



Burundi's Head of State receives American delegation for Prayer Breakfast



On Monday March 31, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, granted an audience to an American delegation led by the Director Manager of the National Prayer Breakfast, Mr. Van Vuong. The meeting was part of a moment of prayer shared with Burundians on the occasion of Prayer Breakfast.

On behalf of the American people, the delegation addressed their greetings to the Head of State and expressed their gratitude for the participation of the Burundian presidential couple at the Na-

tional Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C. Their presence at this event deeply marked the spirits and strengthened the ties between the two nations.

According to the President's Deputy Spokesman, Sébastien Ntahongendera, the American delegation also congratulated His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye on his commitment to peace, not only in Burundi, but throughout the sub-region.

Concluding the day's activities, the Pre-

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sidential Couple invited the American delegation to a dinner at Kiriri Palace this evening, as part of the National Prayer Breakfast. An evening of conviviality and

enriching exchanges, in the presence of the President of the National Assembly and his Wife. **(Presidency)**

The Presidential Couple enhance the 16th Edition of the National Prayer Breakfast



The Head of State of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, graced with his presence the 16th Edition of the National Prayer Breakfast which took place on Monday March 31st at the Palace of Congress in Kigobe under the theme: "There is hope for him who believes", taken from Job 14: 7-9.

This 16th edition of the National Prayer Breakfast was an opportunity for politicians who have held high office, and religious figures whose past has been marked by the dark times Burundi has gone through, to bear witness to the unshakeable hope that characterizes those who believe in God.

In his speech, the Head of State of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, welcomed the participation of a strong American delegation led by the Mana-

ging Director of the National Prayer Breakfast, Mr. Van Vuong, at this 16th Edition of the National Prayer Breakfast, as a sign of love and the desire to strengthen unity and brotherhood with the Burundian people.

Based on the theme, the President of the Republic reveals four reasons that reinforce Burundians' belief in God. Since the monarchical regime, Burundians have placed God in first place. He called on leaders to rely on this solid foundation to strengthen national cohesion.

He also pointed out that the revelation of the name "land of milk and honey" showed that Burundi has development potential, thanks in particular to its natural resources, which can be exploited in a sustainable manner through the combined efforts of all Burundians.

Burundi's Number One also emphasized that Burundians are a single people who speak the same language, and that this is an important asset in the fight for a country's development. He calls on leaders to play their crucial role as unifiers and gatherers.

Finally, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, announced that the Burundian people are pursuing a vision: the Vision of Burundi as an Emerging Country by 2040 and a Developed Country by 2060, and he is delighted to have made it his own: "It's a vision of all Burundians, I'm just the driver", he said. **(Presidency)**

Strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between Burundi and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Visiting the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by his wife, was welcomed with honors on April 4, 2025 at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi by his counterpart, the President of Vietnam, His Excellency Luong Cuong,

accompanied by his wife. The visit was made in the context of strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between Burundi and Vietnam, which date back 50 years. Indeed, since their creation on April 6, 1975, no authority of this rank from either country had made a state visit. During the bilateral discussions between the President of



Burundi and his Vietnamese counterpart, both face-to-face and extended, it was possible to appreciate the quality of the historic ties of cooperation between their countries, which foster friendship and fraternity between their peoples. To cement this cooperation between Burundi and Vietnam, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi and the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam signed, in the presence of their Excellencies President Evariste Ndayishimiye and President Luong Cuong, two cooperation agreements, including a General Cooperation Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding on Political and Diplomatic Consultations between the two countries.

Key sectors that can add value to achieving the objectives of Burundi and Vietnam for the well-being of their populations have also been identified. These include the mining sector, the trade sector, the agriculture sector, the information and communication technology sector, and tourism. Technical teams

will develop cooperation agreements to realize the wishes of the Heads of State of Burundi and Vietnam, respectively.

The Heads of State have also committed to supporting each other in international forums while providing mutual support on issues of common interest.

President Ndayishimiye also held discussions with the Vietnamese Prime Minister, His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh. The Prime Minister reaffirmed to the Burundian Head of State his firm commitment to realizing cooperation in the aforementioned sectors, as instructed by the Presidents of Vietnam and Burundi.

