



### The Head of State meets the people of Kirundo in a moralization session



The Head of State HE Pierre Nkurunziza continues his campaign of moralization of Burundian society. In his tour in the north of the country, the President of the Republic animated Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in Vumbi commune in the province of Kirundo, a session of moralization for the natives and administrators of this province. After giving an overview of the founding of the kingdom of Burundi and the symbols that embodied this kingdom and continue to embody Burundi today, the Head of State insisted on some of these symbols, including milk and

honey.

He said that since its creation, Burundi is considered a country of milk and honey. HE Pierre Nkurunziza finds that these products should not be rare in households, hotels and restaurants because, says the Head of State, milk and honey are considered to be an integral part of the characteristic symbols of Burundi.

He asked the Burundian population in general and Kirundo in particular to revalue these symbols and to return to the ancestral values that gave Burundi greatness as a country and Burundi-

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ans as a people.

After talking about these symbols, the Head of State spoke about Burundi's vision. President Pierre Nkurunziza explained that Burundi has its history, its past and its present and must also prepare its future.

The Head of State also recommended to the people of Kirundo to make an extra effort in the revaluation of Burundian education and to return to the evening family school. For the President of the Republic, Burundians should understand that Burundi today is an inheritance bequeathed to them by their ancestors.

According to the Head of State, Burundians must also understand that they have a material and moral debt to future generations and must therefore fight

for the colonialist teachings do not affect the life of the country, its culture, its tradition and its manners.

Finally, the Head of State asked the population to look after the tradition and the innumerable wealth of Burundi and this begins, according to the President of the Republic, by the education of the generation that will take over

The teachings of the Head of State were preceded by two sessions which were led by two Principal Advisers to the Presidency of the Republic.

The first spoke of neocolonialist and imperialist aims and the second taught about Burundian civilization.

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### Ngozi: the Head of State meets the people in a session of moralization



As part of continuing its moralization campaign, the Head of State was Wednesday, July 10,

2019 in Ngozi province where he hosted for the third time, a session of moralization in the capital of the Kiremba commune for the natives, elected officials and executives from this province. For HE Pierre Nkurunziza, Burundi will, in the long run and with good vision and good leadership, fulfill the vision of the founder of this country Ntare Rushatsi Cambarantama who called on Burundians to fight for their dignity and their offspring. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Ngozi: the presidential couple receives in audience the Mayor of the city of Mont Saint Hilaire de Québec

The President of the Republic, HE Pierre Nkurunziza, accompanied by the First Lady, received in audience in Kiremba Commune, in the province of Ngozi, the Mayor of the city of Mont Saint Hilaire of Quebec and the Consul of Burundi in Quebec. The Mayor of this city said he came to Burundi to establish a cultural twinning between the city of Mont Saint Hilaire and the city of Bujumbura.

During this audience the Head of State asked the Mayor of the town of Mont Saint Hilaire to present on his return to Canada, the true image of Burundi, as he found it. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))



## Rally car: a discipline in the spotlight in Ngozi province



The Head of State HE Pierre Nkurunziza attended Monday, July 8, 2019 a training of the Rallye motor organized by the club "Academy The Messenger Rallye" of Ngozi. The training took place in the Vyerwa Valley in Mwumba Commune in Ngozi Province on dirt tracks. As usual, the President of the Republic H.E Pierre NKURUNZIZA and founder of the school of promotion of sports games "Academy Le Messenger" made the trip to assess the level of technicality already reached by this discipline. The members of the club "The Rally Messenger" of Ngozi

engaged in the simulation exercises where the Head of State HE Pierre Nkurunziza attended the various demonstrations.

Such training is organized quite often to improve the performance of pilots and co-drivers in order to prepare national and international competitions well.

To recap this discipline initiated by the Academy's Messenger was launched in January 2018 the Head of State, to add to other disciplines, namely the Messenger Soccer, Basketball The Messenger, The Messenger Volleyball, The Messenger Athletics and The Karate Messenger.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The President of the Senate returns from a working mission to Russia and Congo Brazzaville



The President of the Senate, the Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo, returned on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from a work mission to Russia and Congo Brazzaville. In Russia Révérien Ndikuriyo participated in the international forum on the parliamentary and Congo Brazzaville, he took part in the High Level Summit on AIDS and Health. On his arrival at Bujumbura's Melchior Ndadaye Interna-

tional Airport, Spokesman for Senate Speaker, Mr. Gabby Bugaga, said that, in the first place, the objective of this international forum on parliamentarism was to bring together the Assemblies of Africa and Russia to prepare a harmonization of texts of laws that are oriented in the fight against false information relayed by some media.

