



### Covid-19: Prime Minister calls for respect of barrier gestures



As part of the implementation of the Head of State's measures to confront and eradicate the Coronavirus, the Prime Minister His Excellency Alain Guillaume Bunyoni calls on the Burundians to avoid crowds and not to unnecessarily frequent gathering backgrounds. This call was launched on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 during his visit to the mass screening site for the Coronavirus, erected at the ETS Kamenge in the town hall of Bujumbura. His Excellency Alain Guillaume Bunyoni appreciates positively the way that the population responds to this voluntary screening campaign.

In his speech after the reception of the population and the screening process, the Prime Minister first congratulated the staff of the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, starting with the Minister, who works diligently day and night to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the same time, the Prime Minister of Burundi recalled that in order for this scourge to be eradicated, the prevention measures recommended by the

Ministry in charge of Public Health must be strictly observed. For this, His Excellency Alain Guillaume Bunyoni asked the Burundian population to avoid unnecessary gatherings without valid reason. In the event of essential ceremonies, the Prime Minister recommends to follow the measures which aim to prevent against the Covid-19 in particular the washing of the hands with clean water and soap as well as the physical and social distancing.

His Excellency Alain Guillaume Bunyoni also called on any Burundian citizen who experiences confusion or who equates the symptoms of this disease to those of malaria, not to hesitate to get tested. He also asked those who go to this screening center to follow the instructions given to them and if they test positive, to respect the advice of doctors and to take the medication regularly.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister of Burundi asked the population not to neglect the Covid-19 pandemic and to respond massively to this campaign organized by the Government of Burundi, which will last 3 months.

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## Presentation of Burundi's congratulations on behalf of Mrs. Bintou Keita, Under-Secretary General for Africa

As part of the strengthening of relations of friendship and cooperation, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO received in audience, this Friday, July 10, 2020, the Head



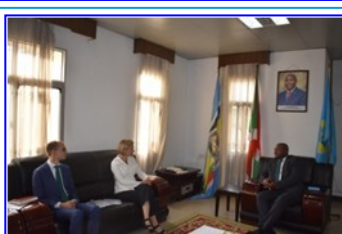
of the Office a.i of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General of United Nations to Burundi, Mr. Ely Dieng who came to present him with congratulations from the Office of the Under-Secretary General for Africa, on behalf of Mrs. Bintou Keita, for her new duties. (Newsroom-MFADC)



## Strengthening cooperation with partner countries and International Organisations



On Thursday July 09, 2020, as part of the strengthening of relations of friendship and cooperation with partner countries and



the Great Lakes Region and Burundi, and the Ambassador of the United States of America, Madame Unice .S. Reddick. They came for a

International Organisations, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO received in audience Mr. Basilelkouébé, Special Representative of the African Union Liaison Office for



courtesy call and also to congratulate the Minister on his new duties.

(Newsroom-MFADC)



## Audiences granted to the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Burundi and the Head of Mission of IOM



This Friday, July 10, 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation HE Am-

bassador Albert SHINGIRO successively received in audience the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Burundi Dr. Abeer Bassiouny Radwan and the Head of Mission of the IOM in Burundi Mrs. AJ Morgen. They



both came for a courtesy call. The two Heads of Mission seized this opportunity to congratulate the Minister of Foreign Affairs

and Development Cooperation on his new duties. (Newsroom-MFADC)

## Strengthening cooperation with partner countries

On Monday July 6, 2020, as part of the strengthening of relations of friendship and cooperation with partner countries, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation,



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For his part, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Burundi, H.E Caecilia Wijgers also came to bid farewell to the Minister because she is at the end of her mission. She appreciated the good working method between the services of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of Burundi.



During their discussions, these authorities exchanged views on the prospects for strengthening bilateral cooperation and mutual support between Burundi and their respective countries.

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## "Aunt and Father School" in the Burundian education system



The Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research organized on Tuesday July 07, 2020 in Bujumbura City Hall, a workshop to validate the training module of "Aunts and FathersSchool" on the prevention of violence and dropouts from school. The objective of the workshop is to strengthen local supervision of young people with a view to reducing school dropouts, pregnancies or any form of violence in the school environment to zero.

The Director General of General and Pedagogical Fundamental and Post Basic Education Mrs. Jeanine Ihorihoze, indicated that the students face severe

social difficulties in the community, on the way to school, or even at school which favor dropping out early school. In such situations, students therefore need a trusted adult person to talk to and to help them find solutions to their problems, she said.

To face these challenges, the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research initiated the program of the institutionalization of the "Aunt and Father School" person in all schools in Burundi. The goal is to strengthen parental education and ensure quality supervision based on complete and correct information, underlined Mrs. Jeanine Ihorihoze.

