



Burundi's Head of State meets representatives of diplomatic missions accredited to Burundi



On February 27, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, met representatives of diplomatic missions accredited to Burundi at Gitega Palace to discuss the situation in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

The Burundian Head of State reiterated Burundi's commitment to peace and

security, but supported enhanced international cooperation to guarantee a peaceful and prosperous future for all the peoples of the region. "I would like to take this opportunity to reassure the diplomats who are calling on their nationals to return home in the wake of the war ravaging eastern DRC, creating panic among our population. Burundi is a peaceful country ready to protect its

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population and foreigners residing in Burundi”, stressed Burundi’s Number One.

The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, briefed the diplomats on the five-point peace plan for the DRC, namely international mobilization to avoid escalation of the conflict, withdrawal of foreign forces and dismantling of armed groups, the integration of the M23 into the inter-Congolese peace process, an immediate and unconditional ceasefire, the strengthening of regional and inter-

national mechanisms, notably the African Union Peace and Security Council, and the operationalization of the African force to respond effectively to its own crises.

The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, began by recalling the history of this conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo, before emphasizing that Burundi is part of the solution, not part of the conflict, and that it is working towards the success of the “Silencing the Guns in Africa by 2030” program. **(Presidency)**

The First Lady of Burundi H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye and Maryam Mwinyi, First Lady of Zanzibar, jointly launch the “We Are Equal” campaign in Zanzibar



The First Lady of Burundi, H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye, paid an official visit to Zanzibar, in the United Republic of Tanzania, from February 26 to 28, 2025. During her stay, she met with the First Lady of Zanzibar, Her Excellency Maryam Mwinyi, to strengthen ties between their respective nations. Discussions focused on the “We Are Equal” campaign, an initiative launched by the Organization of African First Ladies for Development, to which they belong.

This meeting symbolizes exemplary cooperation, illustrating the friendship and mutual respect that exist between Burundi and Zanzibar. Both First Ladies are committed to promoting initiatives that will benefit their communities.

On February 28, 2025, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye

took part in the official launch of the “We Are Equal” campaign in Zanzibar, which began with a 5 km walk in support of the local Afia Bora Maisha Bora initiative, initiated by Her Excellency Maryam Mwinyi. The march brought together many citizens of Zanzibar, demonstrating the importance of public health.

The First Ladies of Kenya, Burundi and Zanzibar also took part in physical exercises to raise awareness of the need for health care for all. During the day, they visited stands highlighting the achievements of the Maisha Bora Foundation, headed by Madame Maryam Mwinyi, which regularly organizes medical camps to provide free care to local populations.

During the ceremony, the First Lady of Zanzibar expressed her gratitude to all participants, while reaffirming that health and education remain her priorities for building a bright future. For her part, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye expressed her satisfaction at joining this initiative, calling on participants to move forward together, stressing the importance of unity and collaboration, regardless of gender.

A visit to Zanzibar’s Southern Province Hospital also marked their activities, where the First Ladies distributed donations to patients in support of those receiving medical care. This action further highlighted the First Ladies’ commitment and solidarity with local communities. **(Presidency)**

Burundi's First Lady raises young people's awareness of health and risk prevention in schools

On Monday February 24, 2025, the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, honored with her presence the awareness cam-

paign for young people and adolescents in schools that she organized at the “Socle du savoir” school, located on Matongo hill in Mwaro province. This initiative, which



brought together pupils from five nearby schools, was based on the theme of "Zero pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, Vaccination, Mpox and better nutrition".

In her speech, the First Lady of Burundi warned against early and unwanted pregnancies, stressing that they compromise the future of young girls and deeply affect families. She also alerted young people to the dangers of early marriage, which exposes teenage girls to health complications such as obstetric fistula.

On the subject of health prevention, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye emphasized measures to fight against Mpox, recommending that young people avoid contact with infected people, wash their hands regularly and be careful around animals carrying the virus. With regard to HIV/AIDS, she recalled the dangers of this disease and the importance of screening for effective treatment.
Burundi's First Lady H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye

urged young people to avoid drug abuse and sexual vagrancy, highlighting the risks to their health and future. She also encouraged a balanced diet, essential for the harmonious development of body and mind.

During the awareness campaign, three young people shared their personal experiences of drug abuse, unwanted pregnancy and HIV/AIDS.