It was also a question of analyzing, according to the spokesman of the President of the Senate, in what sense parliamentarians could rule on the legislative texts that govern certain sectors of the economy, particularly electronic technologies, innovations and communication.

In Congo Brazzaville, the President of the Senate the Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo participated in the High Level Summit on Health and AIDS where he expressed the initiatives of the Government of Burundi in the protection of the

health of the population. He cited free healthcare for children under 5, and pregnant and maternity women,

as well as the construction of health facilities throughout the country. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### FFB Executive Committee Evaluates National Team Participation in CAN 2019



The President of the Senate and President of the Football Federation of Burundi (FFB) met in Hui-clos Sunday, July 14, 2019 in Makamba province the executive committee of the FFB.

At the end of the meeting, the Honorable RévérenNdikuriyo said that the committee analyzed the behavior displayed by the players of the national football team "Intamba mu Rugamba" during the matches of the final phase of the CAN 2019 which takes place in Egypt. They also analyzed the failures collected and remedies to be made, among other things they decided to strengthen the staff at the technical level to improve the talents of players and their physical

conditions. Regarding players playing in foreign teams, the President of the FFB said they will be contacted in time to prepare accordingly and promised to look for other players who play in foreign teams to increase the number of professionals. The meeting also aimed, according to the president of the FFB, to adopt strategies to prepare for upcoming national and international competitions. He cited the official launch of the national championship on July 10, 2019, the preparation of the match between Burundi and South Sudan on August 28, 2019 in Bujumbura, as part of the African Nations Championship of Africa (CHAN) , organized by the CAF alternating with the CAN whose particularity is that only the players evolving in a club of their country can participate there.

The President of the FFB has informed that he will also participate, on July 18, 2019, in the draw of the CAN 202. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Burundi hosts the 26th Meeting of EASF Ministers



The First Vice-President of the Republic His Excellency Gaston Sindimwo proceeded Friday, July 12, 2019 at the opening of the 26th meeting of the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security of the region of East Africa in Bujumbura Town Hall. His Excellency Gaston Sindimwo invited the Ministers present to devote their attention to reviewing the recommendations of the Chiefs of the Defense Forces and assessing the progress that the region has made, the challenges to be met as well as the opportunities that the region has.

In his opening remarks, the Director of the Eastern African Standby Secretariat thanked the Government of Burundi for hosting the 26th meeting of the

Council of Ministers of Defense and Security in Bujumbura.

As for the President of the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security at the same time the Minister of National Defense and ex-combatants of the Republic of Burundi Emmanuel Ntahomvukiye specified that the Eastern region needs a lasting peace so that it deals with other areas of development. We can not think of development without peace in the region and there is no peace without development, insisted Mr. Emmanuel Ntahomvuye.

Speaking, First Vice President Gaston Sindimwo said that thanks to the efforts of the East African Standby Forces member countries and their collective commitment, the continent will progress satisfactorily in their quest for peace, 'lasting security and stability. These efforts will create a more conducive environment for the advancement of their people and the realization of their dream of peace and stability.

His Excellency Gaston Sindimwo reminded them that the region continues to face violent conflicts and relapses in cycles of violence, as well as new threats, including terrorist attacks, cross-border problems, trafficking in people and drugs, the illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons, resource conflicts, diseases and the devastating and negative impacts of

climate change, etc. So it is time to deal with these forms of conflict and war in the region, and also to reorient strategies according to emerging situations and scenarios, this includes the improvement of early warning systems mentioned the First Vice -President of the Republic of Burundi.

His Excellency also invited the Council of Ministers of the Defense Forces and Security of East Africa to focus on the best ways to effectively address the root causes of conflicts and crises in East Africa. .

Nevertheless, despite a marked improvement in relations in the Horn of Africa, the First Vice-President of the Republic, deplors the fact that South Sudan, one of the youngest countries in the world, remains a major concern that could degenerate into an emergency more catastrophic humanitarian. He also deplors the senseless killings of innocent civilians.

He ended his opening remarks by thanking the partners and friends who supported East African Standby Force programs and activities despite reduced support and a shift in priorities.

