



Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation

President Ndayishimiye inaugurates social infrastructure in Bujumbura



On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated two major projects in Bujumbura city, including Impimex Parking and a building materials factory.

These activities began in Mukaza commune, with the opening of "Impimex Parking", a modern space designed to meet the growing parking needs in the city of Bujumbura. This modernly designed car park aims to improve traffic flow and offer a practical solution to residents and visitors alike.

Taking ownership of the Vision of Burundi, an emerging country by 2040 and developed by 2060, NKEZA Kessy built a large five-storey multi-service building to facilitate access to shops, offices, restaurants and other services located in the city center.

This building has thus become more attractive by stimulating local business which offers parking options, economic activities in the city center, with the aim of reducing traffic congestion and illegal parking, while providing secure parking at all times for their customers.

This parking lot has a capacity of hosting 355 cars on 4 floors. It also includes 6 commercial premises, a large hall and on the 5th level we plan to set up restaurants and other businesses. The building also contains restrooms open to the downtown public.

Activities continued with the inauguration of a new construction materials factory located in Ngagara, Ntahangwa Commune owned by Mr. Oscar Bizindavyi.

This factory, which produces sheet metal, nails, tubes and other essential materials, is a strategic investment for the economic development of the country.

In addition to meeting local construction needs, it is also intended to boost employment and encourage industrialization.

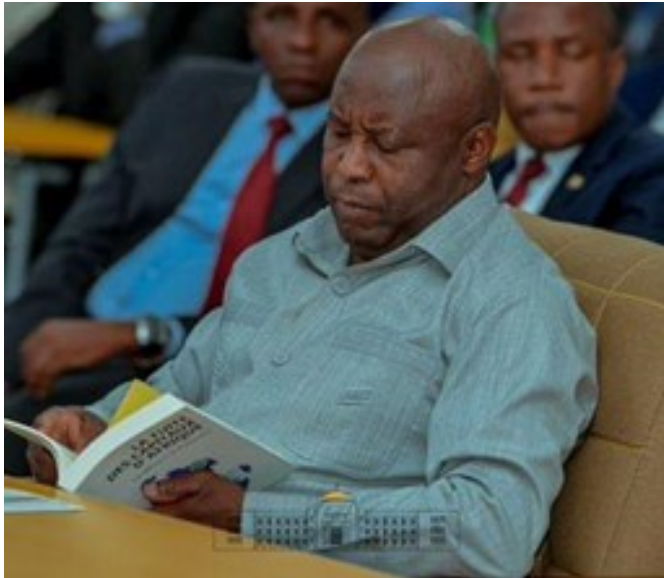
The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye stressed the importance of these projects for economic growth

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and infrastructure development. According to him, these achievements demonstrate the government's commitment to modernizing the country and creating opportunities for Burundians.

These initiatives are part of a broader program aimed at improving the living conditions of citizens and promoting a sustainable and dynamic economy. **(Presidency)**

The Government of Burundi determined to counter capital flight and repatriate others for the development of the country



On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, during a conference debate organized by the Bank of the Republic of Burundi and held by Professor Léonce Ndikumana in Bujumbura, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye announced that the Government of Burundi will spare no effort to counter capital flight and will do everything to repatriate misappropriated capital in order to use it in the development of the country.

At this event which also saw the participation of the Prime Minister of the government of Burundi, some members of the government, deputies, senators, senior executives of the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB) and other executives from various sectors, Professor Léonce Ndikumana explained at length the various forms of capital flight, the looters and their facilitators with supporting examples in the different sub-Saharan countries.

Burundi is not spared from this phenomenon which manifests itself mainly through under-invoicing during exports and over-invoicing during imports. The currencies obtained through these illegal channels are placed in foreign banks leaving the country with huge losses. As an illustration from two thousand (2000) to 2019, 440 million USD of gold exports vanished into thin air: the

quantities declared at the exhibition are far lower than those declared by the destination countries, he revealed. In his speech delivered on the occasion of this presentation, the Head of State first thanked Professor Léonce Ndikumana for his dedication and availability in contributing to the development of the country. He also expressed a feeling of gratitude for the topic of the conference at the same time as the title of the work of Mr. Léonce Ngendakumana.

