



#### CANKUZO-RUYIGI: The Head of State introduces new Governors



The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye proceeded, on Wednesday August 12, 2020, to the presentation of the new Governors to the population of the provinces of Cankuzo and Ruyigi. The Governors were recommended to behave like good fathers of families and to promote the socio-economic development of their respective provinces.

The presentation by the Head of State of the new Governors Mr. Boniface Banyiyezako for the province of Cankuzo and Mrs Emérence Tabu of the province of Ruyigi to the population of the two provinces, took place respectively in the enclosures of the campus of the University of Buhumuza and at the stadium of Ruyigi commune, in the

capital of Ruyigi province.

Before proceeding to the presentation of the new Governors, the President of the Republic first congratulated the population of these two provinces for having demonstrated their level of maturity in the field of democracy during the last presidential, legislative and municipal council elections. The Head of State also thanked the people of these two provinces for the confidence they placed in him during the last presidential election.

On the occasion of the presentation of the two Governors to the population of Cankuzo and that of Ruyigi, the Head of State recalled the credo of his Go-

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## The Prime Minister joins the faithful of the Emmanuel Church



The Prime Minister His Excellency CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni in the company of his wife joined this Sunday, August 09, 2020 with the faithful of the Emmanuel Church located in Kizingwe-Bihara in Muha commune in the City of Bujumbura.

In his greetings, the Prime Minister His Excellency CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni urged the Burundians in general and the faithful of the Emmanuel Church in particular to cut short the laziness and to exploit the potential gifts that God has instilled in them.

The Prime Minister relied on the word of God taken from the Epistle of Colossians 3: 1-10 to invite the faithful of the Emmanuel Church to reject anger, animosity, not to lie, etc.

His Excellency CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni further

recalled that on May 18, 2018, Burundi re-established its alliance with God, the Almighty, an alliance which, once had been destroyed by the arrival of settlers, State and the civil wars which mourned Burundi.

The alliance with God has been restored by the constitution which gives the first place to God and which the Burundians voted overwhelmingly, explained the Prime Minister. However, God remains the Father of the Nation and consequently, "Leta Mvyeyi" will also be the Father of the Nation, launched His Excellency CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni.

As Prime Minister, His Excellency CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni has indicated that the new Government will get down to work diligently as "Leta Nkozi", as God worked 6 days a week. The Prime Minister took this opportunity to invite the leaders of the different sectors of national life to take the lead, to avoid any form of embezzlement and above all, to respect working hours. He asked the Burundian people to be hardworking and invited them to save, and to prepare for the future.

Before the word of greetings from the Prime Minister, Pastor Daniel Kabura, had called the faithful of the Emmanuel Church to be courageous, to jealously guard the gifts and virtues that God has imparted in them and to be proud of who they are. Pastor Daniel Kabura invited parents to accomplish their mission of educating their children in accordance with Burundian culture.

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## Gitega: celebration of the International Youth Day



Burundi joined the world on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 to celebrate the International Youth Day, 2020 edition. The ceremonies marking this day took place in the province of Gitega under the high patronage of Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni.

The First Vice-President of the National Assembly Honorable Abel Gashatsi and the Minister in charge of youth Ambassador Ézéchiel Nibigira as well as other authorities of the country also enhanced the ceremonies with their presence. The International Youth Day in Burundi was celebrated under the theme "United and active youth for development."

The participants in this event were young people from all political structure, youth self-development associations, religious denominations, the National Youth Council and its branches, and various marginalized social groups.

The Minister in charge of youth Ambassador Ezechiel Nibigira indicated that the day comes when the Burundian Government has taken into its hands the issues that haunt the Burundian youth. He then asked young Burundians to come together in cooperatives on their hills of origin to achieve effective development.

Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni in his speech for the occasion called on Burundian youth to be active in the development of the country to fight poverty in synergy. He reassured that the Government of Burundi is ready to provide its support

by financing the projects developed by young people in associations.

He then invited all young Burundians to organize themselves into economic groups of young people of 30 to 50 people in solidarity, in all hills, in order to form a common front to the challenges that haunt them. A period of 2 months was granted to young people for the creation of these groups in all hills.

