



## Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Développement Cooperation

### The President of the Republic HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE urges the Burundians to work hard to develop the country



**O**n Sunday, August 20, 2022, the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, participated in the activities of the final of the competition for the reality TV project "Ndi umu DG", which took place in Gitega commune in the Province of Gitega where he urged the Burundians to work hard to develop the country. It was, in fact, the second edition of this competition which is supported by the organization Search for Common Ground, ceremonies where 3 women finalists out of 300 participants defended their projects. The latter represented three provinces including the Town Hall of Bujumbura, Gitega and Muyinga. President NDAYISHIMIYE presented the first prize to NDINZEMENSHI

Marie from Gitega, the initiator of an ecological project of composting and recovery of human organic waste. The latter received funding of 15,000,000

Burundian francs from the organization Search for Common Ground and 20,000,000 Bu francs from the Presidency of the Republic.

The second was Mrs. Bora NJEBARI-KANUYE, from the Town Hall, initiator of the rabbit breeding project; she received 10,000,000 Fbu as encouragement; while the third, to the , initiator of a production project of the lick block for cows, had an envelope of 8,000,000 Fbu.

"Working a lot is the only way to have what you want to develop," said the Burundian Head of State after the awarding of the prizes. Always in the interest of developing the country, the President of the Republic HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE called on the Burundian population to awaken human conscience which is the only way to fight against poverty.

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This competition also saw the participation of some members of the Burundian Government, the Minister in charge of communication insisted on the theme of communication as a development tool. The Ambassador of the United States of America in Burundi also encouraged the Burundian people to work hard to achieve sustainable development.

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste

NDAYISHIMIYE had enhanced with his presence the ceremonies marking the opening of the 100-year Jubilee of the Parish of Our Lady of Victory Giheta, Archdiocese of Gitega. Created in november 6, 1923, the festivities relating to the celebration of this jubilee will take place in november 6, 2023. ([www.presidence.bi](http://www.presidence.bi))

## China supports President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE's efforts in the EAC



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**T**he President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE received in audience on friday 2022, at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace, Mrs. Zhao Jiangping, the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi, who reaffirmed her country's commitment to support Burundi in its economic recovery and its economic integration into the EAC.

Ambassador Zhao Jiangping first addressed the Chinese President's congratulations to his Burundian counterpart as current President of the East African Community, determined to consolidate peace and security and economic integration in the sub-region. .

China will continue to support the efforts of the President of Burundi in his fight for economic recovery. Thus, an agricultural memorandum is being prepared between the two parties," said Mrs. Zhao Jiangping,

hanced by win-win political trust and mutual support on the international scene.

"We are preparing the new phase of technical cooperation for next year to increase rice production and mushroom planting," she added, before mentioning that China is working hard to make advance the rehabilitation project and extension of Melchior NDADAYE International Airport in Bujumbura.

The Head of State mentioned the challenges that Burundi is facing in this phase of economic recovery, linked in particular to the difficulties of irrigation, to the experimentation of substrates, to the increase in production, to the breeding of pigs.

The two high personalities agreed to work together for the development of the populations of their respective countries. ([www.presidence.bi](http://www.presidence.bi))

## Burundi welcomes the state of cooperation relations with Japan



**O**n Thursday, August 18, 2022, during an audience granted to the Japanese Ambassador to Burundi Mr MASAHIRO IMAI, at the Ntare RUSHATSI Palace, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE praised the good relations of cooperation that exist between Burundi and Japan.

"Japan supports Burundi in various socio-economic fields and we are delighted with this", indicated the Head of State who continued by informing him about the priority projects being implemented in Burundi, in particular the rehabilitation of roads, the drinking water supply project throughout the coun-

try and the construction of a vocational education center in Karusi.

"We want to train real technicians in order to promote job creation," he said, adding that Japan's support in carrying out these projects would be welcome.

The Ambassador of Japan to Burundi announced that his Government intends to grant the Government of Burundi a rice donation worth 4.5 billion FBU.

"We are studying the possibility of also financing the lighting project for the city of Gitega", added the Japanese diplomat.

