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Surrounded by senior officials of the country, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, graced with his presence the final of the competition "Inkingi z'Imbonakazoza", an initiative of the Burundian diaspora aimed at promoting the Vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. The event was held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at Jardin Public de Bujumbura and brought together finalists from all provinces of the country.

"We welcome the efforts of the Head of

State in the reconstruction of the country. This is why as members of the diaspora, we are committed to supporting him," declared the President of the Burundian diaspora, Mr. Samuel Ndayiragije, while recalling that out of 275 participants registered since the competition's launch on July 16, 2025, seventy-five (75) participants received awards during the provincial phases.

During this final, the candidates brilliantly expressed their talents through sketches, artwork, poems, songs, and dances, creatively addressing key

themes such as combatting corruption, environmental protection, social cohesion, and economic development.

At the end of this event, the Burundian Head of State recognized the winners who ranked first in the five competition categories. He granted to each winner a certificate of excellence and a prize of 5 million BIF. Among them was 7-year-old Nickie Lycie Iteka, who excelled in English poetry.

In his address, the Head of State welcomed this mobilization of the diaspora: "I am delighted that Burundians are increasingly taking ownership of this Vision. Its implementation begins with individual commitment." "Everyone must put their talents to increase production and build a thriving future together," the Head of State

said. Like the lion which catches preys itself and eat them fresh, the President of Burundi urged Burundians to excel, turn the page on the past, and move forward, united and determined, toward a better future.

On this occasion, the diaspora presented the Head of State with a certificate of honor for his visionary leadership, his commitment to youth, and his constant efforts to promote inclusion and dialogue, among other qualities.

In recognition of his personal involvement in agro-pastoral activities, His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye also received a symbolic gift consisting of cows and sheep. The five cows offered represent the five continents where members of the Burundian diaspora live, the diaspora explained. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye introduced the new Governor of Gitega



On Thursday, July 31, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, officially introduced the new Governor of

Gitega Province, Mr. Liboire Bigirimana, at Ingoma Stadium in the presence of a big number of people from the former provinces of Gitega, Karusi, Mwaro, and Muramvya.

President Ndayishimiye first clarified the ideas behind the new administrative structure, which will reduce Burundi to five provinces. The overall goal is to ensure

equitable management with a view to sustainable development.

He then called for close collaboration between provincial leaders. He emphasized that security and justice services are crucial pillars of support for the administration, with a view to promoting peace, good governance, and the country's development.

"You will have to do visits the field to see the situation of the citizens and advise with a view to consolidating peace, security and sustainable development in Burundi," the Head of State recommended to the new Governor of Gitega.

While making comparison between the situation at the beginning and the end of their terms, the Head of State took this opportunity to congratulate the former governors of the provinces of Gitega, Karusi, Mwaro, and Muramvya for their work, before wishing them every success in their future roles.

The new Governor of Gitega, Mr. Liboire Bigirimana, warmly thanked the Burundian Head of State for his confidence and guidance in his new mission of representing him effectively. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye takes part in the monthly ecumenical prayer in Gitega



On Thursday, July 31, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, also Chair of the Council of Elders of the CNDD-FDD party, joined the Bagumyabanga of Gitega province in the monthly ecumenical prayer service held at Ecole Paramédicale de Gitega.

In his sermon, inspired by the biblical scripture from Joshua 6:17-19, Pastor Claver Ndayisenga urged the Bagumyabanga, especially the newly elected officials to be guided by the Spirit of God, serve the nation with sincerity, and adopt a robust and respon-

sible management of public affairs. The Head of State focused his message on the theme: "Let us sanctify ourselves and avoid the curse linked to the appropriation of public affairs", and took the opportunity to call on the new leaders to conscience awareness, to remain attentive to the needs of the population and to draw inspiration from biblical teachings to efficiently serve the Nation.

The Secretary General of CNDD-FDD party, Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo, for his part, welcomed the smooth running of the July elections and thanked the Almighty for His grace.