The Burundian Head of State and Chairman of the Council of Elders of the ruling CNDD FDD party also met with Mr. Tô Lâm, Secretary General of the Vietnamese Communist Party, with the aim of cementing the friendship between their parties and bringing government agreements to fruition for the benefit of the peoples of their countries.

At the end of the first day of the State visit to Vietnam by the Burundian Number One accompanied by the First Lady, the Vietnamese Presidential Couple offered a banquet of honor to the Burundian Presidential Couple and all their delegation, reaffirming their friendship and fraternity in a convivial setting.

(Presidency)

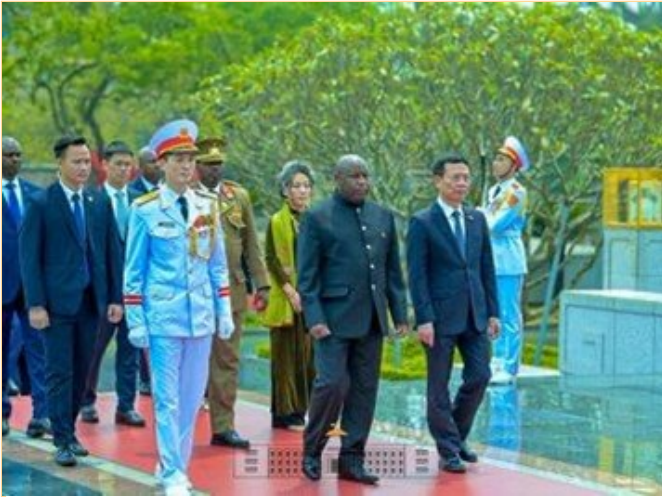
President visits Vietnam's major tourist attractions

On April 4, 2025, as part of his official visit to Vietnam, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye visited a number of Vietnam's major tourist attractions.

These included a visit to the Martyrs of the Revolution Memorial in the heart of Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. Built in 1993, this memorial pays tribute to the men and women, martyrs and heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War, often referred to as "America's war in Vietnam", for the

liberation and independence of Vietnam. It is a symbolic place for the functions of the State, but also a place to commemorate the war dead.

The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, then visited the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi, the final resting place of a national hero. Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum is one of Vietnam's most famous works of art. Thanks to its great cultural and historical value, it attracts large numbers of national and international tourists every year.



Hô Chi Minh is widely regarded as a visionary leader who played an essential role in Vietnam's history. Thanks to his indomitable spirit and unshakeable determination. He established himself as a revered figure, leading the Vietnamese people to independence and self-determination. He led the revolutionary movement against foreign colonial powers, notably France and then the United States, and ultimately paved the way for Vietnam's liberation. His significant contributions and unwavering efforts earned him the status of a re-

vered statesman, inspiring generations with his dedication to the well-being of the nation and his unwavering commitment to social justice and equality.

The Burundian President took the opportunity to lay wreaths at the Martyrs' Memorial and the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi.

Concluding his tour of Vietnam's important tourist sites, the Burundian Head of State visited the Vietnam Military Museum, which shows the weapons and degree of bravery of the Vietnamese in their resistance against French imperialism, Japanese fascism and the American imperialist invasion.

The Head of State stressed that imperial ideology has greatly hindered the development of all mankind. He congratulated and saluted all the heroes who sacrificed themselves for the liberation of their peoples, and particularly the bravery of the Vietnamese people for their liberation. **(Presidency)**

Burundi's Head of State visits a number of Vietnamese companies



On April 5, 2025, the last day of his official visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye visited a number of Vietnamese companies to explore partnership opportunities and strengthen existing ones between them and Burundi.

To this end, he visited a Viettel sports complex, giving him the opportunity to discuss with the managers of this

complex the sharing of experience and to explore avenues of cooperation with the aim of strengthening the talents of Burundian footballers.

The Head of State also visited the Viettel Group, a public telecommunications company under the supervision of the Vietnamese People's Army. This was an opportunity to exchange views with the company's authorities on the quality of the partnership with this group, which has invested in Burundi through its subsidiary Lumitel, and on future prospects.

Finally, he visited the Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences, a key institution in the national system of research, innovation and development of new agricultural technologies to meet the food needs of Vietnam and the world.