Ambassador MASAHIRO IMAI also indicated that his Government intends to increase its support for Burundi in the agricultural sector by building a food storage shed, initiating a project to irrigate arable land, erecting a polishing plant rice and relaunch the construction project of the Kajege dam. He underlined that he counts on a close collaboration of the Burundian authorities so that these projects are carried out successfully. ([www.presidence.bi](http://www.presidence.bi))

## The Japanese Government grants a rice donation to the Burundian Government



**O**n Thursday, August 17, 2022, in Gitega, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation HE Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO and the Japanese Ambassador to Burundi HE Mr. MASAHIRO IMAI proceeded to the signing of the exchange of note for the donation of 1500 Tons of rice that Japan offers to Burundi.

In his word for the occasion, Ambassador MASAHIRO IMAI said that thanks to the tireless and close diplomatic cooperation between the two

countries, this program has enabled Japan to grant this food aid. He said that Japan continues to work closely with Burundi to achieve "the transition to sustainable economic growth and social development". To

achieve this, cooperation between Japan and Burundi in the agricultural sector is essential, he added. Ambassador MASAHIRO IMAI pointed out that Japan, which is always a close friend of Burundi in whatever the situation, has made commitments in three areas to support the development of the country: agriculture, the improvement of transport infrastructure and customs capacity and the improvement of basic social services. HE MASAHIRO IMAI said that the income from the sale of Japanese rice can be used for socio-economic development initiatives to which Burundi

attaches great importance.

In closing, the Ambassador of Japan in Burundi, spoke about the TICAD 8 which will be held this year in Tunisia at the end of this month of August. He thanked the Minister for his contribution to the TICAD8 process.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation first thanked the Ambassador of Japan to Burundi who came to perform this signing of the exchange of Note for the Donation of rice and also his commitment to work together to further strengthen the excellent relations between Burundi and Japan, relations that have existed for 60 years. He was delighted that these relations have always gone forward

by strengthening and diversifying further in the interest of the two respective countries. He indicated that this donation will intervene in several areas including in particular in the field of agriculture, a priority area for the country.

For TICAD 8, HE Albert SHINGIRO announced that it is one of the extremely important events for the African continent, for this year the participation of Burundi will be at a high level. Burundi will submit to the Japanese side some projects of common interest in the areas already mentioned.

Note that the donation granted is about 1500 tons of rice (around 300,000,000 yen). (MFADC)

## The Permanent Secretary received in audience a German parliamentary delegation



On Wednesday August 17, 2023, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO received in audience a German parliamentary delegation led by Mr. Dieter Reinl, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Burundi.

The Permanent Secretary welcomed the German parliamentary delegation and wished them a good time in the country. He pointed out that Burundi and the Federal Republic of Germany maintain good relations and that the Government of Burundi appreciates the achievements of the Federal Republic of Germany in the country.

The Representative of the German parliamentary delegation, Mr. Manuel Hagel Mdl praised the way in which they were welcomed. He indicated that the Federal Republic of Germany is satisfied with the good reports that the Ambassador refers them on the situation in Burundi and he encouraged the Government of Burundi to continue in the same way.

Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO indicated that security reigns throughout the national territory and that the population wanders normally to daily activities. He added that the Government of Burundi endeavors for the development of the country and the well-being of the population. He thus invited the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to support the Government of Burundi in other development sectors in addition to their usual support. He indicated that Burundi is open to cooperation with its partners in all sectors.

Mr. Hagel Mdl thanked the Government of Burundi for its effort to develop the country. He reassured that the Federal Republic of Germany is ready to support Burundi in other development sectors. (MFADC)

## The Minister of Health meets some officials in Rumonge province



**T**he Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr. Sylvie NZEYIMANA met in the capital of Rumonge province, the heads of decentralized public services, health and heads of health facilities.

The objective of this meeting was to meet the challenges in order to improve the services in the health system.

Among the challenges submitted to the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr. Sylvie NZEYIMANA, by the administrative and health officials of Rumonge, there are, among other things, the lack of personnel in certain health structures and technical platforms, disparities in the prices of same pharmaceutical products in pharmacies and probable pharmacies that operate without the authorization of the Ministry of Health, certain drugs that are no longer on the order of products supported by the Public Service Mutual and the lack of fuel for ambulances that are used for reference.

Another shared concern is that of those responsible for misappropriation of funds in health structures. Regarding this concern, they add that their cases have been opened in the anti-corruption court but

remain unconcerned as these funds are not returned.

To all the doubts raised by the administrative and health officials of Rumonge, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS reassured that solutions will be found as and when the means will be available.

