



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation organizes the Diaspora Week, 2024 Edition



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation organized the Diaspora Week, 2024 Edition from July 30 to August 1st 2024 under the theme: "The role of the Burundian diaspora in implementing the vision of Burundi as an emerging country in 2040 and a developed country in 2060". The opening activities of this week were enhanced by the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste

Ndayishimiye at Musumba Hôtel in Kayanza Province.

In the opening ceremonies of the Diaspora Week, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye held a moralizing session for the Burundian Diaspora and in Burundi, for the executives, senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and senior officials of the Government

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of Burundi.

The Head of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Burundi, Mrs. Emanuela MUSCARA, delivered a speech to launch Burundi Diaspora Week. She expressed



her gratitude towards His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Burundi, and her appreciation for leadership in Diaspora Week activities. His commitment to fostering a strong and inclusive relationship between the

diaspora and those living in the country each year will promote further implementation of the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

The Diaspora plays a vital role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as in humanitarian responses, by leveraging their skills, networks and capital to support families, entrepreneurship and the creation of work opportunities. The involvement of the Diaspora takes place in a comprehensive way at different economic, human, social and cultural levels.



As the United Nations agency responsible for migration, the International Organization for Migration supports Member States in maximizing the potential of migration by improving regular migration channels. The International Organization for Migration supports the organization of Diaspora Summits, which aims to bring together governments, diaspora organizations and private sector to encourage dialogue and involve transnational communities as catalytic agents of sustainable development.

On the first day, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, spoke on the theme of Diaspora Week. The President of the Republic of Burundi gave to participants the opportunity to discuss about the vision. Some of the diaspora gave their opinion. In his speech, he invited Burundians to conscience awakens, to patriotism, not to rely on external support, because the weaning time is over, to change of mentality and to mobilization of the means to carry out major development projects to achieve the vision of Burundi as an emerging country in 2040 and a developed country in 2060.

Before his closing remarks, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, gave the floor to the participants and called on Burundian Diaspora to love their country, support the actions of the Economic Empowerment program and Youth Employment Program in order to contribute to the development of their country. **(MFADC)**

Burundi ratifies the Protocol establishing the Congo Basin Climate Commission (CCBC)

On Wednesday July 31, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye proceeded, to the promulgation of the Protocol establishing the Climate Commission and the Blue Fund for the Congo Basin (CCBC / F2BC) during an audience granted to Mrs Arlette SOU-

DAN-NONAUULT, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Congo who came in her capacity as Minister of the Environment and Executive Secretary of the Climate Commission and the Blue Fund for the Congo Basin. "We are very lucky to have these leaders who preserve for us these ecosystems so vital to the environment, biodiversity and climate," declared Mrs Arlette SOUDAN-NONAUULT at the end of the audience, rejoicing



that the Burundian Head of State had, through the ratification of that protocol, reaffirmed the commitment of the Heads of State to reconcile climate and biodiversity in favor of the development of countries. This Protocol document established in 2016 includes 3 commissions dedicated to the fight against the climate change, namely the Climate Commission of the Sahel countries led by the Sa-

hel, the Commission of the island countries led by the island states as well as the Congo Basin Commission led by the Republic of Congo.

Burundi, which had already made the commitment to be part of that Commission in 2017, becomes the 17th member country of that Commission, which aims to accelerate the implementation of the climate transition and the economic transformation of the Congo Basin for the sustainable development of member countries.

The special envoy of the President of the Republic of Congo also carried the message from the Congolese Head of State His Excellency Denis Sassou-Nguesso to his Burundian counterpart His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye congratulating him for his efforts invested in the preservation of the environment and especially in the promotion of agriculture.

ThAT audience was also an opportunity to discuss the fraternal, friendly and cooperative relations that bind the people of Burundi to those of Congo, where they placed particular emphasis on strengthening cooperation in the agricultural sector. **(Presidency)**

Senate: opening of the ordinary parliamentary session of August 2024



On Thursday August 1, 2024, the Burundian Senate proceeded, at its hemicycle in Gitega, to the solemn opening of the ordinary parliamentary session of August 2024. The opening ceremonies were led by the President of the Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera.