On this occasion, opportunities for partnership and sharing of experience and expertise between this Academy

and ISABU were explored to support Burundi in the fields of research, development of resilient agricul-

ture and training. (Presidency)

National Prayer Breakfast, 2025 edition: an inspiration for hope



“A tree of reference: cut down, it can green again, it does not cease to have offspring. Whether its root has grown old in the earth, whether its trunk is dead in the dust, as soon as it smells water, it turns green again, it sprouts branches like a seedling” (Job 14:7-9). This is the biblical reference chosen for the theme of the 16th edition of the National Prayer Breakfast, which took place on Monday March 31, 2025 in the grounds of the National Assembly Palace in Kigobe, under the high patronage of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi Evariste Ndayishimiye. The event was attended by various high-ranking government officials, ambassadors and distinguished guests from the United States of America, who were part of the preparatory committee for the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington.

The National Prayer Breakfast is an opportunity for leaders in all fields to come together in prayer and faith. It provides a space for meeting, supporting one another and strengthening friendships. This tradition originated in the United States of America and spread to other countries, arriving in Burundi in 2006, where the first National Prayer Breakfast was organized.

Inviting the audience to meditate unceasingly on these biblical verses, which suggest that there is hope for a believer, the preacher of the day asked participants to have a third eye to see the spiritual world that the two eyes of the ordinary human cannot see.



According to the President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndirakobuca, the National Prayer Breakfast in Burundi helps to broaden international networks of friendships, and to spread a message of political, economic and spiritual significance among the elite, ultimately reaching the entire population. It also strengthens the spirituality of leaders, and reinforces friendships based on faith in God, while encouraging them to focus on work, solidarity, social cohesion and security issues.

In his speech, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, placed particular emphasis on four reasons that give hope to the Burundian people. The first is that God has manifested his presence in our country, considering where Burundi comes from and the peace recovered after years of internal war.

God has pulled us through and shown us that He has good plans for the country. The second is that Almighty God has given Burundians a land of milk and honey, rich in natural resources. The third is that Burundians are now united. Indeed, there are no longer any ethnic conflicts in our homeland, and each complements the other. The fourth is the Vision of Burundi as an Emerging Country by 2040 and a Developed Country by 2060 that God has revealed to the Burundian people, and from which the Burundian population should draw inspiration in their daily work.

The 16th edition of the National Breakfast Prayer was a special occasion for some former political leaders and representatives of religious denominations to give testimonies on the manifestation of God through the events

that marked their careers in the past. These testimonies inspire everyone who believes in God to have hope in the presence and manifestation of the Eternal in all circumstances. **(National Assembly)**

Burundi's First Lady visits IDPs and Congolese refugees: a gesture of humanitarian solidarity



On April 1, 2025, the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, visited the camp for internally displaced people in Gatere who were Mubimbi from Gatumba, as well as the transit camp for Congolese refugees, all located in the province of Cibitoke.

These IDPs are in Gatere in the context of floods caused by climate change, which have forced many families to leave their homes, particularly those from Gatumba in Bujumbura Province.

Aware of the difficulties faced by those living in refugee camps, Burundi's First Lady H.E. offered basic necessities such as rice, porridge, cookies, loincloths, etc., to lighten their daily lives.

At the transit camp for Congolese refugees, H.E. Ange-

line Ndayishimiye was warmly welcomed with cheers and dancing, testifying to the gratitude and love of the refugees. The refugees expressed their deep gratitude to the President of the Republic of Burundi, especially after receiving the support and solidarity shown by the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye.

In her speech, the First Lady of Burundi called on all Burundians to show compassion and generosity towards the Congolese refugees, encouraging them to share their resources, especially at a time when the country has sufficient food.

During her visit to the IDP camp in Gatere, the First Lady also stressed the importance of solidarity among displaced persons. She warned them of the risks of contagious diseases, such as Mpox, and encouraged them to adopt healthy behaviors.

Finally, the First Lady expressed her gratitude to the World Health Organization (WHO) for its unfailing support in providing food and essential goods to these refugees. She also acknowledged the contribution of the Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza and the Office OF THE First Lady of Burundi H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye for Development in Burundi, who are working tirelessly to improve the living conditions of these refugees. **(Presidency)**

Opening of the April 2025 ordinary parliamentary session

The Speaker of the Burundian Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, has asked the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, as well as other institutions involved in the development of communes, to be vigilant and multiply awareness-raising sessions for communal administrators to ensure that communal coffers are not

emptied in these pre-electoral times.

