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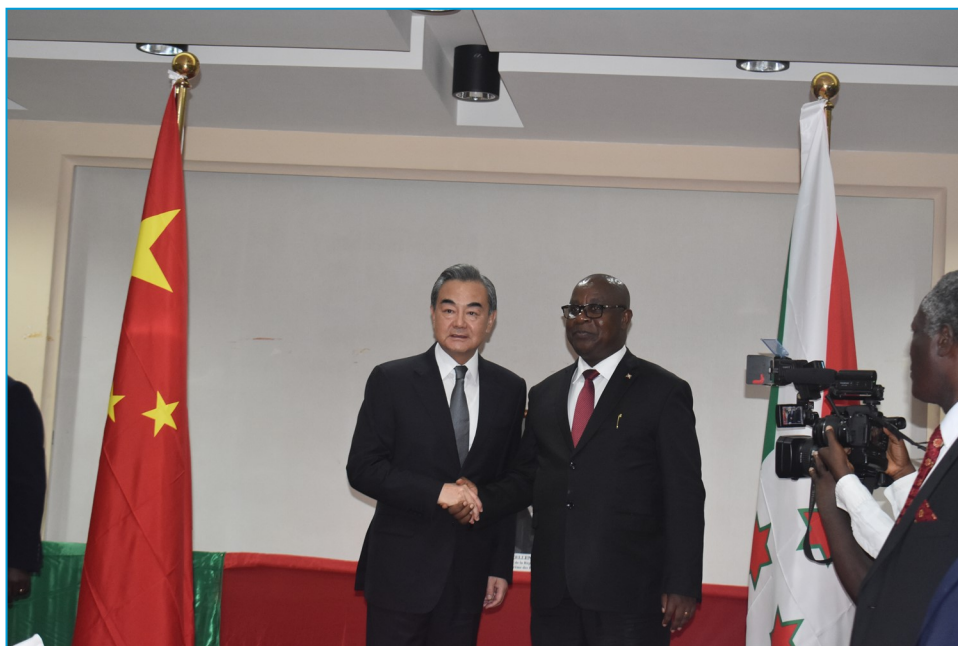


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Visit to Burundi of the State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China



This Saturday, January 11, 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi H.E Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA welcomed a delegation led by the State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, H.E. WANG Yi.

The visit of the State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China HE WANG Yi was characterized by a working session between the Chinese delegation he led, and the Burundian delegation led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi HE Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA.

The talks between these two authorities focused on relations of friendship and Sino-Burundian cooperation in general, but more particularly, each party reiterated its firm commitment to mutual support with regard to matters of vital interest and major concerns.

The State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China renewed the unswerving support to the Government of Burundi in the fight against any attempt to attack the sovereignty of Burundi, through external interference in Burundi's internal affairs .

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The State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China also expressed satisfaction with the security situation in Burundi. He also congratulated the Government and the people of Burundi for the progress made in terms of peace and stability as well as the determination displayed for the success of the electoral process under way.



On the Burundian side, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi H.E Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA reiterated Burundi's position on the recognition of a single China, united and indivisible, referring to the question of Taiwan.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi H.E Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA once again recalled that Burundi supports the initiatives taken by the People's Republic of China to put an end to the violence in Hong Kong and restore order.

Regarding the issue of the Xinjiang Autonomous Region, the

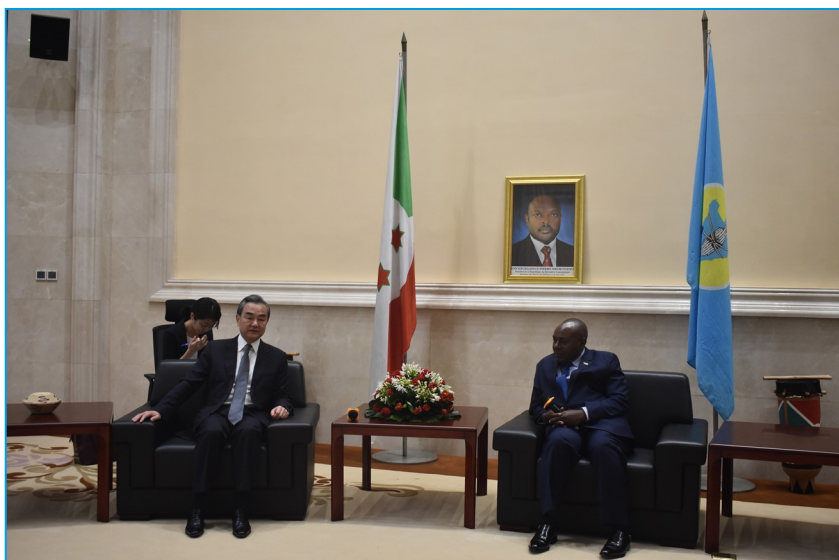
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi said that the Burundian Government reiterates its support for the measures initiated by the Chinese Government to achieve progress in the fight against terrorism and extremism in this region area, especially since this question constitutes an internal affair of the People's Republic of China.