It is worth noting that 10 East African Standby Powers participated in this meeting, including Burundi as host country, Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Djibouti, Seychelles, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and Uganda.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The Foreign Minister of Burundi participates in the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Union



**A** Burundian delegation led by His Excellency Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi, participated from 04 to 08 July 2019 in the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in Niamey, Niger.

At this Summit, the operational phase of the African

Continental Free Trade Area was officially launched. According to the President of Niger, host of the Summit, His Excellency Mahamadou Issoufou, "The entry into force of the Zlec is the most important event in the life of our continent since the creation of the OAU (Organization of the African unity) in 1963 and its transformation into an African Union ", said the President at the opening of the summit.

For the President of the Commission of the African Union, His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat, "The launch of this Continental Free Trade Zone is an old dream that came true.

Several Heads of State and Ministers participated in this event. (Source: MFA Newsroom)

## Political consultation between the Burundian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs



For this purpose, His Excellency Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Burundi and SE Dr Ibrahim bin Abdulaziz al-Assaf, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia conducted a political consultation, at the end of which there was the signing of a General Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Burundi and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and a Memorandum of Understanding on Bilateral Consultation between the two countries.

(Source: MFA Newsroom)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi paid a working visit to Saudi Arabia on 9-7-2019. This visit is part of the strengthening of relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. For

## Official launch of the project "Capacity building and assistance to populations affected by epidemics, natural disasters and their return to Burundi"



On Monday, July 08, 2019, in Gatumba, on the border between Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA, officially launched the project "Capacity Building and Assistance to the Affected Populations" by epidemics, natural disasters and their return to Burundi ". The project is funded by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Government of Japan.

In her speech, IOM's Chief of Mission in Burundi thanked the Government of Burundi for responding to the invitation of this organization and officially opening this activity. She then appreciated the relations between IOM and the Government of Burundi

through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She also thanked the Government of Japan for funding this project. This cost of this project is estimated at 1,000,000 US dollars.

Mr. Takayuki MIYASHITA, Japanese Ambassador to Burundi, said that Japan has fruitful relations with Burundi, which is why Japan will always support and help Burundi. The Government of Japan is proud of the work that IOM is doing in the country. Burundi and he wanted to help this Organization so that it could do its normal activities.

As for the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA, who represented the Government of Burundi, thanked all the partners for having responded enthusiastically to this important activity despite their many obligations, that it is an eloquent sign of their firm commitment to the issues of the day that are of great importance to the Government of Burundi in disaster risk management. He further stated that Burundi has institutional, organizational and technical capacities in the field of risk prevention and disaster management of all kinds and need to be supported in their efforts to find ways of development. while improving their skills to proactively manage risk and build resilience for future cri-

ses.

According to Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA, building resilience allows the country to better respond to disasters and crises if they are induced by environmental, economic and social factors. Crisis Prevention includes a range of activities such as including strengthening national crisis response capacities, climate change adaptation, early warning system and disaster risk reduction.

The purpose of this ceremony was to:

- officially launch the project which demonstrates the frank collaboration between the Government of Burundi, the Government of Japan and IOM;
- present the integrated business plan and visit the Gatumba port of entry where some of the project-supported activities will be implemented;
- inform the media and the public about the project.

(Source: MFA Newsroom)

## Minister of Public Health Visits Gihungwe Ebola Treatment Center



The Minister of Public Health and the Fight Against AIDS DrThaddéeNdikumana carried out on Thursday, July 11, 2019, a visit to the Gihungwe Ebola Virus Treatment Center in Gihanga Commune of Bubanza Province, a center which is being built by WHO.

Dr Thaddée Ndikumana said that Burundi is ready to deal with Ebola from which the construction of the various centers on the entire border with the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The site of Gihungwe is temporary, it replaced that of Rukaramu whichknews floods. The Ministry in charge of the environment has given Gihungwe 3 hectares even to the Ministry of Public Health and AIDS Control to erect a permanent center, which will help treat other epidemics in addition to the Ebola, the work will begin in a few days, said Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana.

This center in Gihungwe will be equipped with facilities including a laboratory to examine the Ebola virus disease, hospitalization spaces, a 10 thousand liter tank of water from on-site drilling that will also serve the surrounding population, such as said Minister Thaddée Ndikumana.

Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana said that all sick suspects in the northwestern region will be transferred to this center for examination, and if there is confirmation of the disease, the patient will be treated on the spot.