The President of the Burundian Senate made these remarks on Tuesday April 1, 2025, in the hemicycle of the Senate in Gitega (central Burundi), as he opened the April 2025 ordinary parliamentary session. He urged the senators to keep a close eye on the situation, and in



case of doubt, he promised to call the relevant minister for clarification and advice whenever necessary.

A similar recommendation was also given to the Senators. "The session we are opening is the very last of our mandate," he reminded them, before asking them to work hard so that none of the planned activities remain unfinished. "Let's keep in mind that we must always put forward the work of representing the people who mandated us, until the last minute of our mandate," he hammered. As for the population, the Senate President advised them not to let themselves be distracted by the upcoming elections, to stay at work to increase production, while safeguarding peace and security to avoid any troublemakers during the electoral period, he added.

In terms of the achievements of the senators during their vacation, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera mentioned, among other things, the observation of an abundant harvest. He took the opportunity to thank the government for the timely provision of agricultural inputs to farmers. He called on the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, through their Burundian Agency for Press Q. Asiatique, located at Av. Des Paysans Nr



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A partial view of the senators singing the national anthem and that of the EAC (East African Community) was also noted, with Emmanuel Sinzohagera delivering a speech emphasizing the need to work in synergy to find sustainable solutions to the issues of conserving agricultural surplus, its transformation, and seeking markets for the sale of agricultural excess.

In addition, the Senate Speaker announced three bills scheduled for analysis and adoption during the April session. These include the bill amending Law Nr1/12 of June 28, 2017 governing cooperative societies in Burundi.

The opening ceremonies of the parliamentary session in question were attended by a number of personalities, including ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic and consular corps accredited to Burundi, the Governor of Gitega province, representatives of the judiciary, representatives of the defense and security corps and representatives of services working in the country's political capital. **(Senate)**

Quarterly Report of UNDP: Assessment of Progress and Recommendations for Burundi

On April 3, 2025, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) organized a joint quarterly review. This event, held at the Donatus Conference Center, provided participants with a conducive environment for constructive exchanges and reflection on the progress made in

the country's sustainable development. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation was represented by the Director General for Multilateral Relations, Ambassador Gaudence Sindayigaya. Mr. Mathieu CIOWELA, the UNDP Resident Representative in Burundi, emphasized that this meeting



offered a crucial platform to examine the progress achieved as well as the challenges to be addressed. He highlighted the 13.4% decrease in budget allocations for Burundi, adding that the global context of development financing had exacerbated budgetary constraints.

In light of these financial challenges, Mr. Ciowela encouraged participants to consider measures for financial prudence and a reassessment of portfolio priorities. He also stressed the importance of an inclusive partnership to successfully transform the country's aspirations into reality.

The Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations emphasizes the importance of aligning programs with the priorities of Burundi's national development plan.

Ambassador Gaudence Sindayigaya, the Director General in charge of multilateral relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, also highlighted the importance of a close alignment of programs with the priorities of the revised national development plan and the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

He reminded that the joint steering committee, established by the cooperation framework agreement between the Government of Burundi and the United Nations system, is tasked with providing strategic guidance for cooperation. During its meeting held at the end of last year, one of the recommendations was to directly engage in the activities planned for 2025 without delay, which reflects a good understanding and integration of the committee's directives. He emphasized the necessity of considering impact, operationalizing the achievements of our projects, and involving beneficiaries to ensure greater and more sustainable ownership.



Results of Group Work

The group work has identified several acceleration measures. In the area of governance and the rule of law, it was agreed that all FACE documents should be submitted to UNDP by April 9. Concrete measures were also proposed to improve resource management and secure human rights, notably through increased support for relevant institutions.

Regarding innovative entrepreneurship for youth and women, participants identified challenges such as the lack of clear action plans and the complexity of the beneficiary registration tool. Several solutions were proposed, including consensual planning and updating partnership plans.

Finally, the group focused on the environment highlighted acceleration measures in response to issues such as low execution time and lack of mastery of procedures. Recommendations were also made to strengthen capacities and assign focal points to improve the effectiveness of projects.

