



**The Head of State calls for a patriotic leap to increase revenue and accelerate economic development**



**T**his Thursday, December 3, 2020, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye enhanced with his presence the closing ceremonies of the week dedicated to taxpayers organized by the Burundian Office for Revenue (OBR).

These ceremonies which took place at the “Ku Gasaka Stadium” in Ngozi Province. These activities began with the official inauguration of the Belan Hotel erected in the center of

Ngozi to mark the Government of Burundi's support for local entrepreneurial initiatives. As a thanks, the Belan Group, owner of the hotel, presented the Head of State with a work of art bearing his likeness by a local artist.

The President of the Republic H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye then spoke with many taxpayers during a visit to the stands of the exhibition fair organized for a week on the lawn of the “Ku Gasaka Stadium”. He congratu-

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lated them for their invaluable contribution in the development of the country.

Welcoming speeches followed, in turn, by the Governor of Ngozi Province, the Commissioner General of OBR and the Minister in charge of Finances and Planning. They all came back to the important role that the taxpayer plays in the economy of a Nation. They welcomed the growing collective awareness of the need for every citizen to meet their tax obligations.

Indeed, in his speech for the occasion marking the end of the week dedicated to the taxpayer, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye recalled the duty of each citizen in building a prosperous economy through the payment of taxes in accordance with the fiscal law of Burundi:

"It is not possible for a country to develop without the involvement and contribution of all citizens. It is not the role of the Government to

develop the country, it only plays the role of regulator, facilitator, manager, support and coordinator. I reaffirm the commitment of the Government of Burundi to support the production efforts provided by the population and investors, mainly those who participate in the creation of jobs and those who pay their taxes duly".

By presenting Incentive Prizes to the best taxpayers, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye warned tax evaders and some Administrators who are guilty of complicity or complacency. He urged the Ministry of Justice to crack down on all forms of fraud and corruption. The President of the Republic rightly believes that tax evaders and their accomplices are pulling the country's economy down and that it is as criminals that they should be prosecuted by justice.

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## Participation of the Head of State in the Summit of Heads of State of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) in Libreville



On his arrival at Melchior NDADAYE International Airport, the President of the Republic was greeted by Members of the Government, senior officers of the police and the army as well as senior officials of the Presidency.

Regarding cooperation between Burundi and Gabon, His Excellency the President indicated that the cooperation links between the two countries are historic and concern various fields including trade, air transport and the exchange of labor.

President NDAYISHIMIYE informed the press that he had the opportunity to meet with his Gabonese counterpart to whom he conveyed his thanks for his country's support in Burundi. President NDAYISHIMIYE returned to the central role played by the former President of Gabon, the late His Excellency Omar BONGO ONDIMBA in the Burundian peace process, a sign that Gabon has always been on Burundi's

**T**he President of the Republic His Excellency Évariste NDAYISHIMIYE participated in Libreville, Capital of Gabon, in the summit of Heads of States of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), Friday November 27, 2020.

side.

During this meeting, the two Heads of State decided to set up a joint commission to study ways and means for the implementation of the Cooperation Agreements signed between the two countries.

The Gabonese President expressed the wish to see the unjust sanctions taken against Burundi lifted, revealed the President of the Republic.

Regarding the Summit of Heads of State of the Economic Community of Central Africa, the President of the Republic told the press that the participants had the opportunity to review the security situation of member countries of the community.

On this point, they deplored the situation which prevails in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo as well as in the Central African Republic.

For the Central African Republic, the Heads of State expressed the wish to see the embargo on the arms which hit this country end so that the Government can equip itself to secure the country.

They strongly condemned the presence of armed groups for which they recommended that a process of disarmament and reintegration be initiated. Finally, the Heads of State condemned the plundering of the country's natural resources.

On the sidelines of the Summit, President NDAYISHIMIYE had the opportunity to meet his Central African counterpart who expressed his thanks for the role played by Burundi in the peacekeeping operations in that country. The Central African President welcomed the appreciation of the people of his country on the presence and behavior of the Burundian troops.