Although there is capital embezzled by some Burundians and foreign investors working in Burundi, His Excellency the President of the Republic reassured Burundians that all necessary measures will be taken to counter these leaks. "The moments of repetitive socio-political-security crises that Burundi went through had created among Burundians a despair for a better tomorrow, which was partly one of the reasons for capital flight. Added to this is the desire to become rich in a short space of time. Now that peace, tranquility and stability reign in the country, this phenomenon must stop," said the Burundian Number One, urging everyone to pull themselves together, change their mentality, and work in synergy to achieve development.

"Everything will be done, through frank dialogue with the various stakeholders for the repatriation of capital given that the promising times for a bright future are a reality in Burundi" added the Head of State.

As the private sector is the main engine of development, President of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye reminded investors working in Burundi that this is only possible if the regulations in force are respected by all.

"Transparency must be taken as a pilgrim's staff in all sectors of the country's life if we want to achieve the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060," concluded the President of the Republic of Burundi. **(Presidency)**

Exchange between President Ndayishimiye and young geologists



On Wednesday August 21, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye met with a group of young geologists at Bujumbura city to discuss their contribution to the implementation of sustainable development strategies in Burundi, a country known for its rich soil and subsoil.

The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye opened the session by expressing his gratitude for the innovative work and commitment of young researchers in the field of geology. He highly appreciated their contribution to the fruition and preservation of natural resources, but also to the anticipation of environmental challenges.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye urged young geologists to showcase their technical skills, ethics and patriotism to ensure that mining resources benefit the country.

He also urged the Ministry responsible for mines to think of new strategies relating to the production of mines, their transformation, their processing and their sale.

Burundi's Number One thus ordered the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines to prepare "right now" a retreat with young miners in collaboration with the Office of Strategic Studies for Development (BESD), to put in place standard contracts adapted to the new Mining Code of Burundi.

During this meeting, the young geologists shared their research projects and their testimonies, in particular studies carried out on the types of minerals found in different localities across the country. They also discussed opportunities for collaboration between academic institutions and local cooperatives.

The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye encouraged young researchers to pursue their efforts with passion, hope, patriotism, determination and above all, acceleration. Acceleration because where their elders could not succeed in mineral capitalization, they at least must succeed and as quickly as possible. **(Presidency)**

The Head of State opens the ICGLR Regional Women's Forum in Bujumbura



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, opened the Regional Women's Forum of the International Conference on the Great Lakes

Region (ICGLR) which was held since Thursday August 22, 2024 in Bujumbura under the topic "Promoting the Regional Agenda for Peace, Security and Economic Cooperation through the Strengthening of Women's Participation".

"Despite the intrinsic importance of women in the smooth running of society and although they are the most affected by the consequences of conflicts, women have not always been associated with peace and security processes," said the Burundian Head of State and Acting President of the Monitoring Mechanism of the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Region in his speech.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye took the opportunity to pay tribute to the Heads of State and Government of the Region who, by signing this agreement, recognize the essential role of women and young girls in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and economic recovery.

Returning to the consequences of the conflict in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) which is having a negative impact on the Region, the Burundian President recalled that the Heads of State of the Region agreed to curb foreign negative forces in order to leave the Congolese with an environment favorable to the peace process.

“Through this forum, you are offered a space and a firm commitment to take into account your suggestions for restoring and maintaining of peace in the East of the DRC and in the Great Lakes Region,” he continued, before inviting women to identify the best strategies to fol-

low in the footsteps of Heads of State and Government, and a road map to adopt to establish lasting peace and allow the emergence of development in the countries of the Region.

Among other speakers who took the floor, the delegate of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the United Nations for the Great Lakes Region, Ms. Fatou Thiam, also stressed that this forum must be an opportunity to adopt a timeline of priority actions for the inclusion, protection and economic empowerment of women at all levels, repositioning them in particular in ongoing peace processes and in peacebuilding with a view to contributing to achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

“I can assure you that the United Nations will actively contribute to the successful implementation of this Women-Peace-Security timeline in the Great Lakes once adopted,” she concluded. **(Presidency)**

Investors from the Burundian diaspora in the United States of America committed to the implementation of the 2040-2060 vision



On Friday, August 23, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye held a working session at the Kiriri Presidential Palace with investors from the Burundian Diaspora from the United States. They demonstrated their determination to make their contribution to the implementation of the Vision of Burundi, an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

During this session, the Head of State of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye reminded these investors that, although Burundi is classified among the least developed countries, it is nevertheless full of inestimable wealth in natural resources, in raw materials

which could revolutionize the economic situation of the country by making it rich in a short time once these raw materials are extracted and processed. In addition to these resources, Burundi has an abundant and qualified workforce given the number of scientists, businessmen and other technicians who work brilliantly in different countries around the world and who are ready to make their contribution to the building of the country.