According to the Director General of General and Pedagogical Basic and Post-Basic Education, strengthening the capacities of these "School Aunts and Fathers" is a prerequisite in order to improve their skills in coaching, informing, listening and to guide students on a daily basis. The skills acquired will allow them to live up to their responsibilities, she said.

Mrs. Jeanine Ihorihoze also said that traditionally, the aunt had to give advice to her niece during puberty and adolescence. For boys, this role was reserved for the father. Thus, in the current school environment, the "aunt and father school" should be sufficiently equip-



ped to play this role of educator and counselor fully. Regarding the choice of the latter, Mrs. Jeanine Ihorhoze indicated that the "Aunt and Father school" will be chosen on the basis of her morality and needs to assert herself and gain confidence in himself / herself and inspire confidence to those who could request it. This training module on the prevention of violence and wastage was developed on different themes, na-

mely: the concept of gender in schools, the concept of self-confidence and leadership; children's rights; management of maturation and sexuality; preventing and combating violence in the school environment and caring for victims; dropping out of school, using drugs and narcotics; listening, counseling, guidance and therapy. (source. [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Covid-19: UNDP grants equipment to the Government of Burundi



The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS received on Friday July 3, 2020, a donation of material from the UNDP which will allow to fight effectively against Covid-19. This donation was received at Bujumbura town hall by the Minister in charge of Public Health, Dr Thaddée Ndikumana. The donation which was granted by the UNDP to the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS consists of material intended for use in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. These include 8 respirators, 14 million masks, 6 vehicles, 15 motorcycles, screens, computers, printers etc. The price of this

donation is estimated at more than one (1) billion BIF. Dr Thaddée Ndikumana said on this occasion that this donation will support the Government's measures to fight intensively against Covid-19. On behalf of the Government, the Minister in charge of Public Health expressed his gratitude to the UNDP and reiterated the Government's willingness to collaborate with this UN body, saying that it positively appreciates the step already taken. He thanked the UNDP for this support which covers a global supply system and which will also allow the improvement of the Burundian health information system.

DrThaddéeNdikumana also indicated that Burundi remains open to anyone who wants to support it in the fight against Covid-19.

The UNDP Representative in Burundi said that this UN agency will continue to work in close collaboration with Burundi to address these emerging health challenges to break the cycle of these epidemics and recurrent pandemics.

It should be mentioned that the UNDP usually supports the Government of Burundi through the fight against 3 pathologies namely HIV / AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. (source. [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Burundians from Tanzania are welcomed in Makamba

Makamba Province continues to welcome Burundians who were looking for work in Tanzania.

According to the Governor of Makamba, Mr. Gad Niyukuri, these Burundians are grouped in the containment centers in Mabanda commune and in Gatwe in Kayogoro commune. Until Tuesday July 7, 2020, these two centers housed 159 people.

The Governor of Makamaba, Mr. GadNiyukuri said that to warn the population against Covid-19, the

health services reassure themselves that these people are in good health before letting them go in their communities. (source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

## Burundi celebrates the international day of destruction of small arms



On the occasion of the celebration of the international day of destruction of small arms and light weapons, the Permanent National Commission to combat the proliferation of small arms and light weapons (CNAP) proceeded on Thursday July 9, 2020, to the destruction in Mudubugu in Gihanga Commune in the Province of Bubanza, of several small arms seized or voluntarily handed over by the population. The President of the CNAP, CPP Maurice Mbonimpa asks anyone who illegally holds a weapon, to deliver it without delay.

In Burundi, this day was celebrated under the theme: "Together for the fight against the proliferation of illicit small arms.

This day was thus marked by the destruction by the CNAP of 250 grenades, 60 Kalashnikov rifles, more than 16 thousand cartridges, 17 bombs, 9 rockets and 32 explosives, weapons seized or handed over by the population.

CNAP President CPP Maurice Mbonimpa said on the occasion that other weapons had been destroyed inside the country last week. These are 175 grenades, 7 bombs and 35 explosives.

In his word of circumstance, the President of the CNAP indicated that even if there are still illegally

held weapons, there has been a significant advance in the seizure and destruction of illicit weapons since the creation of this commission in 2010.

In this regard, CPP Maurice Mbonimpa said that 2,136 assault rifles, 1,622 bombs, 150 rockets, 21,615 grenades, 3,387 dynamites, 190 mortar rockets, 256 detonators and 385,562 minutions have been destroyed since 2010.

For the President of the CNAP, this activity had a direct positive impact on the security of the population



because, he noted, there has been a reduction in armed violence in Burundi since that time.

He took this opportunity to ask anyone who held an illegal weapon to hand it over as soon as possible, explaining that weapons illegally held by civilians constitute a public danger.