The Summit also addressed issues of economic cooperation between member countries of the community. The Heads of State recommended the construction of roads to connect countries with each other.

The Summit finally made a change at the head of the community. The presidency has been entrusted to President Denis SASU NGWASO of the Republic of Congo who replaces Ali BONGO ONDIMBA of Gabon.

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## The Burundian President met his Gabonese counterpart on the sidelines of the 18th Summit of Heads of States of ECCAS member countries



**HE** EVariste Ndayishimiye, burundian Head of State, met this Friday, November 27, his counterpart Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Republic of Gabon, on the sidelines of the 18th Summit of Heads of State of member countries of EC-CAS.

HE Evariste Ndayishimiye warmly thanked his host for the warm welcome extended to him and his entire delegation. He also thanked President Ali Bongo, the Gabonese people and the country's former leaders for

the historic relations existing between Burundi and Gabon. He recalled the role that Former President Omar Bongo, his father, played in the inter-burundian peace negotiations as well as the Global Ceasefire Agreement.

The burundian number One thanked his Gabonese counterpart for the speech he made in Bujumbura in 2015 on the day of his visit to the mausoleum of President Melchior Ndadaye, a speech which helped to enlighten the public on the reality of what was the burundian conflict in the past.

Before the end of the meeting, the two leaders agreed to set up a joint committee that will decide which treaties to sign in the near future. The two sides will agree on a date and place for the first meeting next year.

Finally, they pledged to exchange labor and agricultural products, among others.

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## Burundi celebrates International AIDS Day



**B**urundi joined the world on Tuesday 01 December 2020 for the celebration of the World AIDS Day, 2020 edition. The ceremonies took place at the Gatwaro stadium in Kayanza under the high patronage of the First Lady H.E Angéline

NDAYISHIMIYE.

These ceremonies also included the participation of the burundian Ombudsman and his spouse, the spouse of the President of the National Assembly, the Minister of Health and the Fight against AIDS, the Representatives of the UN agencies, the Chinese Ambassador in Burundi and Representatives of associations of people living with HIV / AIDS. The theme chosen this year is "global solidarity, shared responsibility".

The Governor of Kayanza said in his welcome address that 3,466 people from Kayanza are living with HIV and that 1,880

people are in the Kayanza health district. He added that 3455 or 99.2% are on treatment and 84.7% have an undetectable viral load.

As for the Representative of associations of people living with HIV / AIDS Mr. Hamza Venant Burikukiye, he praised the contribution of the Government of Burundi in the fight against AIDS and its partners; the step made is satisfactory, he said. Nevertheless, Amza Venant Burikukiye asks for the autonomy of management of the funds allocated to the fight against AIDS by the 5 legal associations in the fight against AIDS.

In his speech for the occasion, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana showed the step already made in the fight against AIDS. He said that people with HIV have declined significantly, as in 2010 the seroprevalence was estimated at 6% while in 2017 it was only 0.9%. Minister Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana also said that that day was coupled with that of the fight against hepatitis B and C because the mode of transmission is similar for all these pathologies.

In turn, the Representative of UNAIDS in Burundi Dr. Abdoul Karim Ben WAHAB reaffirmed the commitment of UN organizations in the fight against AIDS and Covid19. He also indicated that "putting particular emphasis in the fight against AIDS is the fight for the rights to health for all".

In her speech for the occasion, the First Lady, at the same time President of the Organization of African First Ladies for Development OPDAD HE Angeline Ndayishimiye, invited everyone to be tested for HIV / AIDS, because this disease constitutes a brake on the development of the

country in general and of households in particular.

The spouse of the Head of State S.E Angeline Ndayishimiye also launched a strong appeal to the community living in Burundi to put an end to behaviors likely to favor the spread of HIV / AIDS and viral hepatitis. According to statistics from the Ministry responsible for health, 30% of people living with HIV / AIDS also suffer from hepatitis B and C. However, HE Angeline Ndayishimiye deplors the ignorance of some women who do not do prenatal examinations of their pregnancies to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV / AIDS.