President of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye thus invited the investors present at this session to contribute, each according to their abilities, to the transformation to achieve the Vision of Burundi, an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. “You live in a developed country and you have development experience. Currently, the country is peaceful. Your know-how, your financial means, your expertise in business management are all welcome to transform our country and make it prosperous,” asked the Father of the Nation, before giving them the floor to express themselves in relation to their projects.

Above all, all the participants expressed motions and emotions of gratitude to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi for the invitation to this meeting, for the strengthening of the spirit of social cohesion which is manifested under his leadership, for the acceptance of

the Burundian diaspora as a category of Burundians who love their country and who can contribute to its construction and to the design of the vision of Burundi, an emerging country by 2040 and developed by 2060, a clear and achievable vision. "It hasn't always been like this," they confided to His Excellency.

Investors from the Burundian diaspora in the United States of America took this opportunity to present to the Head of State their investment projects in various fields.

These include projects to invest in the public health sector, the Information and Communication Technologies sector, in the agro-farming sector, in the hotel and hospitality sector, tourism, in the education sector, in the social housing sector, the trade sector, in the clean energy sector, in the transport sector, etc.

They reassured the Head of State that financial means are the least lacking and that they are any-

thing but beggars for state positions, and that they are there rather to create jobs. A number of projects have already got off the ground.

These investors from the Burundian Diaspora expressed their wish to see His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi Evariste Ndayishimiye visit them in the United States of America with a view to reassuring and exploring together with other Burundians from the Diaspora in the United States the ways to channel all kinds of technical and financial means necessary for the implementation of the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and developed by 2060. "It would be a great honor for any Burundian to have contributed to the development of its country of origin" they underlined.

Before closing this working session, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye promised this visit to the Burundian Diaspora in the United States and requested, however, that their organization might be serious so that it brings added value to the development of the country. **(Presidency)**

Water Distribution Authority called to regulate the electricity distribution network



On Monday August 19, 2024, a delegation of senators led by the President of the Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera paid a visit to the Rusumo Falls hydroelectric power station located in Ngara commune, Kagera province in the United Republic of Tanzania, to inquire about the current situation of this power station shared by the three countries namely Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania.

After the explanations provided by the managers of this hydroelectric power station to the senators, they noted that the work is almost finished and the member countries are benefiting from electricity and that Burundi is receiving 17 kWh.

In his remarks, the President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on the water distribution authority to resolve the distribution network problem so that Burundi fully benefits from this Central in the same way as the other member countries.

The President of the Upper House of Parliament also recommended to the Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines to negotiate the payment of contributions in local currency rather than in American dollars following the example of Tanzania and Rwanda which pay their contributions in local currency.

This hydroelectric plant produces 80Kw and has 51 employees including 18 Tanzanians, 16 Rwandans and 17 Burundians all hired taking on the basis their skills. **(Senate)**

Muyinga/Kirundo: senators visit socio-economic achievements



The office and members of the Senate visited on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, the Nyamuswaga marsh in the province of Muyinga, a site where the Jit Mat Company under Ugandan law intends to develop the cultivation of sorghum, which will serve as raw material for the production of sugar in Burundi.

The President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera recommended to the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock which granted the land to the Jit Mat Company, to closely monitor the ac-

tivities of this company which could be useful for the country. He suggested to the same ministry to recover this project in case of failure of Jit Mat.

After Nyamuswaga, the senators, led by the President of the Senate and his Vice-Presidents, visited the Nyavyamo marsh in Kirundo province, where development work was made difficult by the phenomenon of floating earth. The President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera recommended in-depth studies, with the expertise of Burundian academics and the World Bank, which is financing this project.

The senators and Senate executives subsequently visited the agro-pastoral center of Mutwenzi, a suburb of the town of Kirundo, run by the Catholic Church. This center manufactures sunflower oil, pineapple-based wine, low-cost wood-burning stoves, solar plates and supervises popular cooperatives.