Their message was clear: "it's essential to avoid these risky behaviors for a better future", they insisted. François Havyarimana, Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, welcomed the initiative, urging the students to listen carefully to what was being taught.

For her part, Madam Brigitte Ndelema, who represented the World Health Organization in Burundi at the event, reaffirmed the organization's support for the government's efforts to improve the health of young people and the population.

At the end of the event, the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Mrs Angeline Ndayishimiye, presented balloons and jerseys to pupils from the five schools present, a symbolic gesture to encourage young people to adopt a healthy and disciplined lifestyle.

This awareness campaign illustrates the First Lady of Burundi's commitment to the well-being of young people, encouraging them to build a promising future through education, prevention and discipline. **(RTNB)**

Burundi's First Lady receives Saudi delegation



On February 25, 2025, the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Madame Angeline Ndayishimiye, welcomed a Saudi delegation headed by the Saudi Ambassador to Burundi, Mr.

Yahya Okesh, to OPDD headquarters in Bujumbura. Although based in Tanzania, Mr. Okesh represented the King Salman Ibn Abdelaziz Al-Saoud Foundation, which presented a large donation of dates to Burundi's Muslim community.

During the meeting, the First Lady of Burundi gratefully received the dates donated by the King of Saudi Arabia Foundation, which she then handed over to Burundi's Muslim community in anticipation of the holy month of Ramadan. She expressed her wish that the dates would not only contribute to the nutrition of Muslims during this important month, but also help prevent illnesses linked to an unbalanced diet.

In addition to this food gesture, Burundi's First Lady

H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye announced that the Saudi delegation was also committed to supporting the Umugiraneza Foundation, which works to care for children suffering from heart disease. This is invaluable support for the foundation, which contributes to the well-being of Burundi's most vulnerable children.

She expressed her sincere thanks to King Salmane Ibn Abdelaziz Al-Saoud for this generous donation, underlining the importance of this gesture in strengthening

the bonds of friendship between the two countries. She also expressed the hope that the King's Foundation would continue to carry out such benevolent actions on behalf of people in difficulty.

This humanitarian gesture strengthens the bilateral cooperation between Burundi and Saudi Arabia, testifying to the commitment of both nations to work together for the well-being of local communities, particularly in the fields of health and nutrition. (RTNB)

Preparatory retreat to launch the activities of the joint consultative committee between the Government of Burundi and development partners



On Friday February 28, 2025, the Government of Burundi organized a strategic retreat for development partners to prepare for the launch of the activities of the Joint Coordination Committee (CCC) as part of the operationalization of the National Strategy for Development Cooperation (SNCD) at Kiriri Garden Hotel.

The retreat was co-chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro, in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Interministerial National Steering Committee for the National Development Cooperation Strategy, and by the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System, Madam Violet KAKYOMYA. Other participants in the retreat included the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines, the Minister of Justice, and senior government officials from the Presidency of the Republic of Burundi, including those from the Strategic Studies and Development Office (BESD). Other ministries represented included the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, the Ministry of National Solidarity, the

Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Human Rights and Gender, and a number of ambassadors from the European Union, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, China and Switzerland.

In his speech, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro, spoke about the importance of the retreat, which serves as a reference framework for development cooperation and is in line with the revised National Development Plan, and, more generally, with the vision of "Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060", more precisely in its fifth pillar dedicated to fruitful partnership. He did not forget to mention the new administrative division, he announced that the number of provinces had been reduced from 18 to 5, while the number of communes had been reduced from 118 to 42.

Following the speech by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, the first presentation was made by Ambassador Gaudence Sindayigaya, Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations. He spoke about the National Strategy for Development Cooperation (SNCD) 2023-2027, a dynamic, high-performance cooperation system.

The second presentation was given by Liliane Cishahayo, representative of the Strategic Studies and Development Office (BESD). She spoke about the Project and Program Monitoring System Supported by Development Partners (SYSPAP), a new centralized, coherent and digitalized system providing real-time information on development cooperation.

The Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, in his turn, spoke about the re-

vised National Development Plan 2018-2027 and its Priority Action Plan 2023-2027, in line with the vision of “Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and developed by 2060”, while the representative of the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Safety spoke of the new administrative division.

In her speech, the European Union Ambassador to Burundi, Madam Wolfram, welcomed the organization of the retreat, pointing out that international cooperation consultations promote the efficient management of strategic resources. She also congratulated the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, the government authorities, the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations system, the ministers and government representatives for the success of the meeting.