Welcoming the essential role of the Government of Burundi and its partners in the fight against AIDS; First Lady Angeline Ndayishimiye thanked the First Lady of the People's Republic of China for her unwavering support in the fight against AIDS in Burundi.

During these ceremonies, the Intwari Women's Association, the branch of Kayanza, presented a gift to First Lady H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye in recognition of her charitable activities towards the vulnerable.

As an encouragement, the two dispensaries in Kayanza province namely Maramvya and Rubura which have distinguished themselves in the care of people living with HIV / AIDS were awarded. Each clinic received a desktop computer and its accessories.

The ceremonies ended with the handing over of assistance consisting of food, loincloths, basins and soap to the 75 vulnerable people of Kayanza.

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## Opening of the ordinary parliamentary session in December



**T**he burundian Parliament proceeded Tuesday, December 1, 2020 both in Bujumbura and Gitega, to the opening of the ordinary parliamentary session of December 2020. The opening ceremonies were chaired respectively by the two Presidents of two chambers of Parliament Burundians including the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe, the President of the National Assembly and the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, the President of the Senate.

In his opening speech, the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe recalled the activities that were carried out by the deputies during their vacation. According to the President of the National Assembly, they held meetings to discuss with the population on development projects and on problems facing the population including land conflicts, polygamy, lack of drinking water and electricity. In addition, these Deputies joined the population in the development work, said the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe. As for the Speaker of the Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera first thanked the Lord for completing the parliamentary recess as the country is in peace and security. He is delighted with the activities they have carried out with the population.

According to the President of the Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, during the parliamentary recess, with the

other Senators, they visited certain communes of the provinces of Bujumbura, Muramvya and Ngozi. And to add that the Senators joined the population in community development work and discussed various concerns of the latter.

During this parliamentary session in December, the Burundian Parliament will analyze 10 bills sent to it by the Government. Before concluding his speech for the occasion, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, President of the Senate congratulated the Government of Burundi, for the measure closing the office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the UN in Burundi. For this authority, nothing today could justify the *raison d'être* of this office, given the step already taken by Burundi in the consolidation of peace and security, the protection of human rights and the good governance through the organization of peaceful and inclusive elections. He also congratulated the national football team Intamba mu Rugamba who honored the country with the victory against the Mauritania team. And to wish this team every success during the next meetings.

These opening ceremonies saw the participation of members of the Government, Representatives of religious confessions, non-profit associations approved in Burundi and Diplomats accredited in Burundi.

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## The President of the Senate receives in audience the russian Ambassador to Burundi



**T**he President of the Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGE-RA, received in audience Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in his Cabinet in Gitega, the Russian Ambassador to Burundi, H.E Valery A. Mikhaylov.

At the end of the audience, the spokesperson for the President of the Senate indicated that the latter was carrying a message of congratulations from the Duma (Legislative Assembly of Russia) addressed to the President of the Senate of Burundi for his new functions. .

According to the spokesperson for the Presi-

dent of the Senate, the visit of the Russian Ambassador to Burundi was also part of the strengthening of cooperation relations between the Duma and the Senate of Burundi. Ambassador Mikhaylov recalled that Russia supports Burundi in the fields of education, agriculture, animal husbandry, and many more. In addition, Ambassador Mikhaylov also indicated that his country has always been alongside Burundi within the United Nations Security Council, insisted Mr. Gaby Bugaga.

In turn, the Senate Spokesperson congratulated the Russian Ambassador, who was also new to his post. He hoped that the strengthening of cooperation between the two countries would extend to other areas such as trade, electrical energy, disaster prevention, etc.

The Senate Spokesperson also hoped that relations between the Senate and the Duma will materialize through the exchange of experiences, in particular with visits by Members of these two institutions, according to his spokesperson.