The President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera urged the center's managers to disseminate all these technologies to the benefit of the people of the province and the whole country. **(RTNB)**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation reveals Burundi's position on peace and security in the world during the ministerial preparatory meeting of the TICAD-9



On August 24, 2024, was held in Tokyo the Plenary Session -2 of the Ministerial preparatory Meeting of the TICAD-9.

In his statements, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO thanked the Government of Japan for the invitation and the warm welcome they extended to the guests since their arrival in Tokyo. He said that the session is an excellent opportunity to assess the implementation of the commitments made at TICAD-8 in Tunis, Tunisia in August 2022, and to prepare for TICAD-9 in all its aspects.

About the sub-topic under discussion namely "Peace

and Stability: Guaranteeing Human Dignity and Human Security"; He said that it is of particular relevance not only to Africa, but to the world as a whole because, without peace, security and stability, there can be no development, and vice-versa.

With regard to Peace and Security, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO mentioned that Burundi, being always on the side of solutions and not on the side of problems, reiterates its commitment to the peaceful resolution of conflicts through the tools that preventive diplomacy places at disposal, namely dialogue, cooperation, consultation and negotiation.

His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO added that within the framework of collective security, Burundi has been contributing to peacekeeping and counter-terrorism operations since 2007, mentioning that Burundian troops

are present within ATMIS in Somalia, MINUSCA in the Central African Republic and in the east of the DRC, supporting these brotherly countries in restoring peace throughout their territories.

He continued by saying that in its efforts to promote peace in the region, Burundi hosted the African Youth Continental Dialogue in December 2023 in Bujumbura, the African Youth Capital, and the Regional Women's Forum on August 22, 2024 in order to contribute to regional peace efforts, in line with the recommendation of the summit of Heads of States and Government of the signatory countries of the framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation in the DRC and the region, whose follow-up mechanism has been chaired by Burundi since May 6, 2022.

His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO also informed that Burundi is preparing to host the 23rd Summit of Heads of State of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) on October 31, 2024, during which issues of peace, security, development and regional integration will be discussed. He took the opportunity to invite the 21 COMESA member countries to participate at the highest possible level.

In his closing remarks, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO uttered that Burundi reiterates its commitment to the TICAD process which, in many respects, responds to the concerns of the African and Japanese people, particularly with regard to issues of peace, security and development, and in that respect, Burundi calls for the strengthening and perpetuation of this platform, which has already proved its worth since TICAD-1 in 1993. (MFADC)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation committed to strengthening good governance



On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, during the presentation of the achievements report, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, pledged to strengthen good governance by implementing initiatives to improve transparency, efficiency and accountability in the management of public affairs.

This may include promoting democracy, respecting human rights, improving public services, and strengthening institutions to ensure more equitable and inclusive governance.

Furthermore, for the second half of the 2023-2024 budget year, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and De-



velopment Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, has informed the public that as part of the promotion of the acquisition of the State's own buildings and Embassies, constructions, land acquisition or rehabilitation have been carried out at embassies in Addis, Dar-es-Salaam, Dodoma, Kigoma, Rwanda, Kinshasa, Kampala, Naivasha in Kenya, New York, Ottawa, Belgium, France, Egypt, Zambia, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye,...

The Capacity-building for the staff is carried out through ongoing internships and trainings. As for protocol, a permanent office has been set up at Bujumbura's Melchior NDADAYE airport. Workplace inspections are also carried out at headquarters and in the Foreign

Service. These include embassies in Brussels, The Hague, Kampala, Arusha, Lusaka, Pretoria and Rabat. The aim is to create an environment where citizens can actively participate in decision-making, and where pub-

lic resources are managed responsibly and sustainably. Promoting good governance, cultivating the love of work and fighting corruption in all departments, here are some effective strategies. (MFADC)

Promotion of migrant employment and the diaspora, one of the missions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation



The supervision of the diaspora is one of the missions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation. Related activities are regularly carried out by the Ministry.

During the presentation of the report of the 2nd semester 2023-2024 on August 20, 2024, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro spoke about the organization of the Diaspora Week.

Other actions have been undertaken such as raising awareness among the diaspora to invest in Burundi, the promotion of migrant work where 6,280 young people were deployed in addition to 6000 who left on their own ; generating an amount of 7,906,600,000 BIF and 6,908,000 US dollars.