The activities of the retreat were characterized by intense and fruitful discussions on various important themes, with a view to operationalizing the Development Cooperation Strategy and taking the first steps towards realizing the Vision of Burundi as an emerg-

ing country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

Before closing the retreat, a number of recommendations were made. These included strengthening the consultation mechanisms provided for in the national development strategy (SNCD), reinforcing the tools or information systems for partner commitments, including the Project and Program Monitoring System Supported by Development Partners (SYSPAP), to improve synergy and coherence between interventions and their impact, the effective operationalization of sectoral and consultation groups to strengthen sectoral dialogue, the reinforcement of cooperation units at ministry level, the strengthening of the role of and collaboration with decentralized and deconcentrated entities.

In closing, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro, thanked the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System and all her teams for all the arrangements that had been made to make this event possible, enjoyable and fruitful, and to all those who, from near and far, had made their invaluable contribution to this work. (MFADC)

Inauguration of Justice Radio “Ijwi ry’Ubutungane”



On Monday February 24, 2025, the Ministry of Justice and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) officially inaugurated Justice Radio “Ijwi ry’Ubutungane” in Bujumbura town hall. This new radio station aims to improve access to judicial information and raise awareness among the population of their rights and duties.

Justice Radio “Ijwi ry’Ubutungane” broadcasts on two separate frequencies: 92.3 MHz for Bujumbura and the surrounding area, and 104.4 MHz for western and central Burundi. This is a pilot phase which

could be extended to the whole country in the future. At the inauguration, the Minister of Justice, Madame Domine Banyankimbona, underlined the importance of this initiative, which meets a pressing need among the population for legal information and guidance.

The Director of Justice Radio, Mr Alexis Nzambimana, explained that the radio's main mission is to inform, train and guide the population in matters of justice. The radio station will broadcast daily from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., offering a variety of programs focusing on access to judicial services, human rights and best practices in justice.

The UNDP Resident Representative in Burundi, Mathieu Ciowela, highlighted the unique nature of this radio station, the first in Burundi to be dedicated exclusively to justice and human rights. He stressed that this initiative marks a significant step forward in improving access to judicial services and promoting the rule of law.

Thanks to this radio station, Burundian citizens will be able to benefit from a better understanding of judicial mechanisms and the remedies available. The aim is to

promote a justice system that is more accessible, more transparent and closer to the concerns of the population.

The inauguration of Justice Radio "Ijwi ry'Ubutungane" thus represents a major step forward for Burundi, facilitating access to legal information and boosting citizens' confidence in the country's judicial system. (RTNB)

Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning prepares for budget discussions



On Monday, February 24, 2025, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, held a meeting at Bujumbura Town Hall with experts from the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, to prepare for the 2025-2026 budget discussions with sector ministries and constitutional institutions.

In his speech, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Eco-

nomical Planning, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, indicated that this meeting was organized to help the experts understand how they selected the activities planned within the ministries and institutions, according to their relevance and effectiveness, so that there would be direct impacts on the lives of the population.

At the meeting, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning announced that budget discussions between the sub-commissions and budget discussion committees set up by the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing and the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Safety began on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

According to the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, the other ministries and constitutional institutions followed on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

He stressed that the purpose of these budget discussions is to see what these institutions have actually planned, and to analyze the relevance of the activities in terms of their contribution to achieving the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. (RTNB)

Burundi and Chad sign a cooperation agreement



On Tuesday February 25, 2025, Burundi's Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism, Mrs Marie Chantal Nijimbere, and Chad's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr

GUIBOLOFANGA Mathieu, signed a trade exchange agreement.

The ministers announced that the signing is a follow up to exchanges between the President of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, and the President of Chad, Mr Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno, during the latter's visit to Burundi on the occasion of the 62nd anniversary of Burundi's independence. The two leaders expressed their desire to strengthen bilateral cooperation, particularly in the fields of trade and investment. They specified that this agreement aims to give concrete expression to these commitments by facilitating trade between Burundi and Chad.

The Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism, Madame Marie Chantal Nijimbere, announced that the agreement was beneficial for both countries, as they share common trade interests and are all members of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Thanks to this partnership, Burundi will be able to export products such as tea, coffee and corn to Chad, and Chad will also be able to export its own products to the Burundian market.

