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The Head of State H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye paid a working visit to the Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Gisozi in the Province of Mwaro on Monday, August 16, 2021. At this institute, the Head of State visited different research stations and laboratories of different varieties of crops at ISABU in Gisozi. This descent was part of encouraging ISABU staff to redouble their efforts in the multiplication of selected seeds and in the import of new improved animal breeds in order to increase agricultural and animal production.

After the guided visit to ISABU in Gisozi, the Head of State H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye met ISABU staff. During this interview, the Head of State stressed that the Government's mission is to grant selected seeds of different crops to the entire Burundian population and at an affordable price in order to increase production in different sectors. The Director General of ISABU asked the Head of State for his involvement in redefining the terms of disbursement of

public funds allocated to the implementation of the seed industry. In order to revitalize the agri-livestock sector, the Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye urged ISABU staff, in particular the senior executives of this institution to eradicate the degeneration of animals and plants by importing new breeds of animals and new varieties of crops.

The Head of State also asked ISABU staff, the Ministry in charge of agriculture and other ISABU partners to prioritize work in value chains. He recommended that everyone make their contribution to improving the agri-livestock system as soon as possible so that every mouth has food and every pocket has money.

The Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye further recommended to ISABU officials to involve private economic operators in the multiplication of selected seeds and urged each provincial office in charge of the environment, agriculture and breeding to set

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up a multiplication center for selected seeds within its working radius. ISABU in turn is called upon to supervise these private operators and these provincial centers for the multiplication of selected seeds. "The problem of sufficient seed centers will be resolved", said the President of the Republic H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye. Before going to ISABU Gisozi, the Head of State visited the mini potato tuber multiplication and production project at a private economic operator in the Kiremba zone in Bururi province. The Head of State welcomed this

initiative aimed at increasing the pres-bases of potato seeds in the province of Bururi. After Kiremba, the Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye visited another seed multiplication and cattle breeding project set up in Rutovu hill Musenyi commune in the same province of Bururi by an agri-pastoralist named ' Albert Ndayishimiye. The Head of State encouraged this multiplier of selected seeds and invited other economic operators to invest in this area, which is almost untapped. (www.rtnb.bi)

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This Monday, August 16, 2021, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye held a meeting with the staff of the Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi, ISABU of Gisozi in Gisozi commune of Mwaro province where he called on this institution to associate private economic operators in the multiplication of selected seeds in order to increase production.

In this meeting, the Burundian Number One also called on ISABU to do a lot of work on seed multiplication, so

that many farmers have the opportunity to have it. He expressed his wish that all the centers for the production of selected seeds will soon be established up to the level of each province, so that any farmer can easily find the selected seeds.

When it turned out that the selected seeds are still insufficient, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye promised that the Burundian Government will spare no effort to support ISABU, so that it can succeed in its mission, that of promoting development. agricultural science in Burundi and contribute to the establishment of an innovation-based agriculture meeting the needs of farmers.

It was a meeting that followed a guided tour that His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic, had just made in various departments of the same institution, including a plant biotechnology laboratory that carries out a lot of large-scale agronomic research.

Note that before Gisozi of Mwaro Province, the Head of State had visited modern agro-pastoralists and private multipliers of selected seeds of potatoes in Bururi province, exactly in Kiremba in Bururi commune and Kajondi in commune Rutovu. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

Egypt welcomes government action and encourages swift implementation of agreements already signed

This Wednesday, August 18, 2021, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience Mr. Yasser El-Atawi, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Burundi who carried a message of fraternal greetings from Egyptian President Al Fattah Al Sisi to his Burundian counterpart. They reviewed at length the state of play of the implementation of the cooperation agreements concluded

during the State visit of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye to Cairo in March 2021. Indeed, Egypt and Burundi have signed multidimensional agreements and among them military and medical cooperation has already been concretized by visits by official delegations and the delivery to Burundi of medical equipment.

The Egyptian Ambassador assured President Ndayishimiye of his availability to work to strengthen the fraternal

ties that unite the two countries: "In sending you the greetings of President Al Sisi, we reiterate our commitment to provide our support in the key areas of life of Burundi. We want to achieve concrete results, these are not empty words, because Burundi is the most important country for Egypt in Africa".

The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye reciprocated fraternal greetings to his Egyptian counterpart and indicated that the excellence of Burundian-Egyptian relations will allow the peoples of the two countries to benefit



from mutually beneficial cooperation relations: "I am delighted the work of the technical teams who are working to implement the agreements already signed. I encourage them to continue to explore possibilities for cooperation, including the fields of technical education, infrastructure, including plans for the construction of the political capital Gitega."

