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### "Youth should no longer be synonymous with unconsciousness"



On Thursday August 12, 2021, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye heightens with his presence the ceremonies marking the International Youth Day organized in Gitega under the theme: "Youth, the future of the country is in our hands. Let us join forces to create self-development projects to promote sustainable development in our country".

Several Members of the Government, the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Burundi, Provincial Governors, Youth Empowerment Project Managers, as well as hundreds of young people from all the provinces of Burundi also took part in these ceremonies.

Taking the floor successively to welcome the Father of the Nation, the Governor of Gitega and Madam the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations system in Burundi both praised the efforts of the Government of Burundi in the empowerment of young people,

through quality training and support in carrying out development projects.

In his introductory speech, the Minister in charge of Youth, Sports and Culture welcomed the presence of the Head of State alongside the Youth of Burundi on this day dedicated to them: "The presence of the highest authorities reflects the interest that the Government of Burundi has in the youth of the country".

By welcoming the many achievements and innovations of young Burundians, Minister Ezéchiel Nibigira informed the Young Entrepreneurs that the Government of Burundi has already started granting loans to bankable development projects through the Investment Bank for the Youth ("BIJE), the Economic Autonomisation Program and Job for the Youth (PAEEJ) and the Impulsion Funds for Warranty and Accompaniment (FIGA).

Engaging on the subject, the Head of State H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye said empowering youth is a priority for the Burundian Government. He took this opportunity to lead a moralization session for Youth Representatives who are called to wake up and take charge of their destiny and that of Burundi:

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population, Burundian youth and adolescents have enormous potential capable of accelerating the socio-economic development of Burundi”.

The President of the Republic H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye ended the moralization session with a call for a return to the moral values of Ubuntu and the ethical ethics of the teaching profession. He instructed the Minister of National Education, who was present in the session,

to do everything possible to guarantee quality training for the Burundian Youth because education is the only investment that will make possible the emergence of a new generation of young people who will perpetuate the political and socio-economic achievements.

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## The Presidential Couple celebrates the communal feast in Giheta



The Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, enhanced with his presence the celebration of the Communal Day in his native Municipality of Giheta in Gitega Province.

The related ceremonies rich in color took place on the Gihuga Hill and were marked by dances, songs and sketches highlighting burundian culture as well as the sharing of meals and drinks characteristic of ancient Burundi.

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, in a moralization session, called for the awakening of consciences and the change of mentalities to return to the good practices and customs that characterized the Burundian people before the inherited ethnic divisions from colonial times. According to him,

the Burundians were defined by unity, family spirit, love of the homeland and solidarity.

“The strength of Burundi lay in the family spirit, all Burundians saw themselves as members of the same family and they were ready to lose their lives in defense of their dear homeland. I would have liked the Burundians to return to the love and unity that also characterized them in the past”, said the Head of State.

His Excellency the President of Burundi Mr. Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE called on parents to invest in the education of children in order to instill good values in them. In addition, he invited the population to draw inspiration from the knowledge of ancestors for the processing of quality products. He finally called for the promotion of the spirit of sharing and support while recalling that compliance with barrier measures against COVID-19 is still required to curb the spread of this pandemic.

It should be noted that these ceremonies gave the administration of the Giheta municipality the opportunity to offer certificates of honor to the natives who have distinguished themselves by their initiatives to promote their municipality. His Excellency the Head of State, for his part, received a cow by the name of Kirezi for his unwavering support to his hometown.

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## The CNDD-FDD Women's League supports the extension of the URUMURI center in Gitega

The CNDD-FDD party through the Women's League, “Abakenyererugamba”, on Wednesday August 11, 2021, handed over to the Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza chaired by the First Lady, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, a check for 50,459,750 burundian Francs in support of the extension project of

the URUMURI Center in charge of the treatment and care of women with fistula, a project whose implementation is ensured by the “Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza”. The Bakenyererugamba were also carrying food aid, clothing and some kitchen utensils for obstetric fistula patients hospitalized at this center located at Gitega Pro-

vincial Hospital.