He also urged party members to actively contribute to the country's development through local initiatives, beginning with strengthening families, the true pillars of national prosperity.

The prayer service was marked by moments of praise and worship, led by various choirs, immersing participants in an atmosphere of deep gratitude to God. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye receives in audience two new Ambassadors accredited to Burundi



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye, received in audience on Friday, August 1, 2025, at the Presidential Palace in Gitega, two new

Ambassadors who came to present their credentials, marking the strengthening of Burundi's diplomatic cooperation with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Côte d'Ivoire.

The first audience was granted to Ms. Alison Heather Thorpe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Burundi, with residence in Kigali. On this occasion, the British diplomat reaffirmed her country's commitment to supporting Burundi in its development efforts, with a particular emphasis on cooperation in the areas of trade, climate change, and agriculture.

President Ndayishimiye then received Mr. François Xavier Zabavy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to Burundi,



with residence in Kinshasa. The discussions focused on the prospects for strengthening bilateral relations be-

tween Bujumbura and Abidjan, as well as the intensification of South-South cooperation.

The two Ambassadors took the opportunity to congratulate the Head of State on his appointment as African Union's Special Envoy for the Sahel region, praising his commitment to peace and stability on the continent.

They also expressed their satisfaction with the smooth conduct of the elections, organized in a peaceful and democratic environment, a sign of the country's political and institutional maturity. **(Presidency)**

Diaspora Week 2025: Towards Greater Mobilization for Burundi's Development



Diaspora Week 2025 was officially launched by the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye on July 29 in Bujumbura. During a moralization session dedicated to members of the diaspora, the Head of State emphasized the vital importance of this community in the country's development. He particularly called on Burundian intellectuals, inviting them to break with certain mindsets inherited from the past, to actively engage in work, to increase their productivity, and to put their talents at the service of the nation.

As part of this effort to strengthen ties between Burundi and its diaspora, the President announced the upcoming creation of a special service within the Presidency that will be entirely dedicated to issues related to the diaspora. He also mentioned the upcoming establishment of an Agency to fight against Corruption and Embezzlement, emphasizing that these scourges are seriously hampering the country's economic growth. For him, Burundi's development inevitably requires national



unity and exemplary governance.

The afternoon of July 29 was marked by a series of presentations illustrating the growing involvement of the diaspora in development efforts. Among them, the presentation by Fablice Manirakiza, representative of the company Ubaka Nation, attracted attention. He presented the progress of the project to rebuild the Central Market of Bujumbura, noting that the imminent signing of the construction contract will mark the start of work.

Mrs. Jeanine Niyonkuru, Director General of Planning at the Ministry of Finance, then discussed the essential role that the diaspora plays in the implementation of the country's economic policies. Her presentation provided a better understanding of how the contributions of Burundians abroad fit into the country's overall national strategy.

On July 30, discussions continued with, among others, a presentation by Ambassador Salomé Ndayisaba, Director of Diaspora Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and



Development Cooperation. She presented an overview of the national policy on the diaspora, emphasizing the need to build trust, strengthen unity and cohesion, and better leverage financial transfers. To this end, she stressed the importance of establishing

effective mechanisms for tracking and channeling funds sent by Burundians living abroad.

The economic contribution of the diaspora was also highlighted by Mr. George Ntangorane, Director of Studies at the Bank of the Republic of Burundi. He revealed that personal transfers, mostly from the diaspora, accounted for 2.57% of GDP in 2023, with the ambition of increasing this to 5% in 2040 and then to 10% in 2060, in line with the objectives of Vision Burundi 2060. According to him, this increase in financial flows strengthens the capacity of commercial banks to support investment and growth.