This meeting was also an opportunity to officially receive positive responses to requests of support for priority projects addressed to the Chinese Government by the Burundian Government.

To this end, we can cite the granting of funding for the construction and rehabilitation of the airstrip and control tower at Melchior NDADAYE international airport, while funding for the terminal will be renegotiated later. The other funding received relates to funding for the construction of a new building for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On this subject, the Chinese side will very soon send a team of experts to carry out the related studies. After the working session at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China HE WANG Yi went to the Ntare Rushatsi Presidential Palace and was received in audience by the Second Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi HE Dr Joseph BUTORE.

The visit to Burundi of the State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China HE WANG Yi ended in a good climate certifying the current state of relations between the Republic of Burundi and the People's Republic of China which are today at the best time in their history, both on the diplomatic and economic level.

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The National Security Council (CNS) brings together the joint security committees of certain municipalities in the Muramvya province



The National Security Council (CNS) met on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the capital of the province of Muramvya, the joint security committees of the municipalities of Muramvya, Kiganda and Bukeye. The aim was to discuss the role of information transmission in safeguarding peace and security driving sustainable development as well as how to transmit reports to the hierarchy.

The Permanent Secretary of the Security Council, Colonel Pierre Claver Nzisabira asks these committees to do their job properly, not to replace the police and the justice system and above all to put in these committees people of various political and religious tendencies in order to be more effective, so that everyone feels concerned.

He said safeguarding security means preventing anything that could disrupt it. Colonel Pierre Claver Nzisabira says that population security has 6 components. It is psychological security, border security, physical security of the population, political security, economic security and social security.

For political security, Colonel Pierre Claver Nzisabira asks politicians not to use violent language, to avoid rumors that can lead to exile and for youth to avoid manipulation by politicians.

Concerning economic security, it leads to the stability of the country because, according to Colonel Pierre Claver Nzisabira, diseases, famine, corruption, fraud, the lack of communication channels deteriorate development and therefore the population is not morally and physically secure .

In social matters, Colonel Pierre Claver Nzisabira asks the population to fight against the causes of social insecurity such as indecent houses, insufficient hygiene, unsuitable water, dropping out of school, unwanted pregnancies, street children, youth unemployment, polygamy, pandemics, media that disseminate false information.

Environmental protection is one of the components that can stabilize the country because torrential rains, prolonged drought, bush fires are the causes of insecurity for the population, said Colonel Pierre Claver Nzisabira.

The speaker of the day Mr. Sylvestre Marora asked the Administrators to give reports to the hierarchy so that the entire administrative structure is aware of everything related to security.

As the speaker said, all of this cannot happen if the people are not united. He asked them to ensure the unity of the sub-hill down to the national level to preserve and safeguard the peace and security that was difficult to acquire.

The participants in the meeting wanted to know who is responsible for enforcing the prices of BUCECO cement and BRARUDI products. Colonel Pierre Claver Nzisabira replied that lately, this has been one of the causes of insecurity. The speakers and the Permanent Secretary replied that it is the Administrator who is the eye and the ear in his entity, and if there are overflows, he can call on the Head of station to enforce the measures taken.

One of the participants asked why the coffee prices are lower which is the cause of the removal of the coffee trees, Mr. Sylvestre Marora answered that this question will find a favorable solution because the Government will take in hand this sector from the beginning to the end.

Mr. Sylvestre Marora deplored that the reports show that the joint security committees are not working properly and asked the Governors and Administrators to follow up so that these committees meet at least once a month.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Burundi introduces cashew in its cash crops



The Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party, Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye joined on Saturday, January 04, 2020 with the population of Kibimba hill in Giheta commune of Gitega province in the work of preparing a nursery for a new culture called cashew or cashew apple.

Mr. Nibitanga Gilbert, Chairman of the steering committee for development projects within the CNDD-FDD party explained that this culture will bring a lot of currency to the country.