Regarding the pharmacies that operate without authorization from the supervisory Ministry, Dr. Sylvie NZEYIMANA urged the administrative and security services to collaborate for the immediate closure of these latter views that they may constitute a public danger.

For those guilty of embezzlement, she urged the judiciary to act without delay to return the embezzled funds.

To recidivist health workers, she recommended that the health officials apply the law governing state workers.

On the sidelines of this meeting, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Sylvie NZEYIMANA paid a visit to the Kigutu extension hospital of the Village Health Works Center in Vyanda commune in the health province of Bururi, initiated by a Burundian living in the United States Déogratias Niyizonkiza. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The Minister in charge of Agriculture affirms the availability of FOMI fertilizers



**O**n tuesday, august 17, 2022, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Déo Guide RUREMA made a raid in the commune of Gishubi in Gitega province. The objective of this descent was to meet the farmers in order to collect their grievances.

During this meeting with the population, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Déo

Guide RUREMA acknowledged the disruption in the supply of agricultural inputs during cropping season B.

According to the Minister, the FOMI factory had not understood that the population was going to devote itself to agriculture at a very accelerated pace. The Minister took the opportunity to request officials from the provincial offices of environment, agriculture and livestock to collect as soon as possible the deepening vouchers in fertilizing and forward them to the FOMI factory.

Déo Guide RUREMA also indicated that FOMI fertilizers are already available in its warehouses in each province in sufficient quantity, except FOMI Tatahaza in the provinces of Bubanza, Bujumbura

and Cibitoke. He said the situation is improving considerably.

The Minister in charge of Agriculture in his attributions, underlined that soon there will be measures instructing the services of his Ministry to make regular descents within the population to see if really the fertilizers are being distributed suitably to farmers.

Finally, the Minister of Agriculture also indicated that hill committees, responsible for registering and ordering the population on the hills, passing through the commune to the province, to properly control this chain of distribution and supply of inputs within the population will also be put in place. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Preparation of the Lake Tanganyika Coastal Development Plan: current situation



Council of Ministers in March this year. After observations, the Council of Ministers rec-

**T**he Minister in charge of the Environment , Agriculture and Livestock Déo Guide RUREMA proceeded on thursday, august 18, 2022, to the opening of a workshop to present the inventory of fixtures of the elaboration of the development plan of the littoral of Lake Tanganyika.

Déo Guide RUREMA, the Minister in charge of the Environment indicated that the objective of this workshop is to remind the current state of play of the shoreline of Lake Tanganyika, the areas to be protected and the areas where investors can provide capital for promote tourism, trade along the coast of Lake Tanganyika. He specified that it is also an opportunity for investors to align themselves with this integrated water resources management plan so as not to invest by losing.

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock indicated that this plan was adopted by the

ommended that this document be popularized so that it is known to all before the end of this year. During the presentations, the images showed that the shoreline of Lake Tanganyika is occupied in a disorderly way, does not follow any plan in order to preserve the spaces that deserve it.

In the implementation of the integrated development program on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, the experts have shown that to achieve this, there is a need in particular for access road networks (70 km), electricity network, sewage treatment plant and sanitation networks (50 km), fiber optic networks (70 km), etc.

Among the types of development envisaged in the short term are, among others, the departure of artisanal fishing for modern fishing, building occupied places in a disorderly way and structuring all occupied spaces in this place. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI



PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Secretariat-General of the State

**MEDIA RELEASE N° 15 CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2022**

A Cabinet meeting was held in Gitega on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of August 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 Wednesday 10 August 2022, and which was devoted to the analysis of the same files on the agenda.

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

- 1. Bill on the status of officers of the National Defense Force of Burundi**
- 2. Bill on the status of Non-Commissioned Officers of the National Defense Force of Burundi**
- 3. Bill on the status of non-commissioned soldiers of the National Defense Force of Burundi**

These three projects were presented by the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs.

The National Defense Force of Burundi is governed by Organic Law No. 1/21 of June 27, 2022 on the missions, organization, composition, instruction, conditions of service and functioning of the National Defense Force of Burundi.

But until today, officers, non-commissioned officers and non-commissioned soldiers of the National Defense Force of Burundi are governed by Statutes put in place in December 2010.

It should be noted that these projects had been analyzed and adopted by the Council of Ministers, but in the meantime it was necessary to review the organic law of 2017 governing the National Defense Force of Burundi to adapt it to the Constitution of 2018.

