, local and international NGOs, United Nations Agencies, the Cross Red of Burundi, Representatives of the indigenous people, people living with disabilities, youth, the Women's Forum and the media.

Note that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation was represented by Ambassador Isaïe KUBWAYO, Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations. (MFADC)

Diaspora: GIRITEKA company organizes a conference "NDI UMURUNDIKAZI"



On July 11, 2022, Giriteka company organized and held a conference "NDI UMURUNDIKAZI" at the Amahoro Hotel in Bujumbura, with

a special guest Ms. Auriane ITANGISHAKA, President of Women Commission and social issues within the Burundian Diaspora.

This conference was dedicated to young entrepreneurs and working in the context of mutual assistance. The objective of the conference was to accompany and support the entrepreneurial spirit of young people grouped within the company GIRITEKA, led by Digne Delicia NDAYIRAGIJE.(MFADC)

Diaspora: Visit to the orphans of BUNTU Foundation in NGOZI



many years being responsible for 80 orphaned grandchildren. In her speech addressed to these children, Mrs. Auriane

In her activities relating to women and young people and social affairs within the Burundian Diaspora, Mrs. Auriane ITANGISHAKA, President of the Women and Social Affairs Commission, visited on July 15, 2022, the orphans of Buntu Foundation in Ngozi commune, with the aim of encouraging nineteen (19) women who have just spent

ITANGISHAKA reminded them that God loves them and that she loves them as well, and proceeded to distribute the gifts that were prepared for them.

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REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat-General of the State**MEDIA RELEASE N° 13 CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2022**

A Cabinet meeting was held in Bujumbura on Wednesday 20th of July 2022, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Major General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi.

After the presentation of the agenda, His Excellency the President of the Republic invited the Prime Minister to present the summary of the observations resulting from the preparatory meeting of the Council of Ministers which the Prime Minister chaired on Monday 18 July 2022, and which was devoted to the analysis of the same files on the agenda.

The Prime Minister first thanked His Excellency the President of the Republic for the government leave he granted them as well as the various orientations and advice he gave them during the 2021/2022 budget year.

The members of the Government are starting the 2022/2023 budget year with more energy to implement the recommendations given to them so that the objectives that the Government has set are achieved.

He wished him divine blessings so that he continues to enlighten Burundians.

After restitution by the Prime Minister to the President of the Republic, the following items were analyzed:

- 1. Report of the Commission in charge of analyzing battle orders and the rational management of human resources, presented by the Office of the Prime Minister.**

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In 2012, the Government of the Republic of Burundi adopted a National Program for the Reform of the Administration, one of the main axes of which is the improvement of the management of the human resources of the State based on the principles of effectiveness and efficiency. These principles aim respectively to obtain results identical to the defined objectives.

The Government has also just adopted a new salary policy, one of the objectives of which is remuneration according to employment, subject to well-defined specifications, not to mention a performance management contract.

It is with this objective that a Commission has been set up with the mission to:

- Analyze the orders of battle and the specifications of the ministries and institutions attached to these ministries;
- Identify the human resources shortages and needs of these institutions;
- Propose ways of solutions to ensure the rational management of the State's human resources.

The target group of the Commission was made up of civil servants whose salaries come from the general state budget. The staff of autonomous management bodies under the supervision of the Ministries were not concerned because they are governed by specific texts.

The determination of the plethora (quantitative and qualitative) and the analysis of the needs expressed is based on three guiding principles, namely:

- The specifications
- The adequacy between training and employment
- The legal framework governing the institutions.

After analysis based on these three guiding principles, the commission found that the total existing workforce in the structures having the plethora is 3388, the personnel needs expressed being 2791 and a plethora of 428.

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This situation can be the consequence of the poor definition of the specifications, the distribution of the specifications to the staff in activity, the creation of new structures not provided for by the legal framework in force.

To proceed with the reassignment of the staff currently considered to be overcrowded and the recruitment to meet the needs expressed, the definition of the specifications should be carried out beforehand.

The results obtained could enable the various Ministries to develop the appropriate legal framework specifying the missions of the services and the staff to be assigned by service with a view to a good definition of performance contracts taking into account the adequacy between training and employment.