The National Secretary in charge of coordinating the Leagues within the CNDD-FDD party indicated that this gesture made by the ruling party through the women's league aims to "support and thank Her Excellency the First Lady for the works commendable that it achieves in all the country". Mr Sylvestre Ndayizeye went on to stress that this financial support provided by the women's league also aims to "encourage and support her for the humanitarian and charitable works that she carries out through the Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza". He concluded by promising her unwavering support from the CNDD-FDD party in all the projects that she plans to carry out through the "Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza" or through the Organization of the First Ladies of Africa for De-



velopment (OPDAD).

In her speech for the occasion Her Excellency the First Lady said that the extension project funded by the "Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza" was officially launched by His Excellency the President of the Republic, Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye, in October

2020 and that 'It is expected that the related works, estimated to cost more than 600million, will be completed by the end of August.

Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye expressed her gratitude for the support provided by the CNDD-FDD Party and thanked all those who have so far contributed to the implementation of this project which will be beneficial for the country, she added.

You will know that the Gitega Provincial Hospital has already treated and cured 135 patients suffering from obstetric fistula. ([www.presidence.gov.bi](http://www.presidence.gov.bi))

### The First Lady calls for the support of orphans



On the sidelines of the celebration of World Population Day, the First Lady of the country, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, visited, this Thursday, August 12, 2021, the Orphanage Notre-Dame de Lourdes located in Kigamba Commune in the Province of Cankuzo.

The First Lady had provided herself with food aid for 36 small children who are being cared for in this

orphanage.

Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye said she made the trip in order to thank and encourage those in charge of this establishment for the humanitarian works they do towards orphans. According to her, however, these children could grow up better in foster families or in their original families, where they would receive all the affection they need. It is with this in mind that she appealed to families with a charitable soul to think of these little children.

Her Excellency the First Lady further asked all Burundians to return to good values characterized by solidarity and love of neighbor.

The officials of the Orphanage Notre-Dame de Lourdes expressed their gratitude to Her Excellency the First Lady for this gesture and wished her many blessings.

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### The First Lady calls on leaders to take the ownership of the national reproductive health program

While participating in the celebration of World Population Day, on Thursday August 12, 2021 in Kigamba Commune of Cankuzo Province,

the First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye asked the leaders to invest in sensitizing couples to the limitation of births in order to promote reproductive

health and thus contribute to the reduction of the population growth rate in Burundi.

Under the theme: "Population growth has consequences on the health of the population, let's make the right choice, according to our rights, plan births", this day is celebrated when Burundi faces a galloping demography causing problems related to land disputes, remarked Her Excellency the First Lady. She called on husbands to support their wives by also getting involved in the national reproductive health program:

"The family is built together. We ask the men to accompany their wives to follow the reproductive health program in order to make good decisions in the interest of the family and the country", declared the First Lady of Burundi inviting the women who come from give birth to approach the doctors in order to benefit

from the related advice to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

The United Nations Population Fund, for its part, "reiterated its commitment to support all interventions by the Government of Burundi in order to face demographic challenges and promote better sexual and reproductive health of the population", announced Mr. Richmond Tiemoko, Resident Representative of UNFPA in Burundi.

The ceremonies ended with the distribution by Her Excellency the First Lady of a donation of medicines worth 450 million burundian Francs granted by UNFPA and ABUBEF for the provinces of Kirundo, Cankuzo, Gitega and Karusi.

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## Vice-President Prosper Bazombanza receives in audience the South African Ambassador to Burundi

The Vice-President of the Republic, His Excellency Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA, received in audience, on Tuesday August 10, 2021, the Ambassador of the South African Republic in Burundi Mrs. Kgomotso Jolobe, who reassured him of his support in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

During their cordial discussions, the exchanges also focused on the good relations of cooperation that exist between Burundi and the Republic of South Africa. The Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa further congratulated His Excellency the Vice-President of the Republic, Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA on his ap-



pointment to this post.