These projects come to adapt to the new organic law of 2022 but are largely inspired by these statutes of December 2010, by bringing certain innovations which can allow the Officer, the Non-Commissioned Officer and the Non-Commissioned Soldiers to work in the current socio-economic and security environment.

These projects bring innovations, particularly in terms of rights, duties and incompatibilities, advantages linked to working conditions, seniority, support for the family of serving soldiers who die, as well as support for a dignified reintegration into civilian life for those who retire.

New developments have also been made with regard to bonuses, allowances and other social benefits as encouragement and compensation for the constraints and risks of the military profession.

Innovations are also observed in terms of career management and the disciplinary system.

At the end of the debate, the three projects were all adopted with, among other recommendations:

- Check whether the benefits provided are harmonized with those of the Burundi National Police;
- Reduce the end-of-career allowance to 4 months instead of 12 months;
- Check whether the old-age pension that the draft provides exists at the level of the National Police and if this is not the case, delete the provision relating thereto;
- Check whether the administrative and pecuniary regularization for the detained and acquitted soldier is provided for at the level of the National Police and if this is not the case, delete the relative provision;
- Specify that the training and advanced training conditions are determined by a regulatory text.

#### **4. Draft decree revising Decree No. 100/15 of 23 January 1987 creating a General Inspectorate of Justice, presented by the Minister of Justice.**

Created by Decree No. 100/15 of January 23, 1987, the General Inspectorate of Justice had as its main mission to assist the Superior Council of the Judiciary in its role of controlling judicial institutions.

Its mission was reviewed respectively in 2005, in 2018 and in 2020 through the decrees organizing the Ministry of Justice.

These last three texts which have amended and extended the missions and attributions of the General Inspectorate of Justice have not done so in detail.

Subsequently, Law No. 1/09 of November 13, 2020 amending Law No. 1/08 of April 24, 2011 on the general organization of Public Administration instituted general inspections in all ministries.

Thus, the draft decree revising Decree No. 100/15 of January 23, 1987 comes to:

- Rethink a modern general inspectorate that meets the requirements of justice through which all litigants receive what is due to them by law and under fair conditions;
- Redefine the missions of the General Inspectorate of Justice in a clear manner in order to avoid the various overlaps observed for a long time in the execution of certain tasks falling within its missions.

- Comply with the requirements of Law No. 1/08 of April 28, 2011 on the general organization of Public Administration.

At the end of the analysis, the project was adopted with the following recommendations:

- Abolish the post of Deputy Inspector General;
- Delete the provisions that speak of allowances, bonuses and other benefits;
- Specify the attributions of each Principal Inspector
- Specify that the management of budget appropriations will be carried out by the Accountant of Expenditure Commitments as in the Ministry;
- To all ministries, to set up general inspections by decree in accordance with the law on the general organization of Public Administration;
- That the General Inspectorate of Justice constantly checks that the limitation periods for cases already judged are respected.

## **5. Draft decree determining the priority sectors for the national economy,** presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning.

The Investment Code of Burundi provides in its article 3 the sectors of activity for those who wish to invest in Burundi.

This Investment Code provides for advantages to be granted to investors who have benefited from eligibility certificates.

However, to be eligible for these advantages, a few conditions are provided for, in particular that the investment project belongs to a priority sector.

The choice of priority activity sectors takes into account the priorities of the Government established in the National Development Plan.

The implementation of this decree determining the priority sectors for the national economy is an application of the Burundi Investment Code, which provides that "the priority sectors are determined by a decree".

To remove any confusion at the time of its execution, this draft decree provides for a list of priority sectors of activity. This list allows the investors to see for themselves whether or not they are in the right position to apply for the eligibility certificate in order to benefit from the advantages of the Investment Code.

Thus, in addition to belonging to a priority business sector, certain conditions must also be met, in particular:

- Specification of vehicles to be imported for road transport projects;
- The objective targeted by the investor for the transformation and industrial production projects;
- The condition of being at least a clinic for the health structures;
- The surface of the plot, the number of levels in height and the car park to be provided for the construction projects of buildings for commercial use and offices.

At the end of the debate, the project was adopted with the following recommendations:

- Complete the title by specifying that these are the priority sectors in the field of investments;
- Cite the priority sectors only and avoid citing the types of activities to be carried out;
- Specify in the text that nationals will be recruited as a priority, except for skills not available locally.