She encouraged Burundian economic operators to

increase their production, stressing that this agreement presents an opportunity to boost exports. She recalled the Government's commitment to facilitating the establishment of trade agreements for entrepreneurs, and called on them to work harder to increase the export rate.

After signing the agreement, the Chadian delegation visited a tea processing factory and tea plantations in Rwegura, Kayanza province. The visit gave the Chadian representatives an insight into how tea, one of the country's flagship exports, is processed. **(RTNB)**

Burundi: Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism visits Youth with a Mission site



On Wednesday February 26, 2025, Madam Marie Chantal Nijimbere, Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism, paid an afternoon visit to the site belonging to the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) organization in Kabezi commune of Bujumbura province.

This visit comes at a time when this organization, which works in the fields of food security, education, health, child protection, sanitation and tourism, has just welcomed 56 visitors from various countries to the site, which includes a halfway house, a daycare, a school and a meeting room.

The Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism, Madam Marie Chantal Nijimbere, indicated that her visit to the site was part of her encouragement and appreciation of the activities taking place there, particularly in the field of mentoring the most vulnerable young people, but also in building the capacities of people in the local community so that they have skills that can be used in their development plans, so that they can immerse themselves in the entrepreneurial system that the Burundian government always advocates.

The Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism saw that once these visitors had learned about Burundi's tourism and investment potential, they would become ambassadors to promote the country's image.

The founder and legal representative of YWAM in Burundi, Missionary Pastor Nzunguri Gouramari Jagen, announced that the 56 visitors would have the opportunity to visit various tourist sites in Burundi. **(RTNB)**

Cibitoke: over 40,000 Congolese refugees await assistance

On Wednesday February 26, 2025, a delegation from the United Nations system, accompanied by the South African Ambassador, Mr. MBULELO Chadrack BUNGANE, and the Tanzanian Ambassador, Mr. Gelasius Gaspard Byakanwa, visited the transit site for Congolese refugees at the Rugombo stadium in Cibitoke province. The purpose of the visit was to assess the refugees' living conditions and coordinate an appropriate hu-

manitarian response.

The Rugombo transit site in Cibitoke province is currently home to over 40,000 Congolese refugees who have fled the war in their homeland. Among them are 2,500 pregnant women and 7,000 children, some of whom have fled without their parents and are being cared for by neighbors. In response to this humanitarian crisis, the Representative of the United Nations



High Commissioner for Refugees, Brigitte Mukanga-Eno, stressed the urgent need for action to meet the basic needs of these populations, particularly in terms of food, health and housing.

United Nations agencies, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the World Food Program (WFP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Burundi and UN Women, have launched an urgent appeal to the international community to step up humanitarian assistance. The emphasis is on providing food, healthcare and appropriate sanitation facilities to ensure decent living conditions for these refugees.

In response to overcrowding at the Rugombo transit site, the Burundian government has decided to set up larger sites in Rutana and Mwaro to accommodate the refugees. UNHCR Representative Brigitte Mukanga-Eno has announced that the refugees will soon be transferred to these new sites to relieve the pressure on the Rugombo stadium and improve their living conditions.

The massive presence of refugees has led to the occupation of local schools, notably the Lycée Communal

Rugombo and the Ecole Fondamental Rugombo, resulting in the suspension of classes. She assured that, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, solutions would be found to organize catch-up classes, in order to limit the impact on Burundian and refugee pupils.

The situation of Congolese refugees in Burundi continues to give cause for concern, requiring increased mobilization of humanitarian stakeholders and the international community. Relocation to Rutana and Mwaro represents a temporary solution, but sustained efforts are essential to ensure a dignified future for these thousands of people in distress. **(RTNB)**

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PRESS RELEASE N°01/2025 RELATING TO THE CABINET MINISTERS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

The Cabinet Ministers met this Wednesday, February 26, 2025 in Gitega, under the chairmanship of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Major General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

After the presentation and adoption of the agenda, His Excellency the President of the Republic invited the Prime Minister to present the summary of the observations resulting from the preparatory meeting of the Cabinet Ministers which took place on February 13, 18 and 20, 2025 and which focused on the preliminary analysis of the same agenda.

1. Sectoral policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and its implementation strategy,

Presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation

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This Policy is a strategic document for implementing the revised National Development Plan in accordance with the Vision, Burundi an "Emerging Country by 2040 and Developed Country by 2060".