After analyzing the report presented, the Council of Ministers endorsed the recommendations of the Commission, namely:

- Update or elaborate the ordinances for the application of the decrees organizing the sectoral ministries by specifying the staff per service, the service missions, etc.);
- Define the specifications before recruitment;
- Redefine the specifications according to the legal framework and not according to the staff in activity;
- Improve the definition of the personnel specifications by combining certain missions defined in the legal framework;
- Proceed with the reassignment the surplus to requirements staff;
- Grant retirement to staff who have reached the statutory retirement age, with the exception of staff whose skills are not available;
- Correct the shortcomings observed in the adequacy between training and employment by gradually recruiting staff according to the training profile required by the position, to comply with the principle of the current salary policy which advocates for the principle of remuneration for employment and not only the qualification;

- Expand this work on parastatal institutions with management autonomy to avoid the plethora which would be one of the causes of the increase in the wage bill or even the bankruptcy of these institutions.

Other recommendations were made:

- Remain flexible for certain specific ministries (Public Security, National Defence, Finance, Foreign Affairs and Justice) to enable them to manage some of their executives;
- Allow a reassignment of staff within each ministry, and the rest of other ministries;
- For the plethora of staff who will lack space following their course, organize capacity building training in order to reassign them to the right place.

2. File relating to the construction project of a shopping center:

- **Concession agreement for the land of the former central market of Bujumbura**
- **Draft decree on the concession of land to the company "Mukaza Business Center"**
- **Draft decree authorizing the State of Burundi to participate in the Social Capital of the Company "Mukaza Business Center MBC –SM"**
- **Shareholders' agreement of the company "Mukaza Business Center"**

This file was presented by the Services of the Prime Minister.

On May 18, 2022, the Council of Ministers analyzed a note on the inventory of the file relating to the construction project of a shopping center on the site of the former central market of Bujumbura, a project which will be developed by the Association of Banks and Financial Institutions of Burundi "ABEF".

The Council of Ministers noted that the project was behind schedule, which could be explained by the way in which the activities must follow one another. Indeed, the feasibility study could not be possible without the joint venture having been set up. The following observations and recommendations were hence made :

- That within one month, this company be created to facilitate the next steps;
- That the managers of this new company establish the updated schedule of activities;

- To mobilize other partners to subscribe to the project.

These proposed draft texts respond to these recommendations. Once adopted, they will allow the creation of the mixed company and its managers will be able to update the Roadmap. They will also monitor all the other stages of preparation and construction of the shopping center.

The draft concession agreement sets the legal framework for the concession. It determines the respective rights and obligations of the parties, in particular the subject of the concession, the financial conditions of the concession, the management and transfer of the land granted, the duration of the concession, the resolution of disputes, etc.

The adoption of the draft decree on the concession of the land will allow the signing of the concession agreement. This draft indicates the dimensions of the land granted, specifies the purpose of the concession and specifies that the land remains the property of the State.

The draft decree authorizing the State of Burundi to participate in the Social Capital of the Company "Mukaza Business Center MBC -SM" fixes the contributions of the State at 10% of the capital.

With regard to the Shareholders' Agreement, it sets the mode of governance of the company "Mukaza Business Center - MBC S.M." as agreed between shareholders, i.e. the composition and method of appointment of the Board of Directors as well as the mode of recruitment of the General Manager.

After analysis and debate, these projects were adopted with, among other recommendations:

On the draft agreement:

- Describe the state of the field instead of saying that it is empty;

- Specify that the deadlines within which the activities that are carried out within the perimeter of the land must have moved;
- Make the obligations of both parties reflected in the agreement;
- Mention in the text that from the start of commercial activities, the company pays the State, as rent, an annual fee according to the law in force instead of specifying the amounts.

On the draft decree authorizing the State of Burundi to participate in the Share Capital of the Company:

- Specify how the capital will be gradually released;
- Delete the provision limiting State participation to 10% of the capital.

On the shareholders' agreement:

- Indicate the dimensions of the land;
- Mention that the share capital is 60 billion, specifying that there will be the release of 6 billion in the 1st phase for feasibility studies
- The Women's Bank and the Youth Investment Bank cannot be shareholders because they do not meet the conditions.

3. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Regulatory Authority for Rail Transport in Burundi, presented by the Minister of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism.

In order to establish sustained and inclusive economic growth, the Government of the Republic of Burundi has adopted a National Development Plan.

In order to boost the growth sectors, this National Development Plan recommends in particular the development of transport infrastructure in order to open up and connect Burundi to neighboring countries by rail.

To achieve this objective, the country must put in place an institutional and operational framework for rail transport.

Commitments between the Governments of Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo have already been made with a view to building the UVINZA-MUSONGATI-GITEGA-BUJUMBURA-UVIRA-KINDU railway line which will connect the three countries.

For the Uvinza-Musongati-Gitega section, work will begin very soon.

It is therefore essential and urgent that Burundi adopts this institutional framework whose mission is to monitor the works initially, and later to operate, regulate and maintain them.