As a reminder, the international day for the destruction of small arms and light weapons was officially launched in 2001 by the United Nations and is celebrated on July 9, of each year. (source. [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

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**REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI****PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Secretariat-General of the State****MEDIA RELEASE CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 08 JULY 2020**

A Cabinet Meeting was held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 under the chairmanship of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic Burundi. The following items were on the agenda:

**1. Introduction**

After a prayer led by His Excellency the President of the Republic, he congratulated the members of the Government for the confidence which has been placed in them.

As it was the first meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Government set up following the 2020 elections, His Excellency the President of the Republic thanked the Almighty who guided these elections which took place in a peaceful climate.

Even if Burundians had meanwhile been shocked following the sudden death of the Supreme Guide to Patriotism, they showed exemplary restraint and remained calm. To this end, the President of the Republic asked the members of the Government to observe a moment of silence in memory of this worthy son of the country, the late President Pierre NKURUNZIZA.

His Excellency the President of the Republic then indicated what he expects from this Government. His wish is that this team be an exemplary Government which works to the satisfaction of the population so that at best it thoroughly completes the entire mandate, with the Government solidarity being its leitmotif.



He reminded members of the Government that Burundi has put God first as reflected in the oath they have taken. They must always remember the oath they have taken which shall be their reference in all the decisions they will be called upon to make.

For a long time, Burundians have always prayed one God and he has always been by the side of Burundians, giving their country full of good things that must be safeguarded and maintained.

The responsibilities they have come from God and the People. They must respect them.

In the oath they took, the members of the Government undertook to promote the cohesion and unity of the Burundian people. It must therefore be borne in mind that all Burundians have the same rights, fight discrimination, promote social justice, and take pride in people being satisfied with what they have accomplished.

His Excellency the President of the Republic underscored certain key qualitative concepts of the Government to explain them further:

Reta Mvyeyi: it is a government which manages public affairs like a "good father", who watches over the well-being of the population without discrimination. His duty is to identify the needs of the population and find solutions. A parent does not ask anything of his child, on the contrary he tries to provide for their needs.

Reta Nkozi: It is a hard-working government that works for the well-being of the people. One must always be concerned about what needs to be done to meet the needs of the people. The Government must work in close collaboration as a whole, be united to be complementary in all sectors. It is a Government which has the obligation of result.

His Excellency the President of the Republic then asked the members of the Government to go inventory, each in his/her sector, the most urgent needs of the population so that the Government can decide.

After these words, he asked each member of the Government to introduce themselves so that everyone would know each other. The presentation consisted essentially of a brief description of the professional career.

## **2. Draft decree on Internal Regulations of the Council of Ministers,** presented by the Secretary General of the State and Spokesperson

This project is an adaptation of decree n ° 100/54 of September 24, 2005 on Internal Regulations of the Council of Ministers to the new structure of the Government, particularly the introduction of a single Vice Presidency in place of two Vice-Presidencies and a post of Prime Minister who coordinates the government action, with hierarchical power over the other Ministers. It is also a matter of changing the General Secretariat of the Government into the General Secretariat of the State and taking into account the new order of the Political Capital which is Gitega with regard to the place of the meetings of the Council of Ministers.

It is therefore necessary to adapt the text particularly with regard to the preparation of files intended for the Council of Ministers.

After discussions and debate, the project was adopted with a few modifications.

## **3. Note on the operationalization measures for the quick-result campaign to fight COVID 19,** presented by the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS

Currently, the world is threatened by the coronavirus that appeared in China in December 2019 and declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

In Burundi, the first cases were detected and declared in March 2020 and they were cases from outside.

As of July 03, 2020: 10,710,005 cases are confirmed worldwide and 517,877 are cases of death.

Burundi currently has 191 confirmed cases including 1 case of death. In total, 11 health districts in 7 provinces (Bujumbura, Bujumbura-Mairie, Cibitoke, Gitega, Makamba, Rumonge and Ruyigi) are already affected by the pandemic.



To cope with this pandemic that is spreading throughout the country, His Excellency the President of the Republic launched the campaign called "NDAKIRA, SINANDURA KANDI SINANDUZA". The campaign was announced on the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of national independence.

To respond to this call, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS began this Monday, July 06, 2020, on three identified sites, a mass screening campaign for the coronavirus for all people with symptoms of the disease, starting with the municipality of Bujumbura which is the entity which has recorded a high number of cases.

This Note indicates the objectives to be achieved through this campaign, in particular the systematic screening of people with symptoms of the disease and the care of patients tested positive, the activities that will be carried out through this campaign as well as the support measures and to operationalize the campaign.

After discussion and discussion, the note was adopted and it was recommended that everyone make the fight against the coronavirus their fight so that this disease is eradicated in the country within three months at most.

**Done at Gitega, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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