In his opening speech, the President of the Senate indicated that during the parliamentary recess, the members of the Senate Bureau made visits to various provinces of the country. They met the population as part of community development projects.

The President of the Senate specified that those trips allowed them to listen to the grievances of their fellow citizens and to raise their awareness of the importance of changing their mentalities, in order to orient their development projects towards the vision of Burundi an emerging country in 2040 and a developed country in 2060.

The members of the Senate Bureau provided a material support to the populations, as a contribution to the construction of public infrastructure in their communities.

During the ordinary parliamentary session of August 2024, the President of the Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera announced that the senators

will analyze behind closed doors, the draft laws sent by the Government of Burundi, including the Draft Law governing Special Economic Zones in Burundi. In his speech, the President of the Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera thanked the President of

the Republic of Burundi, a friend of the youth, for the visits called INKEBUZO that he made throughout the country, to meet the population composed mainly of young people, to give them advice and support them in their development projects. (RTNB)

Bujumbura: information meeting on the missions and achievements of the Climate Commission for the Congo Basin (CCBC) and the F2BC



On Monday July 30, 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock opened in Bujumbura, an information meeting on the missions and achievements of the Climate Commission for the Congo Basin (CCBC). That meeting was attended by the Minister of the Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin of the Republic of Congo Brazzaville Mrs Arlette Soudan Nonautt and Executive Secretary of the Climate Commission of the Congo Basin.

In his opening speech, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Mr Prosper Dodiko indicated that the objective of the latter is to learn about the missions, achievements of the CCBC and the Congo Blue Fund (F2BC) for their visibility in Burundi and to encourage each other to submit the regional projects in the context of climate change.

The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock,

Mr Prosper Dodiko reminded that the CCBC and the F2BC constitute an important initiative, an incredible opportunity and come to help to have clear, innovative ideas in order to realize the ambitions in the environment and climate change sector.

The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock said that Burundi preferred joining the Congo Basin Climate Commission and the Congo Blue Fund in working together with the partner states to safeguard the forests and the environment of the Congo Basin. In 254 projects already submitted by CCBC member countries, there are 15 projects submitted by Burundi. Among those, 3 projects are already pre-selected.

The Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin of the Republic of Congo Brazzaville Mrs Arlette Soudan Nonautt and Executive Secretary of the Congo Basin Climate Commission indicated in her speech that the countries of the Economic Community of Central Africa and the Economic Community of East Africa carry the green economy, the blue economy and are regulators of the global climate.

The Climate Commission for the Congo Basin has 17 countries namely: the Angola, the Burundi, the Cameroon, the Gabon, the Equatorial Guinea, the Kenya, the Morocco, the Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, the Rwanda, the Sao Tome and Principe, the South Sudan, the Tanzania, the Chad and the Zambia. (RTNB)

Gitega: an inter-ministerial workshop to reflect on the new administrative division

On Wednesday July 31, the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security organized, 2024 in Gitega province, an inter-ministerial workshop to reflect on the texts for the operationalization of the law on the new

administrative division. The work of that workshop was opened by the Permanent Secretary in charge of Community Development at the Ministry in charge of the Interior, Mr. Théophile Ndarufatiye



The objective of the workshop was to invite sectoral ministries to bring their sectoral policies into line with decentralization, redistricting and to identify new legal and regulatory texts, to complement those already developed by the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, with a view to supporting the implementation of the new law on administrative division.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security Mr Théophile Ndarufatiye, indicated that the workshop on the operationalization of the law on administrative redistricting will be punctuated by presentations, to put the participants in the bath of the National Decentralization Policy, the reforms already carried out since 2005 and those caused by the two

organic laws: that on administrative redistricting and that on the reorganization of the municipal administration. That workshop is intended to be a strategic meeting by the expected results and for its scope in pursuing the will of the President of the Republic of Burundi, specified Monsieur Théophile Ndarufatiye.

During the various presentations, it was shown that decentralization is already experiencing significant progress. Nevertheless, the challenges are not lacking. Among others, we will mention the problem of human and financial resources management, the lack of expertise or insufficient qualified and competent personnel, the lack of financial and material resources, problems of interaction between the services of the different ministries and the conflict of interest between the general and the individual.

