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The Presidential family harvest their wheat field in Bugarama



The family of the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye harvested wheat on Tuesday August 18, 2020 in their field at Mpehe hill, Bugarama area of Muramvya commune and province.

The members of the "Valorisation du Sol (VASO)" cooperative, of which he is a founding member, lent him a hand. His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye said he was satisfied with the wheat harvest despite the rainfall irregularities during growing season B. It was also a question of noting the preparation extent for the next growing season, he added.

The Head of State announced that he plans the cultivation of maracudja and Japanese plums in his Bugarama field to encourage investors in the processing of local products because a juice processing unit has already been set up at this center. At the same time,

he encouraged Burundian and foreign investors to invest in the processing of local products, in order to guarantee the market to producers and the conservation of the harvest.

On the occasion of the wheat harvest in Bugarama, the Head of State urged the Burundian population not to

sell the entire harvest but rather to sell the surplus after having satisfied the food needs of their households.

He invited the inhabitants of Bugarama to prepare carefully for the next growing season. Therefore, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye called on the FOMI fertilizer production to be ready accordingly to make its products available to farmers on time and throughout the country.

The President of the Republic also visited a potato germination shed belonging to the VASO cooperative at Mpehe hill in the Bugarama zone. Members of the VASO cooperative in the Mpehe zone offered a heifer and two sheep to the presidential family as a thanksgiving for the multifaceted support they provide to the cooperative of which the Head of State is a founding member.

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Financial institutions are well set to support Government priorities



Association of Banks and Financial Institutions (ABEF). According to the President of ABEF Mr. Audace Bukuru, the discussion focused on the role of banks and financial institutions in the implementation of the Government's priorities.

The banks are ready to support the Government's projects and programs and if constraints arise, they have agreed that they will come together in order to resolve them on time, said Mr. Audace Bukuru.

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dom of Belgium in Burundi His Excellency Alain Van Gucht. Their discussion focused on bilateral relations between the two countries which date back a long time, Ambassador Gucht revealed to the press at the exit of the audience.

He also indicated that three sectors namely education, agriculture and health will be priorities in the cooperation between Burundi and the Kingdom of Belgium until 2022.

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Women called not to discriminate themselves



The First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angéline Ndayishimiye officially launched in Bujumbura on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 the activities of the International Conference of Women Leaders 3rd edition.

The members of this conference evaluated the accomplishment of missions they gave themselves during the previous meetings.

The former First Lady of Burundi, Madam Denise Nkurunziza, President of the International Conference of Women

Leaders, on this occasion thanked the Government of Burundi which has continued to support the activities of this conference. She returned to the activities already carried out, in particular the supervision of young Burundian girls in their development projects and especially the contribution of women leaders in the implementation of programs planned by the Government.

In her speech for the occasion, the First Lady Her Excellency Angéline Ndayishimiye thanked the President of this conference for her vision and her passion to mobilize women for peace and prosperity in order to contribute to the development of the Na-

tion. The First Lady called on all Burundian women not to self-discriminate because they have potential.

As for the UN Women's Representative in Burundi Madam Jeanette Kem, she mentioned that women have a role to play in their respective countries, particularly in the consolidation of peace, the fight against poverty and reconciliation. To achieve this, Mrs Jeanette Kem recommended that women have a clear vision, perseverance and adopt strategies aiming to succeed in this bet.

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Visit of the President of the Senate President to Ruyigi province



selection called "Top Junior" which plays in Kayanza province.

On Sunday afternoon, the Senate President, this time, attended another friendly football match between the senior Black Eagle team against the Royal FC team from Muramvya province.

(Source: www.abpinfos.com)

The President of the Burundian Senate, the very Right Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo, visited the capital of Ruyigi province last weekend.

First, the President of the Senate joined on Saturday August 15, the Christians of the Catholic Church of Ruyigi in the celebration of the Assumption (Ascent of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven) at the Cathedral of the Martyrs of Uganda.

After the Mass, he went to the modern Urumuri stadium in Ruyigi where he attended a friendly match between the Aigle Noir Football Sports Academy which plays in Makamba province against a junior

Restitution session on the content of the recommendations of the Government Retreat held from July 21 to 23, 2020



On Tuesday August 18, 2020, His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO led a restitution session on the content of the recommendations of the Governmental Retreat held from July 21 to 23, 2020, at Ngozi. This retreat was held under the leadership of the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

His Excellency the Minister Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO shared the important decisions taken during that Government Retreat, citing among others: the complementarity between the Ministries, the normalization of diplomatic relations with other countries and the fight against corruption. In addition, priority actions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation have been identified and adopted, namely:

- Restructure the Ministry taking into account the new missions;
- Defend the interests of the country;
- Maintain good relations with other countries: "to be loved, to have fewer enemies";
- Promote and improve the image of the country abroad;
- Prepare and negotiate cooperation programs aligned with the National Development Program 2018-2027;
- Negotiate international conventions and treaties;
- Promote trade, foreign investment and technology transfer;
- Normalize relations with certain countries, especially those of the European Union;
- Lift the unjust and unilateral sanctions taken in haste against the country and against certain individuals, because they constitute blocking factors to the resumption of cooperation with

these countries;

- Advocate and lobby to remove Burundi from the agenda of the United Nations Security Council;
- Introduce the draft law on diplomatic careers and the unified protocol guide to be adopted in the Council of Ministers;
- Create a one-stop-shop for cooperation with foreign NGO;
- Develop the National Regional Integration Strategy;
- Rationalize the diplomatic missions of Burundi abroad (respect of the principle of reciprocity).