Finally, the issue of social cohesion within the diaspora was addressed by Professor Athanase Bakunda, supported by Mr. Gabriel Rufyiri. Their presentations highlighted the key role of this cohesion in the success of joint initiatives, whether in terms of skills transfer, investment, or solidarity actions. They emphasized that this unity gives greater legitimacy to the actions of the diaspora, both in the eyes of the Burundian authorities and international partners. **(MFADC)**

A vital alliance: three weeks of hope between Tanzania and Burundi



On Thursday, July 31, 2025, an exceptional medical mission concluded in Bujumbura as part of a healthcare campaign led by a team of doctors from Tanzania, after three weeks of intense activities in Bujumbura and Gitega. The closing ceremony was held at the Prince Regent Charles Hospital in the presence of the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Ms. Angeline Ndayishimiye.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr. Olivier Nijim-

bere, welcomed the initiative as being in perfect harmony with the 2023–2027 National Health Strategy. He highlighted a model of bilateral cooperation based on skills transfer and capacity building.

According to Tanzanian Ambassador Gelasius Gaspar Byakanwa, the team dispatched by the Tanzanian President, from the Benjamin William Mkapa Hospital, treated 2,897 patients. Among them, several complex cases require treatment abroad. Thirty-two (2) children suffering from serious heart conditions will be transferred to Tanzania for specialized care. In addition, 67 patients require advanced surgical interventions.

The Embassy of Tanzania also announced master's scholarships to Burundian doctors who will specialize at the University of Dodoma. This initiative is intended to strengthen the Burundian healthcare system in the long term.

The First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Madam Angéline

Ndayishimiye, expressed her deep gratitude to the Tanzanian doctors and encouraged Burundian practitioners to share the skills they have acquired. She reiterated the importance of healthcare for sustainable

development and quoted the President's words: "It is forbidden to release a good that one that has already seized." (RTNB)

Opening of the first parliamentary session for 2025-2030 term



The first parliamentary session for the 2025-2030 term was held on Monday, July 28, 2025, in the Kigobe Hemicycle and was chaired by the eldest Member of Parliament, the Honorable Mr. Joachim Barutwanayo, elected in the Gitega constitu-

ency as stipulated in Article 175 of the Constitution.

The session was mainly dedicated to putting in place the rules of procedure and the National Assembly Bureau for a five years term, we learned on the spot.

During this first parliamentary session, the Honorable Mr. Joachim Barutwanayo established a committee of seven (7) people to analyze and amend the rules of procedure. It should be noted that almost all of the one hundred and eleven (111) members of parliament elected on June 5, 2025, across the country attended the session. It is also worth noting that the President of the Constitutional Court and the President of the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) also attended to that first parliamentary session. (ABP)

Adoption of the draft rules of procedure by the National Assembly for the 2025-2030 legislature



The National Assembly of Burundi unanimously adopted draft rules of procedure that will govern parliamentarians for the 2025-2030 legislature during a plenary session held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, in the Kigobe Hemicycle.

After hearing the report by the Chair of the ad hoc committee set up during the first plenary session of parliamentarians to formulate amendments on rules of procedure, the National Assembly adopted this file by a majority of 110 members of parliament, meaning no one was absent during the session.

Various amendments, including the creation of a human rights commission within the National Assembly, were discussed during the plenary session. The session was chaired by the oldest parliamentarian, Honorable Mr. Joachim Barutwanayo pending the election of the new Bureau. (ABP)

Establishment of the new Bureau of the National Assembly for the 2025-2030 legislature

Under the leadership of the oldest member, the Honorable Mr. Joachim Barutwanayo, the National Assembly met on Thursday,

July 31, 2025, in the Kigobe Hemicycle, to establish its new bureau for the 2025-2030 legislature. Thus, MP Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe was elected President of the Nation-



al Assembly for the 2025-2030 legislature, with the election of 109 out of 111 members of the parliament, or 98.1% of the vote.

For the position of First Vice-President of the National Assembly, MP Fabrice Nkurunziza was elect-

ed, with 99.1% of the vote. As for the position of Second Vice-President of the National Assembly, the deputies voted for Mrs. Boussessia Nkezimana with 100% of the votes.