It should be noted that on March 16, 2023, the Government of the Republic of Burundi promulgated the new law determining and delimiting the provinces, communes, localities and / or districts of the Republic of Burundi. That law establishes 5 provinces, 42 communes, 451 zones and 3044 localities and / or districts. As a result, the provinces and communes are reduced while the zones and localities and / or districts are increased. (RTNB)

Continuation and closure of the activities of the Diaspora Week 2024 edition



The Diaspora Week organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation that took place from July 30 to August 1st for Burundians living and working abroad went on with a visit to the IMENA SOMA USUBIRE company located in Kayanza. The visit to this company enabled Burundian Dias-



pora to reflect further on their contribution to the country's development. It was an opportunity to discuss about some facts relating to the country's development as raised in the various presentations of the day. The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako, expressed his delight to have done this

activity, starting by giving thanks to the Almighty God who had watched over the entire delegation throughout the Diaspora Week. He recalled that the development of Burundi is proportional to the united strengths of Burundians living and working abroad, and Burundian entrepreneurs, pushing forward to create the foundation for the country's development by implementing this vision: "The role of the Burundian diaspora in implementing the vision of Burundi as an emerging country in 2024 and a developed country in 2060".

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation thanked all the partners who had financed that activity along with all those who contributed to its success.

The Representative of Burundian Diaspora, Mr. Samuel Ndayiragije, took the floor and thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation for or-

ganizing the Diaspora Week. He invited all the Burundian diaspora to love their home country, to invest in their native provinces and to visit different places of Burundi in order to contribute to the improvement of all sectors, and to be a diaspora with economic rather than political goals, for the achievement of the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

In his closing words, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation invited the Diaspora who are on vacation in Burundi to visit their communes of origin for the celebration of the Communal day, which is celebrated every first Saturday of August, and this year on August 3rd, 2024. The activities were rounded off by an enjoyable meal shared joyously by all the participants. **(MFADC)**

The Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Word Vision provides rabbits to the population of Gitega rural area



On Tuesday July 30, 2024, the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Word Vision, in collaboration with the administration of the Gitega commune, proceeded to the distribution of 1000 rabbits to 390 households and 16 cooperatives in Gitega rural area, in Gitega province.

On that occasion, the Administrator of Gitega commune, Monsieur Jacques Nduwimana thanked the NGO Word Vision for its contribution in the implementation of the country's Development Vision, given that the Government of Burundi has highlighted agriculture and livestock breeding as a lever for socio-economic development. He urged the beneficiaries of the rabbits granted by the NGO Word Vision to take care of them in order to benefit from the advantages offered by rabbit farming, including urine which is a very good fertilizer.

For their part, the beneficiaries of the rabbits granted by the NGO Word Vision also expressed their thanks to the NGO Word Vision and invited the surrounding population to practice rabbit farming on a large scale. According to them, the rabbits multiply quickly and can easily boost the household economy. **(RTNB)**

Gitega Polytechnic University acquires a new research center

On Wednesday July 31, 2024, the Polytechnic University of Gitega, in partnership with the STEM POWER organization, organized the inauguration ceremonies of the STEM-UPG center. That center aims of propeling innovation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics through the supervision of young people.

The inauguration of the STEM-UPG center took place after training students and teachers on the development of embedded systems with Arduino by STEM-POWER, and the presentation of the certificates to the winners of that training.



In his speech, Serukiza Espoir, regional representative of STEM-POWER indicated that the STEM-UPG center inaugurated on 07/31/2024, is an investment in the future of students and in the advancement of research and innovation.

He also said that the STEM-UPG center will play a crucial role in promoting academic excellence, adding that that center will also be a place of exchange,

a hotbed of creativity and discovery, which will encourage the young to engage in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

For his part, the Rector of the Polytechnic University of Gitega Mr Silas Sayumwe expressed his gratitude to the STEM POWER organization for the computers provided and the training provided, a support that will help, according to the Rector, to bridge the gap between theory and practice, by offering the concrete and applicable skills in the real world. He reiterated the commitment of the leaders of that University to exploit those resources optimally, to maximize their impact.