His Excellency the Vice-President of the Republic, meanwhile, praised the good relations which have always characterized the two countries, especially after the abolition of Apartheid. Indeed, the South African Airways airline connecting Burundi and the Republic of South Africa

was created four years later to strengthen the bonds of friendship between peoples and facilitate trade.

His Excellency Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA also added that the Republic of South Africa has supported our country in difficult times and has always accompanied it throughout the process of peace and reconciliation of the Burundian people. ([www.presidence.gov.bi](http://www.presidence.gov.bi))

## China-Burundi: Minister of Agriculture visits Gihanga agricultural pilot center

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi H.E Zhao Jiang Ping, visited this Monday, August 9, 2021, the Burundi Agricultural Pilot Center located in the commune Gihanga in Bubanza province. The purpose of this visit was to learn about the functioning and achievements of this center run by Chinese agricul-

tural experts who came to support Burundi in the agricultural field.

Dr Déo Guide Rurema and H.E Zhao Jiang Ping noted that this center has recorded tangible achievements. They noticed that the agricultural pilot center has already done research on the production of hybrid seeds of maize and rice but also on other crops including peanuts. Regarding rice, the center wants the

registration of 11 varieties of new seeds before moving on to their popularization. The center is also in the process of receiving equipment such as tractors, incubators, etc., part of which will be used by the center itself and another sent to cooperatives to support them.

In order not to distort the research results and to ensure the adaptability of these results, Minister Dr Déo Guide Rurema recommended that Chinese agronomists also use organo-mineral fertilizers that are produced locally by the FOMI factory, because that it is these fertilizers that are currently used by farmers. The Minister Dr Déo Guide Rurema wants the results obtained at this center to be popularized among the population. The ambition of the Government is for Burundi to be able to export the production of rice and maize.

According to the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi, agriculture is an important area of Sino-Burundian

cooperation. She explained that during telephone conversations last March, the President of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye and His Chinese Counterpart His Excellency Xi Jiping agreed to expand agricultural cooperation. "The agricultural pilot center and Chinese experts are therefore there to give concrete expression to the will of the two heads of state and to support Burundi in the development of agriculture", added Ambassador Zhao Jiang Ping. The center therefore has two functions, namely research and testing on the one hand and training on the other, said Ambassador Zhao Jiang Ping.

In closing, the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi said that there is a way to improve the range of agricultural products and increase production. With the development of agriculture, one can start industrialization because in all countries agriculture plays a basic role in modernization, H.E Zhao Jiang Ping concluded.

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### The Society of Agriculture and Livestock (SODEA) retrocedes 364 ha in Bubanza province to the State



Pursuant to judgment RSTBA 0454, the Special Court of Lands and Other Goods (CSTB) on Thursday, August 12, 2021, surrendered public land of 364 ha to the State of Burundi, operated until then by the Society of Agriculture and Livestock (SODEA). By exploiting this state land, SODEA had encroached on the land of the surrounding population. Thus, by virtue of the same judgment, the Special Court of Lands and Other Goods also retroceded 30 ha to 47 families in this locality.

The CSTB decided to return to the State the 364 ha sis in Gifurwe in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province because SODEA had violated the terms of the long lease. Instead of using this land for livestock activities, SODEA leased the land for rice cultivation.

The Minister Dr Déo Guide Rurema of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Dr Déo Guide Rurema, who represented the Burundian State, welcomed the decision of the CSTB. He pleaded for the Special Court of Lands and Other Assets and State lawyers to be able to benefit from sufficient logistical means, in particular vehicles which would allow them to easily reach all areas and carry out their mission properly. Minister Dr Déo Guide Rurema indicated that the reclaimed state land returns to the hands of the State, no one has the right to exercise any activity there without authorization. It is the State alone which will decide on its use. It provides that the State authorizes cooperatives to carry out agricultural production activities there.

As for the 30 ha returned to the families of the locality, Cadastral services were called upon to delimit them without delay. The Minister advised these families to exploit them by cultivating the same crops in block in order to derive a production likely to provide them with income instead of building houses there.

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