On the occasion of the celebration of International Youth Day, the Minister Ambassador Ezéchiél Nibigira led a sensitization and moralization session in relation to the creation of economic groups of young people in solidarity with 500 Representatives of young people who came to all provinces of the country. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The First Lady meets the Youth schoolchildren of Muha



The First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye met on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, Youth schoolchildren from Muha commune in Bujumbura City Hall, during an awareness workshop for schoolchildren aged 15 to 24 years of this commune.

The workshop which focused on wisdom, leadership, reproductive health, the fight against AIDS and COVID-19 was organized under the theme: "Ingesombi oya, kubwakazoza kanje Keza" ("No to bad behavior, for a better future").

During this workshop, the First Lady of Burundi indi-

cated that a bright future is brewing. She called on young people to do their best to prepare themselves to be good leaders, responsible, useful to their families, the community and the nation. And to add that their future will depend on their sense of responsibility which they must show today.

The First Lady recommended that young people from Muha commune avoid any approach that could lead them to prostitution and the consumption of psychoactive substances. She indicated that sexual vagrancy and debauchery inevitably lead to unwanted pregnancies, contamination of HIV / AIDS and other sexually

transmitted diseases, she stressed. She also urged Muha's schoolchildren to cut short with unnecessary social media research. According to her, communication and information technologies should rather help capacity building, insisted Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye. Regarding COVID-19, the speaker of the day called on young people not to listen to rumors but to scrupulously follow the barrier measures of the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS.

The First Lady has promised that this awareness campaign for young people will continue across the country. The sensitization session ended with the testimonies of some young people who had unwanted pregnancies, and who consequently dropped out of school, others who took drugs in previous years as well as others who were born and are living with HIV / AIDS. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Handover and recovery to the National Assembly of Burundi



**T**he National Assembly organized on Monday, August 10, 2020 the handover and recovery ceremonies between the outgoing and incoming office.

The outgoing President Honorable Pascal Nyabenda handed to the incoming President the Very Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe the working documents including work to be carried out in the short term, namely the training of new Members in logistics and IT as well as the budget analysis. There is also the file relating to the status of the staff

of the National Assembly and the Senate, a file made at the level of the Presidency of the Republic.

Honorable Pascal Nyabenda invites the incoming President of the National Assembly to follow this file so that this organic law can be analyzed and adopted by the authorized bodies. Honorable Pascal Nyabenda also invited his successor to continue the work of the forum of parliaments of the ICGLR, of which the outgoing President of the National Assembly was president until the month of December 2020. The work of this Forum had been blocked by the pandemic of coronavirus, said Honorable Pascal Nyabenda.

The incoming President of the National Assembly, the Very Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe promises to make efforts to improve the results achieved by his predecessor. And to specify that this is the objective of the new team especially in the sense of helping and promoting the activities of the National Assembly first, but also to be able to support and control Government action. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation visited the staff of his Ministry



**T**his Thursday August 13, 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation H.E Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO paid a working visit to the Ministry building located in the INSS Quarter to meet the staff who work there.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation took the opportunity to inquire about the working situation of his staff and the problems they encounter in carrying out their duties.

The staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Develop-

ment Cooperation presented their grievances to him, and he promised to provide them with solutions to enable them to improve their performance at work. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation H.E Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO also reminded them to always keep in mind their missions

and responsibilities to serve the country well in general and to serve those who come to seek the various services of the Ministry in particular. (MFADC-Newsroom)

## Towards the progressive strengthening of disaster prevention and mitigation capacities



The Minister of the Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca opened on Monday, August 10, 2020 a validation workshop of the national contingency plan, 3rd generation. This follows the 2015 contingency plan which was not implemented because of the political and security situation at that time.

The 2015 harmonized National Contingency Plan, which was updated by a team of experts from sectoral groups and improved by Representatives of provincial actors including the Provincial Governors, a series of risks have been identified on which the Government of Burundi must focus.

These include the health risks of diseases with epidemic potential such as cholera, malaria, Ebola virus disease and the COVID-19 pandemic, the risks of flooding, landslides associated with landslides and gullies, the risk of cross-border influx of populations, etc.