It aims at strengthening existing bilateral and multilateral cooperation but also expanding the diplomatic map to establish diplomatic relations with other non-traditional partners.

It matches well with Burundi's foreign policy document focused on economic diplomacy which is centered on attracting foreign investment, trade, technology transfer, large-scale infrastructure development as well as promoting tourism.

This Policy will emphasize particularly on the mobilization of the Burundian diaspora and migrant workers who represent another source to be mobilized for the inclusive and harmonious development of Burundi.

At the end of the analysis, the sectoral policy was adopted with the recommendation that each ministry must have indicators for the 2040-2060 vision, so as to easily determine priority actions.

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2. Ratification of the African Union Convention on the Protection of Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) Bill,

Presented by the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender

The African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) has its origins in particular in the Charter of the United Nations of 1945 and the Constitutive Act of the African Union of 2000.

The objective of this Convention is to promote and strengthen regional and national measures to prevent or mitigate, prohibit and eliminate the root causes of internal displacement, and provide lasting solutions by establishing a legal framework for solidarity, cooperation, and the search for sustainable solutions to internal displacement in Africa.

After discussion and debate, the draft bill was adopted with modified forms.

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3. Public Investment Program (PIP) 2025-2028,

Presented by the services of the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning

This document contains all the projects and programs submitted by all ministries as milestones for the implementation of the revised National Development Plan.

It includes projects currently being implemented, new approved projects for which funding is already available or agreements are available, as well as projects under negotiation for which studies are available but which are awaiting for potential funding.

At the level of annual planning of activities, the Public Investment Program 2025-2028 will serve as a reference in the development of the budget-program approach for the 2025-2026 financial year.

The total estimated cost of the Public Investment Program is estimated at 8,272.86 billion BIF.

Following the analysis, the document was adopted with the recommendation to preparing the Public Investment Programs taking into account the priorities and in reference to the revised National Development Plan and the Burundi Vision 2040-2060. The works and projects that have been decided should benefit from the highest priority.

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4. Settlement bill and budget report(2023/2024),

Presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning

The general provisional budget was revised, currently being managed by Law No. 1/28 of December 31, 2023 amending Law No./16 of June 28, 2023 establishing the General Budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2023/2024 financial year.

The resources of the revised General State Budget increased by 4.12% compared to what was planned in the initial finance act, while expenses decreased by 3.62%.

During the 2023-2024 financial year, the resources of the general State budget were realized at 81.45% while expenditure was executed at 85.48%.

After analysis, the bill was adopted.

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5. Draft Decree publishing the preliminary results of the General Census of Population, Housing, Agriculture and Livestock in Burundi(2024 Edition)

Presented by the departments of the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning

As part of the general population and housing censuses launched by the United Nations and covering the period from 2015 to 2024, Burundi has committed to conducting its 4th General Population and Housing Census coupled with its 1st General Agriculture and Livestock Census to make it a single operation.

The census results are very crucial to provide information on the indicators of the Vision of Burundi an "Emerging Country by 2040, and Developed Country by 2060" and the revised National Development Plan.

Currently, the preliminary results are available and must be disseminated for use, in accordance with the relevant international practice which recommends that these results be made public no later than 6 months after the main census.

It is therefore with the aim of making these results public in accordance with the international standard that the draft decree is proposed.

After analysis, the decree was adopted with recommendation to ensure that the included figures match with those of the software used in this operation.

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6. Expenditure commitment ceilings for the third quarter of 2024/2025,

Presented by the departments of the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning

The budget commitment ceilings are subject to the law establishing the general budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2024/2025 financial year, which introduces the development of quarterly expenditure commitment ceilings based on the *PTBAs*. Commitment ceilings are an essential tool for regulating expenditure.

In accordance with the 2024/2025 Financial Law, any credit manager must commit expenditure up to the limit of the credit voted and granted. The Minister responsible for finance is authorized to take necessary measures to avoid exceeding the credits.

After discussion and debate, these ceilings were adopted.

7. Multi-annual budgetary and economic programming document from 2025/2026 to 2027/2028,

Presented by the services of the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning

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The Multi-annual Budget and Economic Programming Document is one of the documents that must accompany the Finance Act in accordance with the provisions of the Organic Law on Public Finances.

It serves as a reference in the preparation of the Finance Act for the coming year, defining its guidelines, the overall level of expected revenue and projected expenditure based on changes in the national and international economic situation. It covers a rolling three-year period, adjusted annually.

