



## Four Ambassadors newly accredited to Gitega present their credentials to the Head of State



On Tuesday April 15, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received in audience four Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors newly accredited to Gitega.

They are Mrs MORAKOT Janemathukorn, Mr Naeem Ullah Khan, Mrs Nicole Providoli and Mr ABDELKERIM AHMADAYE BAKHIT, representing respectively in Burundi the Kingdom of Thailand (Residence in Nairobi), the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (Residence in Kigali), the Swiss Con-

federation (Residence in Dar-Es-Salaam) and the Republic of Chad (Residence in Brazzaville).

During their talks with the Burundian Head of State, the four diplomats first conveyed the warm greetings, appreciations and congratulations of the Highest Authorities of their respective countries with regard to Burundi's significant advances and commitments to development momentum.

The President of the Republic of Burundi welcomed them to Burundi, a land of milk and honey, in the heart of Africa.

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He gave them a brief overview of the general situation in Burundi, with particular emphasis on priority areas of cooperation.

The four Ambassadors newly appointed to represent their countries in Burundi all expressed their desire to do their utmost to strengthen relations of cooperation and friendship between Burundi and their respective countries.

Within this framework, several potential areas of cooperation were identified, including exchanges of experience in the fields of technology, agriculture, livestock breeding, the agri-food industry, education, health,

tourism, trade (notably the export of Burundian tea and coffee to Pakistan and Chad), sport, the diplomatic sector, peace-building, security and defense, etc.

These exchanges between Burundi's Number One and these four Ambassadors newly accredited to Gitega thus marked a new impetus in the field of cooperation, where they all pledged to strengthen win-win cooperation between Burundi and these countries, a country aligned with the Vision of Burundi as an Emerging Country by 2040 and a Developed Country by 2060, especially as all these countries also share development prospects. **(Presidency)**

### The Speaker of the Senate returns from a working visit to Seoul



**O**n Thursday April 17, 2025, the Speaker of the Senate, Right Hon Emmanuel Sinzohagera, returned from a working mission in Seoul, South Korea.

On his arrival at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport, he said he had taken part in the opening session of the interparliamentary conference, organized under the theme: "Building World Unity: Strengthening Shared Peace and Prosperity through Interparliamentary Dialogue". He also took part in the award ceremony for the SUNHAK PEACE PRIZE, organized for the 6th edition, which was granted to three leaders who have worked to strengthen peace and tranquility among peoples of all nations.

The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera explained that he had also participated in the opening work of the 2025 International Conference, where the representatives of the respective countries had all de-

cided to focus on the preservation of peace, as well as the analysis of conflicts that threaten human beings worldwide, including war, disease, famine, climate change and many others.

He also pointed out that he had taken part in the Conference of Speakers of Parliaments from all over the world, where they had exchanged views on strengthening unity and consolidating peace and development through dialogue.

The Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament revealed that he had had the opportunity to share Burundi's experience with other participants, where he presented the Burundian case for safeguarding lasting peace and security through dialogue. On the same occasion, he invited economic operators from various countries to come and invest in Burundi.

The Speaker of the Senate explained that during the interparliamentary work, the participants signed a document of the Seoul 2025 Conference, in which they committed themselves to protecting the environment and strengthening the education sector, for the development of their respective countries.

On the sidelines of all this work, he met with members of the Burundian diaspora living in South Korea. He called on them to contribute to the development of their native country.

Finally, the Speaker of the Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, called on the Burundian population to roll up their sleeves and engage

in various work to develop, following the example of South Korea. **(Senate)**

### Joint review of the World Bank's portfolio in Burundi



**T**he Prime Minister of Burundi, Lieutenant General of Police Mr. Gervais Ndirakobuca, and the Director of Operations of the World Bank, Mr. Albert G. Zeufack, honored with their presence on Thursday, April 17, 2025, in Bujumbura City Hall, a meeting on the joint review of the portfolio of projects financed by the World Bank in Burundi.

A total of 16 national and 3 regional projects were evaluated. The Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, reported that some projects were progressing satisfactorily, while others were encountering challenges requiring corrective action. Coordination and communication problems have been identified, and a retreat is planned to draw up a roadmap for improving project performance.

With a portfolio of \$1.9 billion, the World Bank remains Burundi's main donor. This financial support covers key sectors such as energy, education, health

and infrastructure, contributing to the country's socio-economic development.

In his address, Prime Minister Lieutenant of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca stressed that monitoring project performance is a priority for the Government of Burundi. He stressed the importance of results-based management and transparent accountability to the population.

The Burundi Vision Emerging Country in 2040 and Developed Country in 2060 reflects the Government's commitment. This ambition is based on a deliberate strategy and reinforced synergy between the State and its development partners.

World Bank Operations Director Albert G. Zeufack reaffirmed the Bank's commitment to supporting Burundi in realizing its development vision. He stressed that, thanks to a strengthened partnership, rigorous monitoring and joint efforts, major advances are in sight to improve the lives of the Burundian people.

This meeting marked a significant milestone in the collaboration between the Government of Burundi and the World Bank, aimed at ensuring effective project implementation and promoting sustainable development in Burundi. **(RTNB)**

### Young party members called for peaceful coexistence

**W**ith the aim of contributing to the success of a peaceful electoral process in 2025 and reinforcing peaceful coexistence, the Institution of the Ombudsman organized a provincial sensitization workshop on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 in Gitega. The aim of the workshop was to promote a constructive attitude among the leaders of the various parties involved in the elections, with a particular focus on youth representatives affiliated to political parties.