- 6. Draft peat mining agreement on the Kashiru perimeter, Mugongomanga Commune, Bujumbura Province, in favor of the company Trade Investment Partnership Company and General Trading (TIPC)**
- 7. Draft ministerial order granting authorization for peat exploitation on the Kashiru perimeter, Mugongomanga Commune, Bujumbura Province, in favor of the company Trade Investment Partnership Company and General Trading (TIPC)**

These two projects were presented by the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mining.

The Burundian subsoil is full of rich and varied mineral substances, including peat. Currently, peat is used as fuel and can replace firewood. It is in this sense that the company Trade Investment Partnership Company and General Trading "TIPC" has set itself the objective of investing in the field of production of peat-based briquettes.

This project aims to develop a new source of energy easily accessible to households from raw peat extracted in the country.

It should be noted that this project has a special character aimed at protecting the environment and safeguarding biodiversity, all in the sense of fighting against climate change, and therefore the fight against deforestation.

The total investment cost of the project is estimated at six billion five hundred nine million one hundred sixty-three thousand five hundred Burundian francs (6,509,163,500 Fbu).

Some equipment related to this project is currently available and has the capacity to produce 48 to 80 tons of briquettes per day.

The company has submitted the application file for the authorization to exploit peat on the Kashiru perimeter in accordance with the mining legislation in force.

The selected site is in the marshes of KASHIRU, Commune Mugongo-manga, Province of Bujumbura, likely to supply around 200,000 tonnes of raw peat. The maximum production planned by TIPC is around 25,000 tonnes of briquettes per year, with a selling price of 400 Fbu/Kg.

After analyzing this file, and considering the positive impact of the project on the environment and the national economy, as well as the urgent need to find affordable energy sources that would replace firewood, the Council of Ministers noted that the company TIPC deserves to be encouraged by granting it the authorization requested.

Thus, the two projects were all adopted with the following recommendations:

- In the draft agreement, insert a provision that indicates the deadlines within which the activities must have started, and ensure that all the necessary documents are available. After this period, the agreement will be null and void;
- Be reassured of the prior compensation of people who carry out activities in this area;
- Specify the amounts of funds that this Project will allocate to the socio-economic development of the locality;
- After the operationalization of this Project, raise awareness of the population on the use of peat by households as well as the promotion of the use of gas and at the same time introduce measures to restrict the use of wood;
- Associate the Ministry in charge of the environment in the implementation of this Project.
- Accelerate the modernization work of ONATOUR so that its activities are not absorbed by this company;

#### **8. Note on the application of the fair wage policy with regard to special statuses,** presented by the Minister of the Public Service and Employment.

With the salary policy for the Burundian public sector, the components of the remuneration structure are:

- An indexed part which takes into account the qualification on recruitment and seniority;
- A job share that takes into account the job actually held according to the classification and rating of the jobs that have taken place according to clearly defined criteria which are:
  - The qualification required (to access a particular job described in the classification report),
  - The complexity and technical nature of the job held;
  - Contextual factors (work environment, constraints related to holding a job, etc.);
  - The degree of responsibility (adaptability, involvement in planning, etc.).
- A performance share as a one-time supplement to remuneration that takes individual or collective merit into account;

- A part linked to the individual situation of a civil servant or public agent (Family allowances).

Regarding its implementation, this salary policy will apply to all public sector employees, regardless of their status.

After discussion on the note, the Council of Ministers reached the following conclusions:

- Reformulate the title so as to show that the defense and security corps are not concerned;
- Rewrite the content of the Note in the form of a Prime Minister's Order;
- Set up a permanent high-level technical team for a certain period of time to support the structures concerned in the implementation of this policy;
- That the Ministers in charge of Public Security and National Defense organize moral talks in their respective bodies so that the police and the military do not misinterpret this policy;
- That the Ministry in charge of the public service with the unions organize a media panel to explain the new salary policy and the salary adjustment so that civil servants do not continue to have an erroneous understanding of it.

## 9. Any Other Business

His Excellency the President of the Republic informed the members of the Government that at the request of the Democratic Republic of Congo to the East African Community to support it in bringing peace to the East of this country, Burundi has deployed a battalion there who will work with the Democratic Republic of Congo Army to stabilize this region and contribute to the reconciliation of the Congolese people.

Done at Gitega, 18 August 2022  
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Secretary-General and Spokesman.-

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