Mr. Nibitanga Gilbert said that the fruits of the cashew tree are used in the production of champagnes while the bark of the seeds are used in the production of vehicle brake oils. He added that the cashew nut contains many virtues.

Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye, Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD party said that the introduction of this new culture is part of the party's policy to fight poverty. He asked the population to maintain these nurseries well and to protect the environment, in particular the increasingly dry water sources and to plant trees.

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Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI): the Defense and Security Corps and the Magistrates are involved in the smooth running of the elections



The Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) organized on Monday, January 06, 2020 in the province of Gitega, a regional capacity building workshop for the Presidents of the Courts of Residence, the Communal Police Commissioners and the Military Camp Managers of the region Centers, including Muramvya, Gitega, Karusi and Mwaro.

This regional workshop which was chaired by Dr. Pierre Claver Kazihise, President of the CENI, focused on 4 themes including the notion of the electoral cycle, manipulation during electoral periods, legal and regulatory aspects with regard to elections and the management of the electoral disputes.

The President of the CENI announced that such workshops are organized in all regions of the country for the magistrates, the Defense and Security Corps. It is an opportunity to exchange and discuss legal and regulatory aspects regarding the organization and holding of elections, he said.

The President of the CENI Dr. Pierre Claver Kazihise asked the judicial, police and military officials to combat the manipulation, cunning, defamation lies propagated by malicious politicians who could disrupt the smooth running of the 2020 elections.

The fact of involving the Defense and Security Corps in the electoral process stems, according to Dr. Pierre Claver Kazihise, from the fact that the latter are security technicians, who will effectively accomplish this work as it should, before, during and after the elections.

According to the President of the CENI, the magistrates are also involved so that during the elections they can be able to apply the laws and regulations so that the elections take place in serenity. "They must be trained and informed about the laws and

regulations regarding elections", insisted Dr. Pierre Claver Kazihise.

The President of the CENI reassured the population, telling them that the 2020 elections will be credible,

peaceful and that they will take place in peace and security.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The city of Ngozi will soon blow out its 100 candles



The city of Ngozi is celebrating its 100th birthday this year 2020. The celebration of this centenary of the city of Ngozi will take place on February 29, 2020. According to the Administrator of the Municipality of Ngozi Mr. Radjabu Songambere, preparations are well underway.

Mr. Radjabu Songambere said in an exclusive interview that the local administration has already started work related to this celebration. They have already started to clean up the town, such as the maintenance of the various places, namely paved roads, ornamental trees planted along the roads, infrastructure being completed which will be presented during this celebration.

In the same perspective, the local administration organized a car rally to raise the awareness of the people of Ngozi where songs which echo the centenary were chanted. The Administrator of the Ngozi Commune said he was satisfied with the progress of preparations for the celebration of the hundred years of existence of the city of Ngozi.

Among the planned activities, he cited among other things the implementation of the action plan in which is planned the celebration of the centenary week from 24th to 29th February 2020 where several activities will be organized for this purpose such as sporting, cultural events and debate conferences related to the

development of the city of Ngozi.

The Municipal Administration of Ngozi appeals to the natives as well as to the population of the city of Ngozi to respond present to the appointment of the celebration of the centenary of the city of Ngozi.

For the hundred years that the city of Ngozi will celebrate, the Administrator indicated that this city has known a remarkable extension, it has become a commercial city which attracts many people following the various activities which are exerted there.

The city of Ngozi developed as a result of the existence of various infrastructures such as roads, and many others. The step already taken is very satisfactory, he said.

Looking to the future, the city of Ngozi already has vehicles that will collect garbage to the dump more distant from the city. Garbage bins are also available with a garbage truck. According to the Administrator, infrastructure of common interest will be built such as schools, health centers, etc.

Mr. Radjabu Songambere has promised to raise awareness to build clean homes to make the city cleaner.

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The Investment Promotion Agency (API) presents the balance sheet of its half-year achievements for financial year 2019



The Investment Promotion Agency (API) presented on Wednesday, January 08, 2020, a half-yearly review of achievements for the 2019 financial year. The Director General of the API, Mr. Nsabimana Serges, indicated that the major achievements are, among other things, the registration of 13,635 companies since the establishment of the one-stop shop for business creation in 2013 until September 2019.

During this presentation, Mr. Serges Nsabimana suggested that since its creation until September 2019, the API has granted the certificate of eligibility for the benefits of the investment code to 375 companies. "The majority of investors who obtained API support contribute significantly to the tax base because most are listed today by the Burundian Revenue Office in the category of large taxpayers", said the API General Manager.