In his speech, the President of the National Assembly, MP Mr. Daniel Gélase Ndirabirabe first thanked Almighty God for the smooth running of the electoral process. He then praised the dynamism of the MP who was responsible for the preparatory work related to the development of the rules of procedure and the organization of the elections of the new bureau. He therefore urged the MPs to continue their studies, to strengthen their language skills, particularly in English, and to train themselves on the use of IT tools. "There will be no more documents on paper; everything will be done on computers," the President of the National Assembly warned. (ABP)

Notes exchange between the Government of Burundi and the Government of Japan for Food Aid and Medical Equipment Donation



On Thursday, July 31, 2025, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro and His Excellency Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Isao FUKUSHIMA, signed a note exchange between the Government of Burundi and the Government of Japan for a food donation and a donation of medical equipment granted by the Government of Japan to the Republic of Burundi.

In his speech, Ambassador Isao FUKUSHIMA informed that the first note exchange is about the



Food Assistance Program, valued at approximately BIF 3 billion, referencing the food assistance agreement signed in London on April 25, 2012. He stated that this project aims to support the Burundian government by providing wheat to address food insecurity, as the self-sufficiency rate is around 50%, which is not enough to meet the needs of a constantly growing population.

The second note exchange focused on the donation of medical equipment, amounting to approximately BIF 8 billion, and this project is intended for Prince Regent Charles Hospital. Ambassador Isao FUKUSHIMA em-

phasized that Prince Regent Charles Hospital has been a tertiary referral hospital and has opened its doors to residents of surrounding neighborhoods lacking access to referral services. He added that he was deeply moved by the difficulties faced by patients who could not receive adequate care, and that this donation of high-quality Japanese medical equipment would significantly improve care and ensure dignified treatment for patients. He also highlighted that Japan rehabilitat-



ed the maternity ward of the hospital last year, allowing more than 5,000 mothers per year to receive adequate postnatal care.

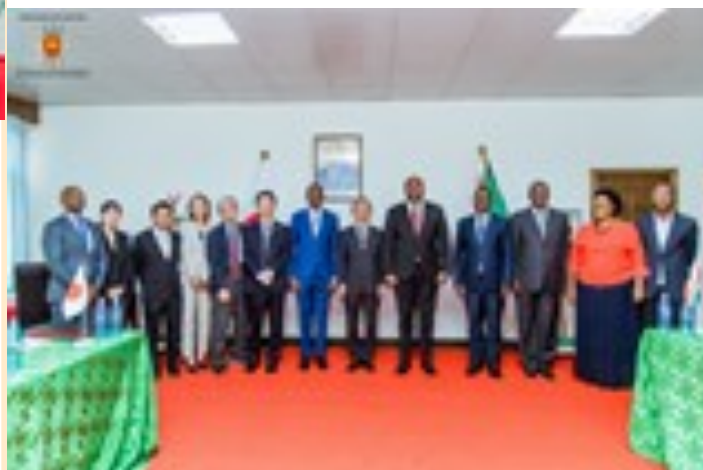
The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro, expressed his deep gratitude on behalf of the Government of Burundi to the Government of Japan for the solemn signing of notes, the "Japanese Rice Donation KR 2025," valued at 150 million Japanese Yen, equivalent to nearly one million US dollars, and the donation of medical equipment" valued at 400 million Japanese Yen, approximately 2.6 million US dollars offered by the Government of Japan.

In fact, this food donation provided in the form of rice, is sold on the local market. The revenue generated are used to finance development projects, supporting the Government of Burundi's vision of making the country an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

The Minister also praised the diplomatic relations between Japan and Burundi, which have happily existed since 1963 and were strengthened on June 16, 2006.

He added that since that year, Japan, through its Embassy in Burundi and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has significantly contributed to the economic and social development of our country while respecting the principle of national ownership. The Minister thanked the Japanese Government for these funds and specified that a portion of the counterpart funds resulting from the sale of various Japanese donations remains temporarily unused in specific accounts at the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB), awaiting projects that comply with the contractual clauses of the cooperation.