Following the analysis, the document was adopted with recommendation to be realistic in forecasts for both revenue and expenditure.

8. Draft joint ordinance on the modalities of application of article 118 of law n°1/27 of December 30, 2024 amending law n°1/19 of June 28, 2024 setting the budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2024/2025 financial year,

Presented by the departments of the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning

This draft ministerial ordinance relates to royalties and the contribution to socio-economic activities collected by LONA on all types of games of chance including raffles organized throughout the territory of Burundi, and on the distribution of royalties collected, in application of article 118 of the amending finance act for the 2024/2025 financial year, after deducting the share returning to the private partner.

Thus, 40% of the income collected by LONA is transferred to the public treasury account and the remaining 60% is transferred to a LONA account. After analysis, the joint ordinance was adopted with recommendation to clarify the title by making a specific purpose of the ordinance.

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9. Draft joint ordinance on the modalities of application of article 151 of law n°1/27 of December 30, 2024 amending law n°1/19 of June 28, 2024 setting the budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2024/2025 financial year,

Presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning

This draft ordinance concerns the fines imposed on offenders of regulations relating to hygiene and public health in application of Article 151 of the amending finance act for the 2024/2025 financial year, with a view to:

- 1° Guaranteeing environmental protection and preventing risks related to climate change;
- 2° Ensuring the cleanliness of public places to give the image of a country moving towards emergence by 2040 and development by 2060.

After analysis, the draft ordinance was adopted, with a recommendation to be clearer in the title by making a specific purpose of it.

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10. Information note on the COMESA chairmanship by Burundi,

Presented by the Minister of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism

Established in 1981 as the Preferential Trade Area of Eastern and Southern African States (PTA), it was transformed into COMESA in 1994.

In line with its vision, the objective of COMESA is to form a large economic and commercial unit capable of overcoming some of the obstacles faced by member states. Burundi currently chairs COMESA and this note indicates the measures taken by Burundi during its chairmanship.

The Cabinet Ministers took note of the contents of the document and recommended that the Ministry of Trade prepare a priority action plan to be submitted to the COMESA Secretariat General.

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11. Draft decree amending decree No. 100/121 of December 24, 2020 on the missions, organization and operation of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing,
Presented by the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing

The innovations brought by this amendment include, among others, the introduction of two Permanent Secretariats in this Ministry, one responsible for Infrastructure and Equipment, and the other responsible for Urban Planning and Housing.

It also involves inserting two new structures into the Ministry namely the Real Estate Transactions Regulation and Control Authority, and the Construction Control Authority.

After analysis, the project was adopted with some modified forms.

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12. Note on the progress status related to preparations of Bujumbura former central market construction project
Presented by the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing

On September 2, 2024, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing signed with the UBAKA NATION GROUP Company, an Agreement on the provision of the land that housed the Former Central Market of Bujumbura for its reconstruction.

On January 29, 2025, five months after the signing of this Agreement, UBAKA NATION GROUP submitted to the Ministry the Project Development Plan, which is subdivided into seven (07) construction phases that will run from six months to one year, one step at a time.

Regarding the mobilization of funds, to date 4983 shareholders have already committed to the amount of 4,773,683,312 BIF and 345,466 USD. The overall cost of the project is estimated at 571,690,588,780 BIF.

Through this note, the Government's agreement is requested so that:

- 1° The construction related activities may be carried out in phases according to the demand rate;
- 2° The contract be negotiated and signed in order to allow UBAKA NATION GROUP to begin work on the 1st phase as early as March 1, 2025;
- 3° A period of twelve (12) months is granted to UBAKA NATION GROUP to allow its funds mobilization for the remaining phases.

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The Cabinet Ministers gave the green light to the Ministry of Infrastructure to negotiate and sign the agreement so as to allow UBAKA NATION GROUP to begin work on the first phase with the recommendation to provide relevant supervision in order to make the project successfully completed, without interference in terms of the Project management. Good management of State lands is absolutely recommended to avoid any spoliation.

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13. Miscellaneous

The Cabinet Ministers directed the Ministry of Finance to recall that non granting bonuses in public and semi-public companies is still relevant for the efficient management of these companies.

Done at Gitega on 27th February 2025

The Secretary General of the State

Jérôme NIYONZIMA. -

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jérôme Niyonzima', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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