According to the Director General of the API a.i,

some of the companies that have received support from this agency, manufacture now goods which, before the creation of the API, were imported. These are cement, metal tubes, concrete iron, plastic chairs and other plastic objects, built hotel infrastructure, agricultural processing units and processing industries. Mr. Nsabimana Serges clarified that the API only grants exemptions. He explained that, in order to make those companies effective and to establish a climate of good governance, the agency set up monitoring and evaluation tools including the systematic validation of the lists of imported raw materials and the implementation place of a tool to assess the compliance of certified companies with commitments. "Nevertheless, there is no shortage of challenges, including the lack of means to work comfortably, the lack of representation of API agencies inside the country", said Mr. Serges Nsabimana.

During this press coffee, the Director General a.i of API took the opportunity to inform the public that since December 16, 2019, the registration of companies and individuals in the commercial and companies register is done on a new commercial register in accordance with joint ministerial ordinance n750 / 540 / 811DU 04/26/2019 fixing the details appearing in the commercial and companies register. In the future, the API will strengthen collaboration with investors and the media, do a lot of training with young people, concluded API Director General a.i, Mr. Nsabimana Serges.

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Collective of Women's Associations and NGOs in Burundi (CAFOB): Women, the preliminary victims of land disputes

The Collective of Women's Associations and NGOs in Burundi (CAFOB) in collaboration with OXFAM Novib, organized in Bujumbura City Hall, a restitution workshop on the identification of land conflicts involving women, and their treatment.

The CAFOB legal Representative, Madam Espérance Nijembazi, clarified that the Government of Burundi has declared that since 2008 land disputes have become a source of permanent insecurity because, the majority of disputes dealt with in

the basic courts result from the land transaction.

As a result, the victims of land disputes consequently become more and more numerous, here and there especially women. It is in this context that CAFOB organized the said workshop, said the Legal Representative.

Speaking, the Consultant of the day Me Albert Arakaza clarified that his study focused on the identification of land conflicts involving women and their treatment in the communes of Mugamba, Gatara, Nyabitsinda and Rugombo.

Indeed, Me Albert Arakaza indicated that he was able to

identify nearly 9 types of land conflicts. He cited conflicts related to the Igiseke (a property that is granted to a married or unmarried woman), conflicts related to land ownership, conflicts involving widows, conflicts involving children from different beds, disputes related to support payments, disputes related to polygamy, disputes related to common-law relationships and disputes related to property sales.



The Consultant also noted that the causes of these land disputes are the source of increasing land pressure, discriminatory custom against women and insufficient securing of land rights for women.

Consequently, women face gender-based violence, they face obstacles linked to their empowerment and the persistence of natural children without inheritance, it has been announced.

Me Albert Arakaza continued by saying that the constraints that persist are linked in particular to the custom poorly mastered and unsuitable for the evolution of society, ignorance, poverty, corruption, insufficient support from those around them, lack of training and a tool for the actors, the fear of social unrest in case of equitable sharing by the judges and the illegal sales made by the husbands where the solution is not always just according to the Consultant.

Me Albert Arakaza appealed to the Government and other organizations working to promote the right of women to become more involved in land disputes related to women, because women face concerns that should be addressed.

Deputies and Senators, Representatives of Gender Units from different Ministries, Representatives of the National Forum of Women and other Representatives working in the land sector took part in this workshop.

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Transport: a new transport permit is born



A month has passed since the Directorate General for Transport started to issue the new transport permit. The Ministry in charge of Transport intends to decentralize the service for issuing this document. The Director General of Transport, Mr. Nitunga Consolateur, clarified that the acquisition of the transport permit does not exceed 2 days after filing the necessary documents.

The Director General of Transport has indicated that this service is about to be decentralized. He indicated

that, as long as technical control is exercised in 4 regions, namely Gitega, Ngozi, Bujumbura and Bururi, these provinces will serve as one-stop shops from the start of this project in these regions.

The Director General of Transport, Mr. Nitunga Consolateur said that the new transport permit will have advantages such as the integration of Burundi in the regional and sub-regional community in terms of transport but also the authorities having transport in their attributions will be able to find out how much the national car fleet is. He also said the project will increase revenues in the state treasury.

Mr. Nitunga Consolateur went on to say that this is a project that has just started and that all the details related to the owner of the vehicle and the vehicle itself must be recorded.

According to the Director General of Transport, the transport permit is valid for six months and the amount to be paid will depend on the type of vehicle.

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