He reminded that the Government of Burundi is committed to making greater efforts to ensure that the projects they have just signed and those currently underway are a total success, similar to previous programs, while observing



certain key principles of development cooperation. In concluding his remarks, the Minister requested, on behalf of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, to kindly convey to the competent Japanese authorities the recognition of the Government and the People of Burundi for the constant, multifaceted, and multidimensional support from the Government of Japan, and to reaffirm Burundi's active participation in the ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD-9) in Yokohama, Japan. **(MFADC)**

Successful conclusion of the 2025 Diaspora Week: Focus on National Development



The final day of the Diaspora Week was marked by an excursion for members of the Burundian Diaspora to discover some of their concrete achievements. At the Tanganyika Care Polyclinic, they were able to witness significant improvements in healthcare, with quality services, modern equipment, and qualified staff. The facility currently employs over 500 people and has 200 beds, symbolizing a major social investment. The visit continued at the construction site of a housing project initiated by Mr. Fablice Manirakiza, a member of the Diaspora, through his company Ubaka Nation. This project has already led to the construction of 200 houses, 90% of which have been purchased by members of the Diaspora, demonstrating their willingness to actively participate in the country's real estate development.

The day also provided an opportunity to present the recommendations arising from the various discussions and panels held throughout the week. These suggestions highlight the importance of involving the Diaspora more in the efforts to digitize public services, to add value to natural resources, modernize infrastructure, and combat corruption.

They also emphasized on the need to strengthen national unity by overcoming ethnic and political divides, promote tax civism, improve communication between diplomatic missions and the Diaspora, and to more coherently structure the Diaspora to better harness its potential.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Sylvie Manirerekana, Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and De-



velopment Cooperation, warmly thanked the members of the Diaspora for their constant commitment and active participation in this edition. He encouraged them to



remain mobilized around national priorities.

For his part, Mr. Samuel Ndayiragije, President of the Burundian Diaspora, urged his compatriots living abroad to translate their attachment to their homeland into tangible actions, thus contributing to the achievement of the Burundi 2040–2060 vision.

Under the theme "Abarundi bakorera mu mahanga tuje ku kivi mu gushira mu ngiro imbonakazozo y'Uburundi bwifashe muri 2040, n'Uburundi buteye imbere muri 2060" (Burundian Diaspora, let us act to implement the Vision: Burundi as an emerging country by 2040, a developed country by 2060), this ninth edition took place in a serene atmosphere, filled with responsibility and optimism. It confirms that the Burundian Diaspora is no longer content to follow the country's evolution from

abroad but is becoming a true driving force, ready to play a key role in building a prosperous, united, and

forward-looking Burundi. (MFADC)

Back to school: the Government is mobilizing for a smooth return to school



On Monday, July 28, 2025, the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, Mr. François Havyarimana, visited the Procurement and Heritage Department. The objective of this visit was to assess the logistical readiness to ensure a smooth start to the 2025-2026 school year.

"As you can see, the stock is well supplied. We have everything we need to start the school year" the Minister stated. Among the available equipment: 6,000 mattresses for boarding schools, more than 10,000 boxes

of chalk already in stock and other 12,000 boxes on the way, and utensils for school kitchens.

The Minister emphasized that this supply is part of a policy to revive boarding schools. In addition to mattresses, beds and blankets will be distributed, and new boarding schools will open their doors. One issue: the lack of textbooks for sixth grade, linked to the new curriculum. Their acquisition is being made possible thanks to World Bank financing as part of the Human Capital Development Project, launched in March 2025, and discussions are underway to accelerate delivery.

The official start date has not yet been set. It depends on several factors such as the correction of appeals to the national examination, student orientation, etc. However, it is still scheduled for around September 15, 2025, as in previous years. The Minister commented on schools which limit enrollment to a single day. "Every child has the right to education. One day is not enough," the Minister said. He called on school principals to offer more flexibility to allow all children to be registered on time. (RTNB)

Ceremony of shipping the first batch of Burundi coffee seeds to China



The ceremony for the shipment of the first coffee bean batch from Burundi intended to China took place on Thursday, July 31, 2025, in Bujumbura, in the presence of the Ambassador of China to Burundi, Ms. Zhao Jiangping and Burundian au-

thorities. Among the Burundian authorities who were present at this ceremony were the Head of the Office of Strategic Studies and Development at the Presidency of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Alain Ndikumana, the Director General of Planning at the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Mr. Emmanuel Niyungeko, as well as the Director General of the Office for the Development of Coffee of Burundi (ODECA), Eng. Oscar Uwikunda.