With the completion of the final center of the same locality, the Minister stressed that the premises of this transitional center will be the property of the health center which is cramped and can not meet the demands that can be very numerous.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Minister of Public Health visits Kiganda Hospital



The Minister of Public Health and AIDS, Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana paid a working visit to Kiganda Hospital in Kiganda Commune in Muramvya Province. This hospital has just been rehabilitated and enlarged by the Kingdom of Belgium. He visited the various departments of the renovated hospital and held a meeting with the hospital staff throughout the day.

Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana indicated that this activity is part of the Ministry's action plan to visit all hospitals to see how to improve benefits in health care facilities

for the well-being of the population. Provincial Medical Officer Muramvya said the benefits are good in the province, but cases of malaria have increased in the last 3 months. This is beyond the capacity of health providers few because according to the Provincial Physician, they are on average 5 in health centers.

Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana indicated that there is not enough staff even at the hospital visited, whether it is the orderlies who are in charge of hygiene, the nurses and the doctors. He promised them that among 100 doctors that the Government will recruit soon, Kiganda Hospital will not be sidelined even for support staff. He took the opportunity to invite the population to seek treatment in this hospital which is well equipped with an almost sufficient and trained staff.

Kiganda Hospital has management problems, so we have sent a team of auditors to clarify these gaps, and the final report will be forwarded to us in a few days,"said Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Le Burundi célèbre la journée africaine de lutte contre la corruption



(Source photo : RTNB)

Le Burundi s'est joint aux autres pays africains pour célébrer la journée africaine dédiée à la lutte contre la corruption sous le thème « Vers l'élaboration d'une position commune africaine sur le recouvrement des avoirs ». Cette journée se célèbre le 11 juillet de chaque année.

Au nom du Gouvernement du Burundi, la Ministre à la Présidence chargée de la Bonne Gouvernance Madame Jeanne d'Arc Kagayo a sorti une déclaration où elle a indiqué qu'au Burundi, le Gouvernement a compris que le développement du pays doit compter essentielle sur les ressources intérieures

qui, aujourd'hui permettent le pays d'avancer. Elle a également déclaré que, dans le cadre de prévenir et/ou de lutter contre la corruption, le Gouvernement a mis en place plusieurs institutions. Elle a ainsi cité :

- Les cellules de Gestion de Marchés publics ;
- La Cellule Nationale de renseignement financier ;
- La Direction Nationale de Contrôle des Marchés publics ;
- L'Agence de Régulation des Marchés Publics ;
- L'Inspection Générale de l'Etat ;
- La Cour des Comptes ;
- Les différentes Inspections ministérielles ;
- La Brigade Spéciale anti-corruption ;
- Le Parquet Général anti-corruption ;
- La Cour Spéciale anti-corruption.

La Ministre à la Présidence chargée de la Bonne Gouvernance a terminé sa déclaration en promettant que le Gouvernement ne ménagera aucun effort pour l'accomplissement de cette noble mission qu'il a commencé en synergie d'action avec les acteurs tant étatiques que non-étatiques, à l'interne qu'à l'externe.

(Source : Rédaction MAE)

## Interbank Burundi charged with violation of foreign exchange regulations



The High Court of Mukaza sat in open court Wednesday, June 10, 2019 in the lawsuit between the public prosecutor and Bank Interbank Burundi. This bank is accused of having authorized Trust Merchant Bank to withdraw cash in its account while it is prohibited by Burundian law.

In this lawsuit, the prosecution accuses Interbank bank of currency exchange violations by allowing Trust Merchant Bank to withdraw dollar currencies from its account in cash. The amount withdrawn on July 2, 2019 is US \$ 1,500,000.

Interbank lawyers have said that in fact there has been no violation of the law. These lawyers have requested a one-day discount so that they can have the conclusions of the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB), so the latest report from the central bank. The headquarters refused them another additional time and the arguments began directly on the merits of the case.

According to the public prosecutor's office, based on certain texts and circular letters of the BRB, non-resident legal entities are not allowed to make withdrawals in cash. But lawyers at Interbank said that this is a normal practice of partnership between banks. Interbank Bank acted as intermediary because the money withdrawn belongs to Trust Merchant Bank. Interbank receives only commissions according to these lawyers. In addition, if a bank has foreign currency on its account, how can it withdraw its money in another currency.