The quarterly review of the UNDP in Burundi revealed significant progress but also highlighted the persistent challenges faced in a difficult budgetary context. The commitment to finding concrete solutions and strengthening collaboration among stakeholders is essential to en-

sure the success of development initiatives. The collective determination of participants to confront these challenges marks a step forward towards

achieving development goals for a more resilient and inclusive Burundi. **(MFADC)**

The extension of the deadline for submitting bids for the call for expressions of interest regarding the renovation, extension, and operation of the Source du Nil Hotel and its surroundings



The Ministry of Commerce, Transport, Industry, and Tourism wishes to inform all potential private partners that the deadline for submitting bids in the framework of the call for expressions of interest for the renovation, extension, and operation of the Source du Nil Hotel and its surroundings has been extended. Initially set for January 31, 2025, **the new deadline for submitting bids is now postponed to April 18, 2025, at 11:00 AM Bujumbura time.** This decision was made to allow a greater number of candidates to finalize their applications and participate in this ambitious project.

Important points to note: Interested candidates must submit their complete bids before the new deadline; bids already submitted remain valid and will be considered until the expiration of the extension period, and no bids will be accepted after the specified date and time mentioned above.

This project represents a unique opportunity to contribute to the development of the tourism sector and the enhancement of local heritage. The Source du Nil Hotel, located in an exceptional setting, offers considerable potential for visionary investors looking to engage in a project with a strong economic and cultural impact. For any additional information or to access documents related to the call for expressions of interest, please consult the annexes available on the website <https://info.commerce.bi> of the Ministry in charge of commerce or directly contact the relevant services of this Ministry.

We encourage all interested private partners to seize this opportunity and submit their offers within the specified deadlines. **(Ministry of Commerce)**

Pre-integration and inclusion for a better future

The Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, and Gender, in collaboration with the United Nations Human Rights Agency, organized a roundtable on April 3, 2025, in Bujumbura, to mobilize funds for the operationalization of the national strategy for the sustainable socio-economic reintegration of disaster affected individuals and the inclusion of the Batwa community in Burundi (2023-2027).

During the roundtable, it was emphasized that it is crucial to consider the increasing number of children, particularly those from Twa communities, who are dropping out of school. This phenomenon ex-

poses them to greater vulnerability. The Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research has been called upon to play a key role in this initiative.

The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Burundi, Mrs. Violet Kenyana Kakyomya, welcomed the commitment of the Ministry in charge of Gender, particularly in supporting sustainable development. She highlighted the progress made in assisting low-income groups, which are essential for inclusive development.

The Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights, and Gender, Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike,



specified that the main objective of this conference was to improve the socio-economic conditions of vulnerable and disaster-affected individuals, including Twa fami-

lies. She emphasized the importance of strengthening social cohesion and security to enable these communities to contribute to the country's development.

The Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, and Gender also shared the vision of seeing Burundi emerge by 2040 and become a developed country by 2060. This will require continuous efforts and strong support from international partners.

She concluded by calling on partners to continue their support for Burundi in its development projects, in order to ensure sustainable reintegration and full inclusion of vulnerable communities. (RTNB)

The media and public institutions are called upon to promote access to balanced information



The Ministry of Communication, Information Technology, and Media, in partnership with the Conflict Alert and Prevention Center (CNAP), organized a forum on Friday, April 4, 2025, for exchanges between the media and public institutions to promote access to balanced information.

The Minister of Communication, Information Technology, and Media, Madame Léocadie Ndacayisaba, indicated that the purpose of this forum was to encourage discussions on the progress made in the field of communication. She noted that the forum allowed for exchanges on the challenges to be addressed and the necessary actions to improve collaboration among administrative leaders, political parties, civil society, the media, and the communication officers of various public institutions.

The objective is to work together to ensure free, trans-



parent, and peaceful elections. As highlighted by the Minister of Communication, Information Technology, and Media in Burundi, just like elsewhere, the electoral period is often marked by indecent remarks and misinformation that are disseminated, either intentionally or unintentionally, through the media and social networks, which can exacerbate tensions and compromise peace. In this context, Minister Léocadie Ndacayisaba called on journalists to strictly adhere to the electoral code, the code of conduct signed by the journalists themselves, as well as the regulations governing journalism.