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bassador Onyango KAKOBA.

According to the Spokesperson of the President of the burundian Senate, the exchanges focused on the presentation of the functioning of the structures of the FP-CIRGL. Ambassador KAKOBA also conveyed a message of congratulations to the President of the Senate of Burundi for his new functions as head of the Burundian Senate.

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## Ngozi: Opening of the exhibition-sale fair as part of the week dedicated to taxpayers



**T**he Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Dr. Domitien Ndiwokubwayo, along with the Commissioner General of the Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) Mr. Audace Niyonzima, officially opened Sunday, November 29, 2020, an exhibition fair- sale of a week at the KUGASAKA stadium in the capital of Ngozi Province, as part of the week dedicated to taxpayers 5th edition.

After the ribbon was cut, Minister Dr. Domitien Ndiwokubwayo accompanied by the Commissioner General of the OBR Mr. Audace Niyonzima visited the stands of taxpayers who participated in this exhibition-sale fair, one of the activities organized as part of the dedicated week. to taxpayers. The Minister in charge of Finances said that in the last five years, the OBR has organized the day dedicated to taxpayers every year.

This day is preceded each time by a week which gives taxpayers an opportunity to exhibit their products so that the taxpayer takes advantage of the exhibition for the visibility of his products. This day is also an op-

portunity for taxpayers to express their pride in their contribution to the development of the country. This week of exhibition and sale preceding the taxpayer's day demonstrates the Government's commitment to support taxpayers through collaboration and the strengthening of the relations that exist between taxpayers and the Government of Burundi.

According to Dr. Domitien Ndiwokubwayo, this relationship between OBR and taxpayers is very important since the latter allow taxpayers to see themselves as the main contributors in the development of the country. It is also very important especially since the Government uses the means that come from these taxpayer revenues, it is in a way the taxpayers who participate in the construction of the country.

The Minister in charge of Finances welcomes the role of the OBR, which actively participates in the collection of these revenues in order to collect them in the State coffers. Dr. Domitien Ndiwokubwayo says he is satisfied that taxpayer contributions in the state budget currently cover the budget up to 90%. Minister Domitien Ndiwokubwayo said that all taxpayers and Burundians in general should welcome this step already taken.

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## The Government of Burundi will spare no effort for the development of youth



**T**he Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture organized, Wednesday December 2, 2020, in the capital of Gitega province, a 4-day training workshop for members of the management committees of the youth centers in the municipalities of Gitega province. The training focused on project development, management and evaluation. The works of this workshop were opened by the Minister Ambassador Ezechiel Nibigira in the company of the Governor of the province Gitega Mr. Venant Manirambona.

The Minister indicated that the objective of this workshop is to analyze together the ways and means to promote the development of Burundian youth through their investment projects.

He appreciated that the Burundian Government has included youth among its 6 priori-

ties, thus creating the investment bank for young people with a capital of 10 billion BIF, a bank which grants loans to young people to finance their development projects. For young people who are afraid of contracting loans due to the lack of guarantees, the Minister reassures them by specifying that the guarantee fund of 2 billion Burundian francs is already available. Minister Ezechiel Nibigira indicated that the investment bank for young people today meets all the conditions required to start granting loans to young people.

He invited the young people in charge of youth centers at the commune level to sensitize their young brothers and sisters, so that they can roll up their sleeves in order to work to self-develop and develop the country.

The Minister in charge of Youth called on young people to join economic groups of young people of 30 to 50 people in the hills, as required by the Government and to properly prepare their development projects that can be financed by the government. 40 billion Burundian francs are available for this purpose, he concluded.

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## Gitega: Closing of the week dedicated to the emblematic dance of the burundian Drum



**T**he closing ceremonies of the week dedicated to the emblematic dance of the Drum of Burundi 4th edition 2020, took place on Monday, November 30, 2020, in the province of Gitega at the National Museum located in the capital of this province. The ceremonies were enhanced by the presence of the Minister of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sport and Culture, Ambassador

Ezéchiél Nibigira.