This is the purpose of this draft decree which sets up the Regulatory Authority for Rail Transport.

At the end of the analysis, the draft decree was adopted with, among other recommendations:

- Remain open as to the composition of the Board of Directors so as not to be limited to members of Burundian nationality;
- It is not necessary to specify that the members of the Board of Directors are revoked if they commit offences;
- It is necessary to specify the services necessary in this structure;
- It should be specified that in addition to the main account opened at the BRB, the Authority may open another account in a commercial bank;
- The decree on the organization of the Maritime, Port and Rail Transport Regulatory Authority should be reviewed to adapt it to this new regulation.

4. Draft decree declaring the public utility of land intended to accommodate railway infrastructure, presented by the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing.

The Republic of Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo have agreed to develop a railway line from Uvinza (Tanzania) to Kindu (DRC) passing through Musongati and Gitega (Burundi) with a total length estimated at 939 km.

This infrastructure requires a large land for the railway line, the stations, as well as the administrative buildings necessary for the operation of all the services attached to its operation.

For the 126 km section from the Malagarazi River to Gitega, Burundi must make available land 60m wide along the axis of the railway line, and land that can house the railway stations. To this end, an area of more or less 756 hectares must be freed up to allow the implementation of this project.

For the availability of this land, a legal framework declaring the public utility of this space is imperative in order to be able to compensate the owners of this land.

It is for this reason that the draft decree has been prepared to allow the effective delimitation of a necessary land which will be subject to compensation.

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with the recommendation to:

- Clearly specify the Hills of each Commune where the railway will pass;
- Specify in the decree that the area mentioned includes the 30-meter strip on both sides of the railway line as well as the space that will house the infrastructure;
- Improve the sketch which indicates the different hills where the railway will pass.

5. Summary report of the reactions of the occupants of the Maramvya Zone after the publication of the results of the report of the joint commission relating to the management of this zone, presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning.

On April 5, 2022, the Council of Ministers analyzed the Report on the management of the Maramvya Zone, Mutimbuzi Commune prepared by the commission which was set up by the Ministry in charge of the Environment and that in charge of the Interior. The Council of Ministers appreciated the work that was carried out and made the following observations and recommendations:

- Inform all concerned of the situation of their plots;
- Stop the continuation of all construction activities on the disputed plots;
- Take the necessary measures on constructions which present a public danger, in particular houses built under high voltage lines;
- Bring the file to the Council of Ministers after sensitization so that the State takes a definitive orientation.

Another joint team was immediately set up to implement these recommendations.

Based on the opinions and considerations expressed by the population concerned and the documents presented, the team produced another contribution which was analyzed by the Council of Ministers on Wednesday July 20, 2022.

At the end of the analysis of this report, the Council of Ministers noted that all the persons concerned were heard and that the errors which were contained in the first report have been corrected.

The Council of Ministers made the following observations and recommendations:

- The report of the commission was done in a professional manner;
- The observation is that all the land of Maramvya is state land;
- In the case of plundered plots, developed or not, no activity should be continued or undertaken until further notice;
- People who have acquired the plots on a regular basis do not have to be worried;
- It is forbidden for the holders of plots spoiled from the State, even those who claim to be buyers in good faith, to sell the plots;
- The ministers in charge of the environment, justice, urban planning and the interior will use the texts in force to identify the sanctions to be applied to spoliators;

- The administrative authorities who have allocated plots without having the skills must be prosecuted and punished.

6. Concept note on the project to build modern storage sheds and set up processing units for food security, presented by the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock.

In order to properly conserve and manage agricultural production to ensure food security, the Government plans to have 4 large regional sheds which constitute a national stock. For the 1st phase, the regional hangars of KARUSI and NGOZI will be built, and for the 2nd phase, those of RUTANA and BUBANZA.

The objective is to build modern hangars equipped with storage and conservation infrastructure in order to:

- Constitute a strategic stock to put back on the local market for the benefit of populations in times of lack of speculative products while respecting the price regulation set by the Government.
- Ensure good preservation of the organoleptic qualities of the products:
- Protect crops against theft.

Of the two options that were proposed, namely hybrid hangars and multifunctional dry hangars, hybrid hangars (dry and cold) were retained.

It should be noted that these hangars will be built using counterpart funds from the Japanese donation consisting of rice, fuel, etc.

The Project will be executed by the Japanese company KONOIKE.

After analysis of the Note, the Council of Ministers supported the Project.

7. Note on the challenges related to the lack of veterinarians and specialists in animal production as well as proposed solutions, presented by the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock.