Furthermore, the recommendations that were made are as follows:

- ◆ Evaluate what is being done towards Burundi by other countries;
- ◆ Serve as a front door;
- ◆ Communicate with other sectorial ministries on foreign NGO's interventions.

His Excellency the Minister Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO then invited the staff under his coordination to align themselves with the recommendations of that retreat, each as far as he is concerned, in order to improve the image of Burundi. He also noted that each employee of the Ministry has his role to play in translating these recommendations into concrete actions.



He did not fail to recall the concepts "RETA MVYEYI, RETA NKOZI" by explaining that it is a Government which manages public affairs as a good father, which ensures the well-being of the population without discrimination, and which works laboriously to meet the needs of the people in inclusiveness. He also observed that this is not a campaign slogan but rather an economic development program, which should inspire

the entire Burundian population in the fight against poverty, unemployment and corruption. To do this, His Excellency the Minister has promised to provide his support in the successful accomplishment of the activities of the Ministry.



Pastor Emery of the Church of the Rock also presented on good governance based on the word of God. He counseled on wisdom, honesty, saying that a good servant should work well in good times as well as in hard times. He insisted that a good worker must be wise, patient and committed, and thereby God blesses the efforts of one who does not allow himself to be corrupted and does his job well.

Besides, the Representatives of different Departments of the Ministry had the opportunity to present the challenges and the perspectives that they are facing. For the most part, they referred to the limited resources for carrying out all of the Ministry's activities and the need of the staff's capacity building.

(Source: MFADC--Newsroom)

Workshop validation of the Sector Strategy document of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation



The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA chaired the workshop validation of the Sector Strategy document 2018-2027, in the conference room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation. This is a document that has been prepared with the objective of aligning with the National Development Program (PND) 2018-2027 and its Priority Action Plan (PAP) 2018-2022.

In his opening remarks, the Permanent Secretary congratulated the team of experts who made a retreat at Banga in the province of Kayanza, to prepare the Sector Strategy document, and wished the audience made up of senior officials of the Ministry, a good work for the enrichment of the document.

Ambassador Edonias NIYONGABO, who presented the document, invited the Cabinet of the Ministry as well as the Representatives of the various Departments to make the document their own, so that the targeted strategies can bear fruit.

The work continued with discussions between senior officials of the Ministry and the team that elaborated the document, in order to improve it. The document was finally adopted with some amendments.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)



The fight against Covid -19 takes a satisfactory step forward in Burundi



The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Thadée Ndikumana met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, the COVID-19 crisis committee, to assess the progress level of this disease in Burundi and to contact one another because some members are new in the Government.

The Minister Dr Thaddée Ndikumana indicated that during the campaign launched by the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, for a month and a half, 17,533 people have already been tested, 416 cases have been test-

ed positive, 339 have recovered and 76 remain active (sick) and only one case of death has occurred since this pandemic was declared in Burundi.

As some countries have reopened airports, other measures have been taken by the Government of Burundi, including the systematic screening of all passengers, even those who have a certificate of non-contamination, said the Minister.

He explained that screening and a 72-hour quarantine are provided for all travelers by air, sea and land coming from abroad. And he added that if there is an infected case, all passengers on board will be quarantined for 14 days to check whether there is someone contaminated during the trip.

As 85.8% of cases are tested in Bujumbura town hall, 5.5% in Bujumbura province and 8.7% in the 10 other provinces, Minister Dr Thaddée Ndikumana indicated that the committee plans to set up health control centers at points of entry and exit in Bujumbura town hall.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)

Delivery of certificates to the 3rd promotion of company command



The Company Command School on Friday August 14, 2020 held closing ceremonies for a 6-month training course for the 3rd promotion of mid-career officers in command strategy.

The certificate delivery ceremonies was chaired by the Head of the Burundi National Defense Force (FDNB), General Prime Niyongabo. He urged these laureates to use the knowledge they had acquired to do their jobs well.

"This 6-month training allowed you to gain potential and capacities which will be complemented by personal qualities including a great sense of responsibility, a firm attachment to the fundamental values of the FDNB, the ability to adapt to face the different challenges that you are going to meet", underlined General Prime Niyongabo.

He asked these officers to always be guided by a high sense of patriotism, of responsibility so that the units into which they will soon be transferred, truly benefit from the knowledge they have just acquired

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PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat-General of the State**MEDIA RELEASE CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2020**

A Cabinet Meeting was held on Wednesday 19th of August 2020 in Gitega, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi. The following items were analyzed:

1. Government's annual action plan, Fiscal Year 2020/2021, presented by the Services of the Presidency of the Republic.

In order to organize annual planning in accordance with the budget year which begins on July 1 of each year, also complying with decree n ° 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, operation and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, an Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 has been drawn up.