The theme chosen for this year is worded as follows: "Drummers, let us together support the responsible and hard-working government and commit ourselves to the promotion and safeguarding of the national cultural heritage, particularly the emblematic Burundian drum dance".

These ceremonies began with a long parade performed by groups of drummers from all the provinces of the country. They were also characterized by a competition of groups of drummers. The group of drummers from the City of Bujumbura took first place followed by that of Gitega province while Bujumbura province took third place.

In his speech for the occasion, the Minister in charge of culture thanked the drummers who responded present in these ceremonies and who demonstrated their talents.

Minister Ezéchiél Nibigira reminded the audience that Burundian drums were registered as World Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in

2014. The burundian drum is for the world a rhythm of exceptional value making Burundi proud in the concert of Nations, said the Minister in charge of culture.

To protect and promote Burundian drums, national and world heritage, the Minister in charge of culture reiterated his commitment to taking the necessary measures. He also stressed that the Ministry in charge of culture will continue to inspire and teach future generations to play the Burundian drum.

Note that, the official launch of the week dedicated to the emblematic dance of the Burundian drum, 4th edition 2020 took place on November 24, 2020, at the Palais des Arts in the Town Hall of Bujumbura.

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## The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation is organizing a training workshop for inspectors of the said Ministry



training workshop, inspectors and some executives from the General Directorate of Administration and Management of this Ministry, on the methodology of verification.

This training workshop was opened by Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and Mr. Vénérand NIBIZI, Principal Inspector of the State, who represented the General Inspectorate of the State.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation said that the Minister His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO was aware of the urgent need to organize this training, for the service in charge of the General Inspection of the Ministry which

**T**he Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation organized this Monday, November 30, 2020 a ten-day

is a new structure established by Decree N ° 100/160 of November 5, 2018. Mr. Isidore Ntirampeba also recalled that these inspectors were appointed by ministerial order at the end of August 2019 and did not yet have enough experience in terms of verification methodology.

As a result, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation underlined that the State Inspectorate General, in its report assessing the state of compliance of the General Inspectorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation with the normative characteristics generally recognized for an internal control structure, recommended to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation "to train the Inspectors of the General Inspection of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in verification methodology in general as well as financial audit and performance audit, specifically, so that this control structure can accomplish all its missions and thus help the entities placed under the supervision of the Ministry to better manage the resources made available to them".

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation recalled the General Inspection missions of the said Ministry. He also specified some expectations placed on inspectors from which this training should clarify once and for all the role of the General Inspectorate in relation to other entities of the Ministry, whether they are of the Central Administration or of the Foreign Service.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation finally indicated that the country is injecting a lot of resources into the operation of diplomatic and consular missions abroad, from which the General Inspectorate must ensure that they are used optimally and transparently of these means. For this, it is the duty of the Directorate General of Administration and Management to make full use of the management reports of the Diplomatic and Consular Missions of Burundi accredited abroad, to facilitate the analy-

sis work of the 'General inspection. On behalf of the General State Inspectorate, Mr. Vénérand NIBIZI, Principal State Inspector, thanked the Inspectors of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation for having freed themselves from their usual occupations, so that 'they can fully participate during these ten days, in the training on verification methodology.

Mr. Vénérand NIBIZI, Principal Inspector of the State indicated that this workshop is a continuation of others already carried out between 2012, 2015 and 2017, 2018 and 2019 and 2020 from which the executives and agents of the control structures benefited that existed until then, in the Ministries and entities with autonomous management under their supervision.

Mr. Vénérand NIBIZI, the Principal Inspector of the State specified that the objective of this workshop is to enable them to be able to carry out the verification work in accordance with international audit standards by following the appropriate methodology and in using the appropriate verification procedures. This also implies that in the medium term the methods and techniques of verifications will be harmonized in all the control bodies of the Burundian public administration.