She urged media leaders to ensure that the reports broadcasted are based on verifiable facts, avoiding the temptation of sensationalism, while emphasizing the need to promote a professional and contradictory debate, in respect of fairness, in order to guarantee an objective and balanced coverage of electoral issues. She also called on political party leaders to adopt a transparent and respectful approach, emphasizing their societal projects rather than prioritizing hate speech aimed solely at keeping

the image of their opponents. According to her, it is essential to promote constructive dialogue, whether through the media or during the electoral campaign period.

The Minister of Communication, Information Technology, and Media, during her speech, reminded that they have a great responsibility to project an accurate image of the country, using the various platforms offered by new information and communication technologies. Addressing civil society, she emphasized that as consumers and sources of information, they have an important responsibility.

In particular, she urged them to point out and, above all, denounce those who spread messages

that could be harmful. According to the Minister of Communication, Information Technology, and Media, Madam Léocadie Ndacayisaba, thanks to workshops organized across the provinces, trust between journalists and sources of information has been strengthened, facilitating access to reliable information.

During the discussions, participants addressed issues such as the quality of journalism, professional integrity, censorship, and the legislative framework governing access to information. They also highlighted the current challenges faced by journalists, spokespersons, and other stakeholders, while proposing solutions to ensure more balanced, transparent, and accessible information. **(ABP)**

From prison to employment, another grace



April 4, 2025, in Ngozi Province, with work set to begin on April 7, 2025. He noted that this initiative is part of the year proclaimed as the Year of Labor by the Head of State, aiming to ensure that every mouth has food and every pocket has money. Furthermore, he emphasized that when someone is in prison, it is not only the prisoners who suffer; their family also bears the consequences, particularly through financial burdens, highlighting the necessity of having work after prison to help restore the

On Wednesday, April 2, 2025, the President and Legal Representative of the Ntabariza association, which advocates for the rights of prisoners and their families, held a press conference in Ngozi Province. He announced that his association will soon hire 300 former prisoners who have just been released following a presidential pardon.

During this press conference, Mr. Jean Marie Nshimirimana, the president and legal representative of Ntabariza, stated that the enrollment of these prisoners seeking employment will take place on

family's economy.

The President of the Ntabariza association invited other non-profit associations to contribute through concrete actions to achieve the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. The president and legal representative of Ntabariza, Mr. Jean Marie Nshimirimana, took the opportunity to congratulate the National Independent Human Rights Commission (CNIDH), whose accreditation subcommittee of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions maintained its re-accreditation at a status on March 25, 2025. **(RTNB)**

Makamba: A Province in Full Agricultural Growth



The National Radio and Television of Burundi (RTNB) visited the province of Makamba on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, to assess local achievements. The observation is that the harvest of the A agricultural season has been particularly good.

The Governor of Makamba Province, Madame Tantine Ncutinamagara, emphasized the mobilization of the population to increase agricultural production and thus contribute to the country's development.

Governor Ncutinamagara is not only encouraging farmers; she is also actively involved in the multiplication of avocado plants. To date, she has already produced over 10,000 plants. She also maintains an 8-hectare corn field, with the aim of encouraging the population to follow this production dynamic.

The province of Makamba is particularly active in the agricultural sector. On Butare hill, in Kayogoro commune, Mr. Japhet Ndunamiye has cultivated a corn field of 6 hectares. On Rusovu hill in the same commune,

Pastor Mazuru Jacques from the EUSEBU Church is a seed multiplier for corn and cultivates a field of 14 hectares.

In the Kibago commune, Mr. Fanuel Niyongabo, a resident of Nyakazi hill, has multiplied cassava seeds on more than 2 hectares under the guidance of the Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi (ISABU).

On Kigomagoma hill, the CDMA KUMUCO center is engaged in rice cultivation and oil palm farming. A rainwater harvesting system has been implemented to irrigate the fields during the dry season, along with a building dedicated to drying the harvests, which is an innovation in this province. **(RTNB)**

REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION****DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, together with the family of Mr. Leonidas MBAKENGGA, is deeply saddened to announce to the families, friends and acquaintances the death of Mr. Leonidas MBAKENGGA, first counselor at the Embassy of Burundi in Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania, and Head of the Liaison Office to the East African Community in Arusha, which occurred on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Talcare Hospital in Arusha.

The rest will be communicated to you later.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, together with the family of the illustrious deceased would like to thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Done in Bujumbura on April 5, 2025

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