The Rector of the Polytechnic University of Gitega also indicated that the officials of that University will continue to working diligently and ensuring that the computers received as well as the training in embedded systems provided by STEM POWER, are fully beneficial to the students and researchers of that University. (RTNB)

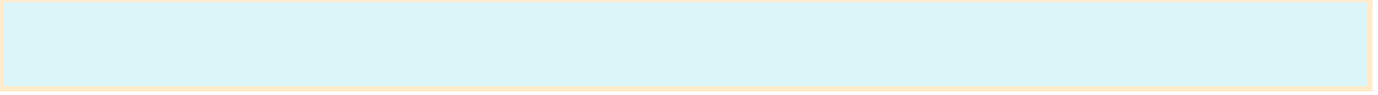
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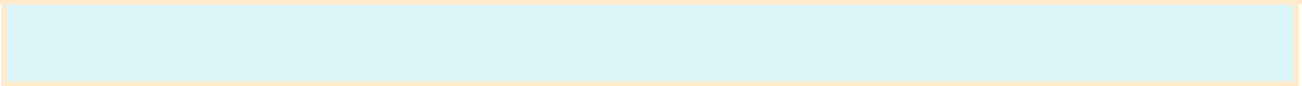
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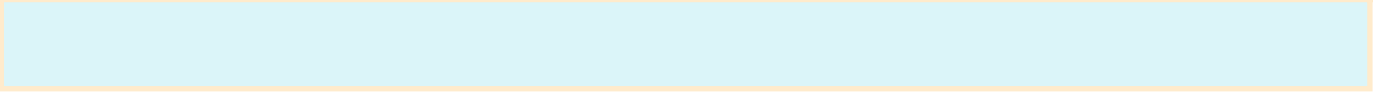


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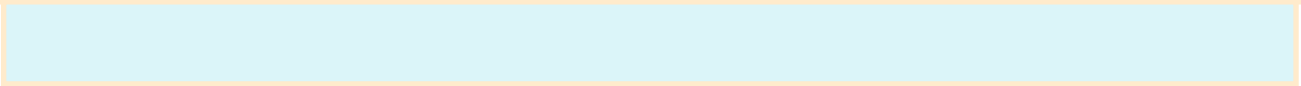
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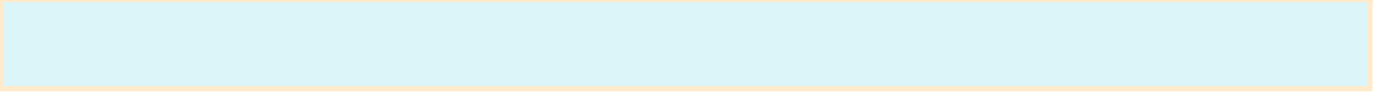


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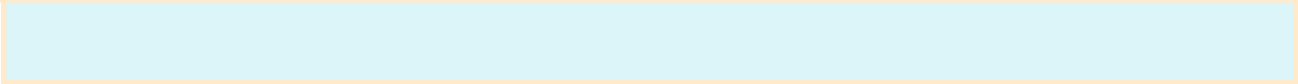
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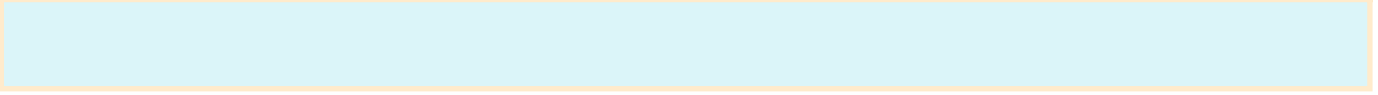


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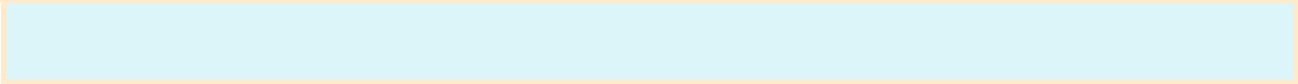
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