The prosecution accuses Interbank of having done nothing to secure the amount withdrawn. The lawyers

responded that the security of the withdrawn money lies with the owner. According to the prosecution, the money was withdrawn underground and would be used to finance the activities of the rebel groups. The lawyers replied that there was no hiding as long as there are documents showing the origin and destination of the funds. Before adding that the use of funds is a matter of the receiving bank. Moreover, there is no clandestine because Interbank and Trust Merchant Bank have been partners since 2014, and the BRB is aware, they continued.

For the prosecution, the partnership has caused significant damage to the Burundian economy and it is necessary that Interbank pay an amount of 44 billion Burundian francs in compensation and 50 billion Burundian francs almond injury guide and interest to the State of Burundi. As to the amount seized, it should be paid into the account of the public treasury.

After hearing both sides the headquarters said it will decide within 10 days pending the latest report from the central bank as desired by the lawyers of Interbank Burundi.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Gitega: CNDD-FDD organizes a dance competition for children's cultural clubs



The party CNDD-FDD in the province of Gitega organized Saturday, July 13, 2019 in the chief town of this province, the final of the competition of dances of the cultural clubs of the children of this Party known under the name Ibiswi vy'inkona (chicks eagle) from all the municipalities that make up Gitega Province. This final was organized with the objective of selecting the group that will represent the province in the regional competitions that will take place in the province of Mwaro in the future days. 11 groups from different communes of Gitega participated in this final. The dance group of Bukirasazi commune ranked first and won a cup, an envelope of 50 thousand Burundian francs and 3 sacks of rice. It is this group that will represent the province of Gitega in regional competitions. The theme was "Support the contribution to the 2020 elections, consolidate democracy by highlighting the CNDD-FDD Party for Burundi to continue to shine".

On this occasion of the final of the dance competitions of children's cultural clubs of the CNDD-FDD in

the province of Gitega, the members of this party first began to make a walk to demonstrate the strength of the CNDD-FDD in the province of Gitega. walk started at the old market called Kungoma to the Nyamugari district where the ceremonies took place.

During the speeches of circumstance, the Communal Secretary of the CNDD-FDD in commune Gitega represented to the Provincial Secretary the new members in this party which is in power. More than 500 new members from the different hills of Gitega commune were welcomed by party representatives at the provincial level.

In his welcome address, the CNDD-FDD Provincial Secretary, Hon. Georges Nshimirimana, warmly thanked Gitega's Communal Secretary who provided a lot of effort in the mobilization to recruit new members.

Taking the floor, Hon Georges Nshimirimana gave various advices to these new activists inviting them to follow correctly the ideologies of the CNDD-FDD party. He also called on them to stand together with the other Bagumyabanga and to engage in the development work of the party and the country in general and to safeguard peace and security on their respective hills. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## APDR party nominates a lady for 2020 presidential elections



The Alliance for Peace, Democracy and Reconciliation (APDR) party organized an ordinary congress on Sunday, July 7, 2019, which was marked by the nomination of its presidential candidate for the 2020 presidential election. It is about Mrs. Félicité Nibigira who was chosen as a candidate. Other resolutions were taken on the same occasion. The congress decided to participate in all the elections from the top to the bottom, being alone without coalescing with one or the other political party. According to the

President of the APDR party, a commission will be responsible for conducting the campaign inside the country and the collection of the funds that the 2nd commission will take care of the campaign outside the country as well as the one that will be responsible electoral lists.

During this congress the APDR party made known its political position. Mr. Gabriel Banzawitonde, President of the APDR party said that his party will remain an opposition party but always supporting the actions of the government from the will of the people before

its replacement.

He said APDR will continue to maintain good relations with other political parties and the administration. The APDR party is also committed to consolidating peace and security as well as the successful completion of the 2020 elections, he added. It is the first party to make public its candidate in the presidential elections of 2020. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The National Council of Communication warns IWACU newspaper



The National Council of Communication (CNC) organized from 08 to 09 July 2019, an ordinary meeting. The purpose was to evaluate the implementation of the activities planned for 2018-2019 and submit the draft 2019-2020 action plan.

The record of achievements for 2018-2019 is very satisfactory, CNC Chairman Nestor Bankumukunzi said at the closing of the two-day meeting, where the 2019-2020 action plan was also validated.