There is another tripartite project of the International Organization for Migration IOM, the African Development Bank AfDB and Burundi on the repatriation of skills. (MFADC)

Cibitoke: launch of the seed cotton collection and purchasing campaign



On Tuesday August 20, 2024, the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock launched the seed cotton collection and purchasing campaign in Cibitoke province.

This campaign marks a new reform which aims to pay in cash for cotton, whereas before it was collected in August, to pay farmers three months later. This is with the aim of satisfying the members of the various coop-

eratives growing cotton in the region of Imbo, Kumoso, Ruyigi and Cankuzo.

The Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Léonard Butoyi indicated that the reform had been put in place to encourage farmers and promote the increase in cotton production, one of the country's export crops, so that it contributes to the development of the country.

The Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Mr. Leonard Butoyi took this opportunity to invite anyone wishing to grow cotton to contact the Cotton Management Company (COGERCO) with a view to acquire land for this crop, and thus contribute to the increase in cotton production in Burundi.

Although farmers say they are satisfied with the cash payment reform, they do not appreciate the way in which the Cotton Management Company (COGERCO) divided cotton production into three qualities, the first quality paid at 1000BIF per kg, the second quality at 900BIF per kg

and the last at 800BIF/kg. They asked the Cotton Management Company (COGERCO) to provide

them with inputs on time, which will allow them to produce a lot and obtain quality production. (RTNB)

Gitega: the multiplication of industrial crops, a concern for agricultural technical services



million avocado plants are ready for grafting. The challenge encountered in preparing these avocado nurseries was the insufficiency of avocado stones. For the moment, the problem that is being resolved concerns the availability of "Ruhere" breed avocado trees for grafting. On all hills, agricultural instructors have already completed training on grafting.

After a raid carried out on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the communes of Gitega and Makebuko of Gitega province, the Director of the Provincial Office of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock of Gitega (BPEAE), Mr. Oscar Uwikunda indicated that the preparation work for the avocado and coffee tree nurseries is at a satisfactory stage.

Concerning coffee, the Director of the Provincial Office of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (BPEAE) Gitega indicates that over the last two years, the population's enthusiasm for growing coffee is putting pressure on technical services.

In response to the call of the Head of State to revalorize cash crops, the Director of the Provincial Office of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (BPEAE) Gitega indicates that this constituency has more 2 million avocado plants and more than 800,000 coffee plants in nurseries. He said the 2

He cited the example of the year 2023 where the provincial management had prepared 700 thousand coffee plants, but said that demand exceeded supply. It is the same for this year 2024, where the demand exceeded 800 thousand plants that were prepared.

Mr. Oscar Uwikunda, the Director of the Provincial Office of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (BPEAE) Gitega, urged the Coffee Development Office (ODECA) to double the efforts made in the preparation of coffee nurseries. This will help to meet the demand of farmers in the province of Gitega. (RTNB)

Manufacturers of alcoholic beverages called upon to respect the "zero defect" principle



related to alcoholic beverages, on certification and inspection procedures, towards industrialists working in the field of production of alcoholic beverages in Burundi.

The Burundian Bureau of Standardization (BBN) organized from August 20 to 21, 2024, in Gitega province, a training and awareness workshop on normative requirements

The Director General of the Burundian Bureau of Standardization, Mr. Jérémie Ngezahayo, said that the workshop with alcoholic beverage producers was organized at the right moment because it was noted that their companies do not meet the required standards.

The Director General of the Burundian Bureau of Standardization, Mr. Jérémie Ngezahayo recommended that producers of alcoholic beverages respect the "Zero defect" principle, in order to produce while re-

specting the standards and applying them in their entirety, in order to have certificates of compliance which authorizes them to place the product on the market.

As for the producers of alcoholic beverages, they asked the Burundian Bureau of Standardization to inspect companies and monitor alcoholic beverages on the market, and to quickly process customer requests. They also asked the BBN to support producers to ensure the continuity of the quality of their products, without forgetting the sanctions against those who disregard the applicable standards, in accordance with the

regulations in force.

After the discussions and debates as well as recommendations formation, the Director General of the Burundian standardization office, Mr. Jérémie Ngezahayo, said he was satisfied with the progress of this workshop. He reassured the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages, specifying that the Burundian standardization office will respond to the grievances of the manufacturers, notably the recruitment of qualified personnel throughout the country, to monitor the work of the alcoholic beverage manufacturing industries. (RTNB)

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