The UNDP Resident Representative in Burundi who supported the development of this document stressed that Burundi is not immune to natural disasters as

evidenced by the recent floods during the months of March, April and May of this year, landslides etc.

Minister CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca requested UNDP support in the implementation of the national contingency plan that will emerge from this meeting and which aims to alleviate the suffering of communities affected by disasters and improve the living conditions of vulnerable people. He is committed to monitoring the supply of the national risk reduction fund.

The UNDP Resident Representative in Burundi has granted the Government of Burundi 2 vans and 7 motorcycles while 2 fire trucks are still stranded due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Minister in charge of Public Security CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca on behalf of the Government of Burundi warmly thanked the UNDP Country Office which spares no effort to support the actions of the Government of Burundi in terms of sustainable development and adaptation to climate change and disaster risk reduction. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The Minister in charge of the Interior brings together the Provincial Governors



The Minister of the Home Affairs, Public Security and Community Development CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca met on Monday, August 10, 2020, the Provincial Governors and the Police Chiefs.

The Spokesperson at the Ministry of the Home Affairs, Public Security and Community Development OPP1 Pierre Nkurikiye indicated that it was a contact meeting where each Governor had 15 minutes to present the general situation of his province. It emerged from these presentations that peace and security reign throughout the national territory and that the population goes about its activities normally.

The Minister CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca recommended that the provincial Governors and these police Chiefs fight against corruption and be the protectors of citizens so that the population is no longer victims of corruption. (Source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS receives a donation from its partners



On Monday, August 10, 2020, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS obtained a donation of fourteen vehicles from its partners. The first part of the donation consists of three Jeep-type vehicles which will be used by the head doctors of health districts.

These vehicles were granted to the Burundian Government by World Vision in collaboration with Christian Aid. The Representative of World Vision said that these vehicles will be used to transport drugs, medi-

cal equipment and facilitate supervision. Another part of the donation consists of eleven ambulances donated by the European Union and will be distributed throughout the country.

The Minister in charge of Public Health Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana who received this donation, is delighted with this help which comes at the right time. It falls within the framework of the Government's priorities, which consist in bringing health care closer to the population, he added.

The Minister Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana explained that the vehicles obtained will facilitate the

task of health districts and will help to perfect the referral system against referral as well as improve the quality of care. The goal is that by the end of 2020, all health districts will have at least one ambulance, concluded the Minister in charge of Public Health.

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## 2020-2021 Coffee campaign: the achievements are satisfactory



The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr. Déo Guide Rurema hosted a press briefing on Friday August 14, 2020 on the status of the 2020-2021 coffee campaign. Dr. Déo Guide Rurema indicated that since the start of the coffee campaign until this date of August 14, 2020, a lot of achievements have been recorded, particularly those related to the collection of cherry coffee and the processing of coffee.

As for the production of cherry coffee, the quantity collected during this campaign is equivalent to 73,020,191.5 tons, specified the Minister in charge of agriculture. The constant is that the campaign saw a low production of cherry coffee compared to the forecast of 136,792 tonnes; and this was due to the drop in rainfall observed during the period when large coffee production was expected, said Dr. Déo Guide Rurema.

The Minister in charge of agriculture asked all concerned to continue transporting the coffee to the dehulling factories in order to save speculation and above all to guarantee its quality. He said the coffee dehulling and marketing work continues.

Dr Déo Guide Rurema announced that it is public opinion that all washed coffee found in households

and in traders' stocks must be sent to the ODECA before September 15, 2020. After this deadline, any washed coffee that will be seized outside the recognized places will be considered fraudulent and anyone caught with a stock of washed coffee will be penalized in accordance with the regulations in force, indicated the Minister in charge of agriculture.

Dr Déo Guide Rurema calls on the Administration, the security forces and the general population to work in synergy with the services of the Ministry in charge of Agriculture and to remain vigilant to fight against any form of coffee fraud. It calls on the population in general and coffee growers in particular to respond massively to the activities of pruning and mulching coffee trees officially launched, on July 30, 2020.

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