Before closing their meeting, the Egyptian ambassador praised the commendable efforts of the Government of Burundi and announced that President Al Sisi wishes to pay a visit to Burundi at a time to be agreed through the appropriate diplomatic channels. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

President Ndayishimiye mobilizes the agro-livestock sector

The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, during his descent this Thursday in Bubanza province, gave the watchword to researchers, designers and implementers of agricultural programs for production while respecting the production chain of seeds and regionalization of crops.

The President of the Republic had met for the first time the governors of provinces and all the directorates under the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock.

Agriculture Minister Déo Guide Rurema noted in his presentation that the Quick Results Initiatives of this dry season are rated at 90%.

President Evariste Ndayishimiye used illustrations to guide and enlighten his audience. He demanded the establishment of breeding centers for livestock and agriculture in all provincial directorates of livestock and agriculture. "Respecting the value chain will lead the country to sustainable development," he said.

The President of the Republic first made a guided tour of the Gihanga Agricultural Pilot Center run by Chinese agricultural experts where he saw that this



center is preparing to promote fish farming, poultry farming and popularize hybrid varieties. citrus fruits, rice, peanuts and corn.

It was an opportunity for the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi Ms. Zhao Jiangping to express her satisfaction with the step already taken after the inauguration of this center.

She then announced to him that China is ready to work with the services of the Burundian government to realize its motto of seeing that every mouth has to eat and every pocket of money.

After Gihanga, President Ndayishimiye traveled to Bubanza commune to the place known as Randa where a mixed company that manages a farm operates.

"The Bubanza cooperatives will now produce without paying rental fees in this space in Randa under the supervision of the competent authorities," said His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye while mentioning that the contract which bound the mixed company managing this space more of 500ha and the State has expired and must be renewed.

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The Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank to support the Government of Burundi



The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received, on Tuesday 8/17/2021, in audience a delegation from the TDB (Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank) led by AdmassuTadesse, President and Chief Executive Officer, who came to announce to him its commitment to support responsible and hard-working government.

"Burundi is in the start-up phase of its development and all the assets linked to peace and security and the raw materials are available", said HE President

Evariste Ndayishimiye in his briefing while acknowledging that democratic institutions inspire confidence in a better future.

President Evariste Ndayishimiye nevertheless requested financial support from TDB for the construction of road infrastructure to facilitate mineral exploitation and trade, but also to develop the industrial sector.

The President and Chief Executive Officer of TDB Admassu Tadesse positively appreciated the enlightened leadership of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye and promised to support in the development sectors, but also to motivate foreign investors in order to promote the Burundian economy.

It is for this reason that TDB, to materialize this commitment, intends to relocate its foundations in its PTA Bank building in Bujumbura, and has already signed two partnership agreements with BANCOBU and Wise microfinance. This financial institution also intends to provide support in the sectors of agriculture, education, Information and Communication Technologies and others. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

National Assembly: the Truth Reconciliation Commission presents the progress of the works in Bujumbura Town Hall



The President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndirakobuca together with the First Vice-President of the National Assembly, received in audience Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye, President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). After the hearing, Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye specified that he would present to him the inventory of the work of exhuming the remains of the 1972 victims, killed and thrown into mass graves in the town hall of Bujumbura.

Unlike the provinces, in Bujumbura City Hall, most of the cases, houses and buildings are erected on the false municipalities informed, especially in the perimeter of the wastewater treatment plant in Buterere, in the Ngagara area and its surroundings, underlined the President of the TRC.

In addition, in Bujumbura City Hall, even if the CVR has not yet found any victims in the mass graves, testimonies are collected through the archives of State institutions, in particular the archives of the Public Prosecutor's Office, the archives of the Ministry in charge of education, the archives of secondary schools, the lists of people arrested in 1972 and the day of the arrest, the documents relating to the vehicles seized and the documents relating to the expertise and inventory of the vehicles seized, indicated the President of the CVR Pierre Claver Ndayicariye. (www.rtnb.bi)

The President of the Senate receives in audience the delegations of the CVR and the CNIDH



The President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA received in audience, Tuesday August 17, 2021, the President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (CVR), Ambassador Pierre Claver NDAYICARIYE. As he indicated at the end of the hearing, he was going to present to the President of the Senate the progress of the exhumation work of the remains of the victims of 1972, killed and thrown in common ditches in the town hall of Bujumbura.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the CVR, Ambassador Pierre Claver NDAYICARIYE presented to the President of the Senate the summary of the content of the archives that the CVR is discovering at the level of the prosecution, the Ministry in charge of the Public Service and the one having the 'Teaching in its attributions, as well as secondary schools.