In Burundi, the agricultural sector is the growth engine of the national economy. It is the guarantor of the food security of the population. In this sector, livestock plays a very important role.

In order to develop the livestock sector, the Government of Burundi had set up an efficient veterinary service which included a veterinary doctor at the level of each province, a veterinary technician at the level of each commune, a nurse-veterinarian level of each area, with an equipped veterinary center and a tick bath.

But, after 1998, there was the dismissal of veterinary nurse assistants for budgetary reasons, which left breeders without local animal health services and support/advice.

Following the Government's initiatives to make livestock one of the pillars of development, the livestock sector experienced positive progress in the national herd following the implementation of restocking and genetic improvement programs by the artificial insemination.

However, the availability of qualified veterinary services takes the opposite direction. Today, the country is in dire need of veterinary doctors.

This note proposes strategies for strengthening veterinary services by providing them with qualified human resources through staff training, recruitment and replacement of retired staff.

After analysis, the Council of Ministers approved the solutions proposed by the Note and also recommended to:

- Reallocate the budget intended for scholarships from the Ministry of National Education to put the training of veterinarians among the priorities;
- Recall retired veterinarians to work;
- Initiate capacity building for veterinarians;

- Encourage the private sector to invest in the training of veterinarians;
- Create a Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Burundi;
- Provide veterinarians with sufficient equipment.

8. Note on the reform of the National Committee for Social Dialogue (CNDS), presented by the Minister of Public Service, Labor and Employment.

On May 25, 2011, the social partners, namely the Government, Employers and Workers, signed, in Gitega, the National Charter for Social Dialogue in the world of work. Subsequently, a National Social Dialogue Committee was set up to serve as a framework for social dialogue in the world of work.

The National Social Dialogue Committee is made up of 7 representatives of the Government, 7 representatives of the Employers and 7 representatives of the Workers.

The number of staff is far from sufficient for the effective and satisfactory performance of the missions entrusted to the National Committee for Social Dialogue. This is why, for several years, the need to reform the National Committee for Social Dialogue has been expressed. Actions have been taken to raise it to the rank of a National Council. In this way, it could be provided with sufficient human, material and financial resources to carry out its missions.

This note proposes the steps and procedures to be followed to raise the National Committee for Social Dialogue to the rank of a National Council, like the other National Councils already provided for by the Constitution.

After analyzing the note, the Council of Ministers did not consider it appropriate to raise this Committee to the rank of National Council, but it will be granted the necessary means to function properly.

9. Expenditure commitment ceilings for the first quarter of 2022/2023

The budgetary commitment ceilings are subject to regulations prescribed by certain texts, in particular the decree on budgetary governance, the decree establishing the General Regulations for the Management of Public Budgets and Law No. 1/22 of June 30, 2022 determining the General Budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2022/2023 financial year which introduces, in its article 37, the development of quarterly expenditure commitment ceilings. These ceilings must be validated by the Council of Ministers and the commitment is based on receipts.

Indeed, these commitment ceilings are an essential tool for regulating expenditure. For the 2022/2023 budget year, these commitment ceilings are in accordance with the Annual Work Plans and Budget (PTBA) of the ministries or institutions and the State cash flow plan.

These commitment ceilings concern all categories of public expenditure. To this end, during the 2022/2023 budget management, the rate of expenditure commitment will depend on the rate of revenue collection. A provision of FBU 5 billion in excess of the quarterly commitment ceilings of ministries or institutions is planned to deal with emergencies.

For this first quarter of 2022/2023, revenue is estimated at 435.8 billion Fbu while expenditure is estimated at 517.98 billion Fbu.

With regard to the financing of this deficit of 82.1 billion Fbu, the Government will resort to issuing treasury securities. It will also use the reserves of companies in which the State holds shares.

Following the analysis, these ceilings were adopted.

10. Any Other Business

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock informed the Council of Ministers of the state of animal health after the outbreak of the Rift Valley fever epizootic in Burundi, as well as the actions in progress for the control of this disease.

He informed the Council of Ministers that a first batch of vaccines is already available and that the other vaccines will arrive soon.

The Council of Ministers has requested that all cows be tested and that those in good health be separated from others already contaminated.

A national committee responsible for coordinating all actions to combat this disease has been set up and is made up of the Ministers of the Interior, Agriculture and Livestock, Public Health, representatives of the Presidency of the Republic, the Vice Presidency of the Republic and the Office of the Prime Minister.

-His Excellency the President of the Republic reminded the members of the Government to sensitize their executives and agents to get to work so that the new budget management system is a success.

It is also in their interest, because the new remuneration system takes employment and performance into account.

**Done at Bujumbura, 21 July 2022
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