Like the previous ones, this Action Plan is the summary of the actions that the ministries have planned as flagship activities of the year, adjusted according to the 2020/2021 budget law.

The actions retained in this Plan have a national scope and ensure the implementation of sectoral policies and strategies, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals. They also pursue the objectives enshrined in Vision Burundi 2025 and are inspired by the main thrusts of the National Development Plan of Burundi 2018-2027.

This Action Plan also includes actions resulting from the National Strategy for Good Governance and the Fight against Corruption and those resulting from the National Project "EWE BURUNDI URAMBAYE".

This Plan shows the main objectives to be achieved, the concrete actions to be taken, the expected results, the objectively verifiable indicators, the areas of action, the deadlines, the budget and the sources of funding.

This Action Plan constitutes, moreover, in each of its sectoral components, a commitment of the ministry concerned. It must provide concrete solutions to the expectations of the population and it is on the basis of the results on the ground that the ministries will be evaluated.

After discussion and debate, the Action Plan was adopted with the recommendations, among other things, of incorporating the recommendations of the government retreat from July 21 to 23, 2020 as well as other adjustments proposed by the various ministries.

The finalized Action Plan document must be prepared by Monday August 24, 2020 at the latest.

2. Draft ministerial order setting the expenditure ceilings for the first quarter of 2020/2021, presented by the Minister of Finance, and Economic Planning.

The ceilings are subject to regulations prescribed in certain texts, including in particular the decree on fiscal governance, the decree establishing general regulations for the management of public budgets. They also comply with the law establishing the general budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2020/2021 fiscal year which introduces in its article 38, the development of quarterly expenditure ceilings which must be validated by the Council of Ministers.

The expenditures are made on the basis of collections. These ceilings, which are consistent with the state treasury plan, concern all state spending, except those that are mandatory and irreducible, such as salary and debt spending.

Thus, during the 2020/2021 budget management, the pace of expenditure will depend on the pace of revenue collection.

This draft ordinance determines these expenditure ceilings.
After exchange and debate, the project was adopted.

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3. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of Finance, the Budget of Economic Planning, presented by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning.

In its attributions, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning is in charge of the general orientation of the economic and financial policy of the Government and of the management of the State's assets.

As such, the Ministry is called upon to implement an effective budgetary and monetary policy as well as dynamic economic cooperation. In general, the missions of the Ministry are defined by regulation and it is within this framework that they are carried by the decree n ° 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, functioning and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

These missions will be carried out through the General Directorates, the National Directorates, the Directorates and the administrations under the supervision of the Ministry. It is in this perspective that this draft decree that organizes the Ministry fits. The adoption of the proposed structure will enable the Ministry to fully carry out the missions entrusted to it and to fulfil its primary role of establishing an effective budgetary and monetary policy and promoting effective economic development cooperation.

After the debate, the draft was adopted with some corrections.

4. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, presented by the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security.

Decree No. 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, operation and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi created a Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security which brings together three former Ministries namely: the Ministry of the Interior, Patriotic Education and Local Development, the Ministry of Decentralization and Institutional Reform and the Ministry of Public Security and Disaster Management. This project proposes a structure and an organization of the Ministry which adapt to this merger.

After analysis and debate, the project was adopted with some modifications.

5. Draft decree on the missions, organization and functioning of the Ministry of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism, presented by the Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism.

By decree n ° 100/007 of June 28, 2020 on the structure, operation and missions of the Republic of Burundi, the Transport sector was added to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism. It is therefore necessary to reorganize this ministry to comply with the aforementioned decree.

The organizational and functional structure proposed by this draft decree will enable the Ministry to properly accomplish its missions which consist in preparing and implementing the Government's policy in the areas of Trade, Transport, Industry, Handicrafts and Tourism.

Following the analysis of this project, the Council of Ministers adopted it with some modifications.

6. Any Other Business

- The Minister of Public Service, Labor and Employment informed the Council about the progress of the inventory work of civil servants and their duties and responsibilities as recommended by the Government Retreat from July 21 to 23, 2020. This work could not be completed within the desired timeframe for various reasons.

- As this work requires reliable data, the Ministry in charge of the Civil Service requests that at sector level, a validation session of these data be organized before their submission. The Council recommended to speed up this work so that it is completed as quickly as possible, given that it will contribute enormously in the implementation of the Government's Action Plan.

- The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS informed the Council that the campaign to prevent and fight against COVID-19 “NDAKIRA-SINANDURA-SINANDUZA” has produced very satisfactory results. The number of cases tested positive during the various screenings is decreasing.

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He briefed the Council on other measures taken to strengthen this campaign, including:

- Systematic screening of any traveller coming from abroad,
- Quarantine for fourteen days of all passengers on the same plane, boat or vehicle if a case tests positive
- The establishment of health checkpoints at the exit and entry points of the City of Bujumbura.

The Council of Ministers approved these measures.

Done at Gitega, August 20th, 2020

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