According to Mr. Nestor Bankumukunzi, during this meeting decisions were also taken: the first is to send a warning to the Iwacu newspaper for the profes-

sional misconduct of which he is guilty. The imbalance of information, the publication of unverified information, the slander of people are some of the shortcomings that the CNC accuses the newspaper Iwacu.

The second decision taken during this meeting is to grant permission to operate two radio stations: the Impano FM radio installed in Mubimbi commune and the Radio called "Cibitoke diaspora Network Radio".

As the election period is approaching, Mr. Nestor Bankumukunzi CNC Chairman asked the media and journalists to work in strict compliance with the law and especially to make a positive contribution in connection with the preparation of the 2020 elections.

Regarding the press card, the CNC Chairman announced that the launch of the issuance of this card will be done before the end of July 2019.

(Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The General Direction of the National Radio Television of Burundi acquires a new leader



The General Direction of the National Radio Television of Burundi proceeded on Thursday, July 11th, 2019 to the delivery and resumption between the incoming General Manager Mr. Eric Nshimirimana and the outgoing Director General Mr. Salvator Nizigiyanana on the one hand and the Administrative Director and Financial incoming Mrs Capitoline Niyonizigiye and the outgoing Administrative and Financial Director

Mrs Gloriose Nsengiyumva.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communication and Media Mr. Thérence Ntahiraja represented the Minister in charge of Communication and the Media in these ceremonies.

On behalf of the Minister in charge of communication and the media, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry Mr. Thérence Ntahiraja recalled that the RTNB is a medium of vital importance for the country, as evidenced by its role of raising awareness, training and informing the population. The RTNB is a station of national stature evidenced by the highlights of 2015 when patriots have protected this great heritage despite the insurgents wanted to control, said the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communication and Media. Despite the challenges, this heritage must be protected in an exceptional way, said Mr. Thérence Ntahiraja.

Mr. Thérence Ntahiraja also recommended the new leaders of the RTNB to continue the mobilization of the population to increase production in all areas and mobilize taxpayers to pay taxes. According to him, paying taxes is a sign of souveraineté and pride for the taxpayer. He also invited the latter to continue popularizing the 2018-2027 national development plan.

At a time when the election period is approaching,

the RTNB is called upon to multiply the emissions and debates likely to appease the electoral period, said Mr Thérence Ntahiraja. Psychologically prepare politicians and the public so that there would be no more stress and rumors during the election period. He thus advised the new Director General to be immersed in the legal texts that govern the RTNB with the strict respect of the law, to collaborate with his relatives and other workers, to listen to the workers with a view to finding peaceful solutions and to avoid taking any unfair sanctions against workers.

It should be noted that the same ceremonies were conducted at the Burundian Press Agency (ABP) where the incoming Chief Executive Officer Mr Télesphore Bigirimana and Nicolas Barajingwa the outgoing Chief Executive Officer and the incoming Chief Financial Officer Mrs Hakizimana Claudine and Mr Ntaconayigize Désiré the Administrative Director and Outgoing Financial have exchanged instruments and legal texts governing the PBA. The incoming DG received from the outgoing DG two dossiers to follow, namely the establishment of the Staff Regulations of the ABP and the digitization of the archives of this institution. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### ISABU is hard at work promoting improved livestock production



The head of program of animal production at the Institute of Agricultural Sciences of Burundi (ISABU), Mr. Elias Minani, said during an interview with the ABP that this institution is working hard to produce seeds and high-performance genetic material for dissemination to the population.

Referring to the mission assigned to the program, Mr. Elias Minani said that the government is essentially promoting improved livestock. At the level of the approach, he said, research is mainly focused on genetic improvement, nutrition and animal health.

In this context, ISABU strives to provide technologies and innovations for increasing productivity.

The head of program of animal production, Mr. Elias Minani recalled that for a long time research actions have been particularly focused on the cattle breed.

However, he said, since very recently the Government has been thinking of diversification by focusing on other animals such as pork, goat, sheep, fish and bees. This diversification, in favor of these animals, occurred because the population claimed it. Regarding pork, Mr. Elias Minani stressed that the latter is an animal that produces a lot of meat in a short time. In addition, it breeds quickly and can have more than twenty piglets in a year.

For the last three years, pork research has been in the spotlight at the ISABU level. With this in mind, the Government plans to establish a large pig production center in Vyegwa in Ngozi province. All these efforts are aimed in particular at fighting poverty, fighting hunger and increasing the nutritional status of the population. (source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

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