In his speech, Mr. Emmanuel NDORIMANA, emphasized that this moment symbolizes not only a major step in the development of Burundi's coffee sector, but also a new chapter in the strengthening of Sino-Burundian cooperation in general and economic and trade relations between Burundi and China in particular. "Burundian coffee, as you know, is much more than just a crop for Burundi. It repre-

sents an essential source of foreign currency, a vital activity for many rural households. It is also, above all, the fruit of the hard work of several Burundian coffee growers who, day after day, cultivate our fertile land with passion and dedication. With a significant contribution to national exports, coffee is a pillar of our vision to make agriculture the engine of economic growth and the fight against poverty," he said.

The representative of the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock expressed his deep gratitude to the Chinese Embassy in Burundi for its valuable support in facilitating this partnership between Burundi and CHICO (China Henan International Cooperation Group), which will export this green coffee from Burundi. He also thanked CHICO,



which, through this commitment, demonstrates a clear desire to strengthen Sino-Burundian economic relations while contributing to the development of local culture.

The Ambassador of China to Burundi, Ms. Zhao

Jiangping, recalled that in September 2024 when the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, participated in the China-Africa Cooperation Forum summit, the two governments signed the phytosanitary requirements protocol for the export of Burundian coffee beans to China.

Chinese Ambassador to Burundi, Ms. Zhao Jiangping said to the technical meeting that Burundian coffee's entry into the Chinese market is increased, offering Burundian recipients an opportunity to enter a vast, dynamic, and growing market. Ms. Zhao Jiangping also noted that in November 2024, during the Shanghai International Export Expo, Chinese visitors were fascinated by Burundian coffee, particularly for its high quality, refined aroma, and unique flavor.

According to this Chinese diplomat, this recognition by the Chinese market is not a coincidence, but the result of the passion, hard work, and expertise of the relevant departments of both countries. "This ceremony marked the direct coffee trade between the two countries. This is also the very first batch of Burundian products to benefit from 100% zero tariff treatment for products exported to China," she added.

During the interview, the Director General of ODECA, Mr. Oscar Uwikunda, stated that 38 tons of green coffee were shipped from Burundi to China. According to him, this is an advantage for Burundi, given that it has just benefited from a new customer because more than 50% of Burundian coffee is sold on the European market. (ABP)

Agricultural insurance for sustainable production and accelerated financial inclusion

As part of the 4th edition of Insurance Week in Burundi, held from July 28 to August 2, 2025, in Bujumbura, the Secretary General of the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Agency (ARCA), Mr. Joseph Butore, and the President of the Association of Insurers of Burundi (ASSUR), Mr. Renovat Gahungu, hosted a press conference on Monday, July 28, 2025, to unveil the challenges for this year.

Themed "Agricultural Insurance: Opportunities and Challenges," this edition highlights a key sector of the Burundian economy.

The Secretary General of ARCA emphasized that agriculture and livestock farming, practiced by a majority of the population, are essential driving forces for national development. "Agricultural insurance is a strategic tool to ensure ongoing production, protect farmers against climate risks, and accelerate financial inclusion," he



explained.

The ARCA Secretary General identified several opportunities for the success of this insurance product: government commitment, growing interest from insurance companies and financial institutions, and the socio-economic importance of the agricultural sector. However, he acknowledged that implementation requires synergy between all stakeholders. "It is not an easy task,

but with strengthened collaboration, we can achieve it," he said. For his part, Rénovat Gahungu, President of ASSUR, Mr. Rénovat Gahungu, reiterated that "Africa's development will depend on agribusiness." He emphasized the role of insurance in protecting people, property, and economic activities, highlighting its importance in securing agricultural investments.