The President of the CVR explained that in the archives, this Commission discovers the lists of people killed

led and tried on May 6, 1972, the lists of vehicles and houses seized, as well as blocked bank accounts.

At the intelligence level, the TRC uncovers officials killed or those dismissed from the civil service in 1972. He said he would also seek advice on how to conduct the Truth and Reconciliation process.

Ambassador Pierre Claver NDAYICARIYE regretted that in Bujumbura Town Hall, in the Buterere zone, public or private buildings have been erected above mass graves while others are located under the wastewater treatment plant.

Afterwards, the President of the Senate also received in audience a delegation from the Independent National Commission for Human Rights, CNIDH, led by the President of this commission, Mr. Sixte Vigny NIMURABA.

The delegation was going to present the letter of reaccreditation of the CNIDH to status A, to the President of the Senate. Mr. Vigny NIMURABA indicated that if the commission has A status, it means that it has enjoyed its independence.

He praised the people's representatives for helping to preserve the independence of the commission by not giving it injunctions. He added that the commission works with the Senate on human rights training.

The Senate Speaker provided advice to CNIDH members aimed at preserving human rights in various areas of citizens' lives, to give a good image of the country around the world. (www.rtnb.bi)

Disaster risk management at the heart of the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management



The Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, through the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Manage-

ment (PFN-PRGC) organized in Ngozi with the support of UNDP and IOM, a workshop for training and harmonizing the knowledge of risk prevention and disaster management actors. This workshop lasted two days.

As indicated by the President of the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management Police Commissioner Anicet Nibaruta, the objective of the workshop was to have the same reading of the missions that are assigned to the National Platform for Disaster Management Risk Prevention. It is about helping people, protecting their property and protecting the environment in an emergency. He also clari-

fied that it was a retreat to upgrade knowledge in the field of disaster risk reduction with new members of the national platform and other humanitarian actors.

During the two days, the participants discussed the mission of the national platform in charge of disaster management. According to the president of the platform, they analyzed together the state of affairs in Burundi. They learned about how disaster risk reduction is done globally and regionally. They noted that Burundi shows significant enough progress to have put in place disaster risk reduction structures from the national to the local level, continued CP Anicet Nibaruta.

During the workshop, the Chair of the platform said that this structure has developed preparation and response tools including the contingency plan for the national disaster risk reduction strategy, aligned with the global framework for disaster risk reduction. disaster risks and at the national development plan. "The National Disaster Management Platform is on track with global guidance and recommendations to better reduce risk and manage disasters," said CP Anicet Nibaruta.

Despite these advances, the President of the PFN-PRGC stressed that there is still a long way to go. It is for this reason that recommendations have been made so that the platform can live up to its mission.

This involves, among other things, pursuing community awareness activities to reduce the impact of bush fires and road accidents which cause many deaths and investing in the integration of disaster risk reduction aspects.

and adaptation to climate change in communal community development plans.

For him, we can no longer speak of disaster management today without taking into account the concept of risks. He said that these concepts of disaster management will be systematically integrated into school curricula because the national platform wants children to learn from an early age, aspects of disaster risk reduction and the aspect of climate change.

Regarding the management of the victims of floods linked to the overflowing of the waters of the Rusizi, Mpanda and Kajeke rivers associated with the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika, the members of the national platform agreed to focus much more on the management of this issue together with the General Directorate of Regional Planning and the General Directorate for the Integration of Disasters at the level of the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity.

The participants in this workshop also made an assessment of priority needs in Rumonge province and Makamba province and noted that people and households were affected by the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika which caused their displacement. These people need to be assisted and the national platform is in the process of building up humanitarian assistance that it will provide to these households. (www.rtnb.bi)

OBR warns all who use children in customs fraud



The Office Burundais des Recettes (OBR) met on Tuesday August 17, 2021, stakeholders in the field of child protection to raise awareness in the fight against child labor in informal trade, fraud and smuggling. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ways and means of protecting children against the abuse of fraud.

OBR Director of Communications Stany Ngendakumana said the OBR was surprised to see taxpayers steeped in fraud use children in these activities,

especially at borders.

Mr. Stany Ngendakumana said that from now on all the children who will be caught in the street with informal goods or contraband goods or customs fraud will be handed over to human rights associations to help search for the perpetrators so that they are brought to justice and tried for having abused these children.

During the interventions, they agreed that it is necessary to sensitize families, collaborators as well as taxpayers themselves to renounce this bad practice of using children in customs, tax and smuggling fraud activities. Recommendations were formulated at the end of this meeting, among others: increase the number of ideas exchange sessions between the OBR and other stakeholders responsible for applying the law, advocate for children used in fraud and smuggling, exchanging information and sharing information etc ... (www.rtnb.bi)

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