Finally, in his interview with the press, Ambassador Jérémie BANIGWANIZIGO, Inspector General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation spoke about the missions of the General Inspection at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and the expectations of this workshop. He also praised the initiative of the General State Inspectorate.

(Source : MFADC-Newsroom)

## The outgoing Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation performs a handover and resumes with the new Assistant to the Minister



**T**his Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at the Cabinet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation of the Republic of Burundi, the handover and resumption ceremony took place between Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO and Ambassador Bernard NTAHIRAJA, respectively new Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Minister's Assistant and the outgoing Minister's Assistant, in the presence of the Permanent Secretary and Senior Officials of the Ministry.

The outgoing Minister's Assistant warmly congratulated the incoming Minister's Assistant for the confidence that His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi, the Prime Minister as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation have placed in him in entrusting him with the functions of Minister's Assistant at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

The outgoing Minister's Assistant then presented to the new Minister's Assistant the Senior Officials under his supervision at that Ministry including Political Advisors and other staff, while expressing his gratitude for the excellent work they have done together and their frank collaboration.

The outgoing Minister's Assistant then wished the incoming Minister's Assistant success in his new role.

For his part, the incoming Minister's Assistant Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO warmly thanked His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi, the Prime Minister as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation for the honor they gave him, by entrusting him with the functions of Minister's Assistant at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation. He appreciated the commendable work done by his predecessor and in turn wished him every success in his future life. He indicated that he will spare no effort to carry even higher and further the witness that the outgoing Minister's Assistant has just transmitted to him. He said he will work together with the Ministry staff to achieve the right results.

After these interventions, the outgoing Minister's Assistant handed over to the incoming Minister's Assistant the basic documents that will help him to carry out his work. He also informed him of the files that are in progress.

The handover and take-over ceremony was closed in an atmosphere of joy.

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## Retreat of staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Co-operation



**A**s part of strengthening good governance within the Ministry and within the framework of implementing one of the priorities of the President of the Republic HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Co-operation has prepared a retreat for the whole Central Administration staff from 02 to 04 December 2020.

On December 2, the Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO, officially opened this retreat dedicated to an in-depth exchange with staff to strengthen good governance.

The agenda focuses on the in-depth exchange on strengthening good governance

within the said Ministry. It is a retreat that will encourage staff to step up their efforts to boost the gains in development cooperation.

Various work-related topics were discussed during this retreat, and group discussions were also on the menu of the activities planned for this retreat.

Note that such retreats are sometimes organized within the institution.

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## The Francophonie launches a Solidarity Fund for Women



**T**he International Organization of Francophonie (OIF) officially launched an initiative called “La Francophonie avec Elles” on July 17, 2020, in order to finance actions in the field carried out by recognized actors in the French-speaking world and in particular in Africa, in the Caribbean and Lebanon.

In fact, in the OIF press release, this fund is motivated by the need to mobilize the living forces as quickly as possible and enable women who are often confronted with various global crises and who send them back to precariousness, to access economic development, education, health, citizenship and training.

It is in this context that the Representatives of States and Governments members of the

International Organization of Francophonie endorsed the proposal of the Secretary General of La Francophonie, Madame Louise Mushikiwabo, to create a large solidarity fund in favor of women.

As numerous studies show, women are a major lever for crisis mitigation, through their constant commitment to their families and their contribution to their basic needs.

In order to ensure the implementation of these measures, the OIF intends to collaborate with local civil society organizations which will have, thanks to their experience and their know-how in the field, a key role in the implementation of concrete actions, for and with women in the French-speaking world.

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## **OPEN DAYS, EDITION 2020**

***Under the patronage of the Minister  
of Foreign Affairs and Development  
Cooperation His Excellency  
Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO,***

**The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation organizes the Open Days from 08th to 09th December 2020, under the theme: "Diplomacy and Cooperation at the Center for the Implementation of the National Development Plan 2018-2027 in Burundi"**



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