According to ARCA Secretary General Joseph Butore, activities planned this week include panel discussions on agricultural insurance issues and demonstrations on the digitalization of insurance services. These innovations aim to improve the accessibility and efficiency of insurance products, he said. First held in 2021, Insurance Week in Burundi has become an essential annual event to promote insurance culture. (RTNB)

Validation of the Final Results of the Senatorial Elections held on July 23, 2025



The Constitutional Court of Burundi validated, on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, the final results of the senatorial elections held on July 23, 2025. The President of the Constitutional Court, Mr. Valentin Bagorikunda confirmed the regularity of the election after being petitioned by the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI). He specified that the list of thirteen (13) senators announced by the CENI was confirmed.

Based on Article 142 of the Electoral Code, the Senate is composed of two delegates from each province,

elected by an electoral college composed of members of the municipal councils of the province in question, from different ethnic communities and elected during separate elections, conducted on the basis of candidatures presented by political parties, coalitions of political parties or independently; and three members of the Twa ethnic group co-opted by the CENI and from different provinces. For him, the ten elected senators are all from the CNDD-FDD party who are five women and five men. The three co-opted Twa senators are composed of two men and one woman.

For the 2025-2030 legislature, the Senate is therefore composed of 13 people as noted by the President of the Constitutional Court. He listed the names of the senators elected and co-opted by province. These are Mr. Gervais Ndirakobuca (Hutu man) and Mrs. Léocadie Ndacayisaba (Tutsi woman) representing the province of Bujumbura; Sabine Ntakarutimana (Hutu woman) and Cyriaque Nshimirimana (Tutsi man) representing the province of Buhumuza; as well as Mr. Révérien Ndikuriyo (Hutu man) and Mrs. Clotilde Kampimbare (Tutsi woman) from the province of Burunga. They are also Mrs. Joséphine Nyiraneza (Hutu woman) and Mr. Berchmans Nzoyihaya (Tutsi man) from the province of Butanyerera; Ms. Généroise Ngendanganya (Hutu woman) and Mr. Ferdinand

Ndayisavye (Tutsi man) representing Gitega province; Mr. Jean-Baptiste Baranyizigiye (Twa man), co-opted from Buhumuza province and member of the UNIPROBA association; Mr. Léonard Habimana (Twa man), co-opted from Butanyerera province and member of the ADRESEPAL association; and Ms. Imelde Sabushimike (Twa woman), co-opted

from Gitega province and member of the IPREBAD association.

The President of the Constitutional Court also specified that the new Senate legislature will take office on August 2, 2025, for a 5-year term. **(ABP)**

One step closer to equity: the state budget must be a tool for inclusion



der approach becomes a powerful tool for transforming society and reducing inequalities," she stated.

For her part, the Vice-President of the Collective of Women's Associations and NGOs (CAFOB), Ms. Liliane Nijimbere, highlighted the strategic role of this approach. She emphasized

A unique two-day workshop on gender-responsive budgeting was held in Gitega, the political capital of Burundi, on Tuesday, July 29, 2025. This workshop brought together women's organizations and civil society actors. The objective of this workshop was to provide participants with concrete tools to make public budgets more equitable and ensure real equality of opportunity.

In her opening address, the President of the National Women's Forum, Ms. Emérance Bucumi, welcomed the collective commitment of the participants and partners. She recalled that gender inequality remains a major obstacle to progress and insisted on the need to strengthen the technical capacities of local stakeholders. "A budget designed with a gen-

der approach becomes a powerful tool for transforming society and reducing inequalities," she stated.

Taking the floor, UN Women delegate Willy Ndayishimiye reiterated the urgent need for action. He suggested that despite significant institutional progress, only 0.9% of the national budget is currently dedicated to promoting gender equality. He called for a thorough review of budgetary priorities and reiterated UN Women's commitment to supporting the efforts of the government and civil society. This workshop is therefore intended to be a starting for establishing a network of committed actors, capable of influencing budgetary planning to make it an instrument of empowerment and equality. **(RTNB)**

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