As Burundian Ombudsman Aimée Laurentine Kanyana pointed out in her opening speech, the two-day workshop brought together young people from political parties operating in the provinces of Gitega, Karusi, Muramvya and Mwaro. The aim was to prepare them for best practices in electoral conflict prevention and resolution, encouraging them to play an active role in managing socio-political tensions.

The Burundian Ombudsman, Madam Aimée Laurentine Kanyana, has given numerous pieces of advice to





young people affiliated to different political parties, urging them to remain united while avoiding ethnic, political or religious divisions. In particular, she urged them to pay no attention to those seeking to draw them into destructive actions. She also called for peace and security to be safeguarded, while stressing the im-

portance of national unity.

Finally, the Ombudsman encouraged young people, whatever their political affiliation, to work together within cooperatives, in order to actively contribute to the country's development.

Following the provincial workshop to raise awareness among youth representatives affiliated with political parties on peaceful coexistence in the capital of Gitega commune, the Ombudsman of Burundi, Madam Aimée Laurentine Kanyana, visited the commune of Mutaho in Gitega province to attend a football match between the teams of the Young Ornithologist Club (YOC) and United Youth, both from the commune of Mutaho.

This event was part of a sports day dedicated to promoting peace, tolerance, and social cohesion. (RTNB)

### Burundi-Qatar cooperation: Towards the deployment of Burundian workers in Qatar



**T**he Minister of Civil Service, Labor and Employment, Mr. Vénuste MUYABAGA, received in audience, on April 14, 2025, a Qatari delegation led by the Minister of Labor of the State of Qatar, His Excellency Dr. Ali Bin Samikh Al Marri.

At the end of this meeting, Minister MUYABAGA indicated that the exchanges had focused mainly on the implementation of the bilateral agreement signed on March 7, 2023 between the Republic of Burundi and the State of Qatar, relating to the employment of Burundian workers on Qatari territory.

He announced that the agreement is expected to come into force in the near future, marking an important step

in cooperation between the two countries. This initiative opens up concrete prospects for many young Burundians seeking professional opportunities, by facilitating their access to the Qatari job market.

Minister MUYABAGA highlighted the mutual benefits of this agreement: on the one hand, it will help reduce youth unemployment in Burundi; on the other, it will enable Qatar to get a qualified, disciplined and committed



workforce.

Following the ministerial audience, experts from both countries held the first joint Burundi-Qatar technical

meeting on Burundian labor migration. The aim of the meeting was to define the practical arrangements for the deployment of Burundian workers in Qatar.

The activities of that day ended with an official dinner, during which the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO, welcomed the holding of this first meeting of the joint commission. He affirmed that the deployment of Burundian workers in Qatar would take place very soon, and invited Burundian recruitment agencies to start preparing

now.

On his behalf, the Permanent Secretary of the Burundian Migrant workers Recruitment Agencies Association, Mr. Rénovat NZAMBIMANA, expressed his gratitude towards the Government of Burundi, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, for its efforts to promote the employment of young Burundians.

He assured the audience that the recruitment agencies were already ready to support the process of deploying workers to Qatar. (MFADC)

### Monitoring visit to the PACEJ Project in Commune Isare by the World Bank



On Monday April 14, 2025, the World Bank's Resident Representative in Burundi, Mrs. Hawa Cissé Wagué, accompanied by the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, Mr. Hermenegilde Burikukiye, made a field visit to the Isare commune in Bujumbura Province.

This mission was part of the monitoring of the implementation of the Project to Support the Improvement of Skills and Employability of Women and Youth (PACEJ), funded by the World Bank and implemented by the Burundian government through the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research. The project is being implemented in 30 Vocational Training Centers and 7 Sectoral Institutions.

This project aims to sustainably improve the alignment of training with the labor market in order to expand the pool of skilled workers for the industry and to give newcomers to the labor market better

chances of accessing quality jobs.

On this occasion, the delegation visited the Rushubi II Vocational Training Center (CEM), which offered training in fields such as agriculture, livestock breeding, welding and electricity. Madam Cissé Wagué was shown the support provided by PACEJ, in particular the provision of personal protective equipment, work outfits and tool kits for trainers and learners. Young apprentices also benefit from insurance cover against training-related risks, as well as a monthly transport allowance ranging from BIF 50,000 for boys to BIF 60,000 for girls. Cell phones were also distributed to facilitate the digital transfer of these allowances.

During her visit, Madam Hawa Cissé Wagué attended demonstrations and listened to testimonials from apprentices who shared their experiences and the challenges they faced, notably the lack of tools and equipment for certain specialties such as veterinary medicine and welding.

The delegation then visited the home of Mr. Etienne Niyonzima, a farmer specializing in banana cultivation in Kibuye and owner of the Kibuye Drinks Company processing plant. Madam Hawa Cissé Wagué said she was impressed by the progress made, underlining that the learners are now able to meet the needs of their communities, whether for animal care, modern agriculture or welding work.

She said she was proud of the work accomplished by the craftsmen and apprentices, which undoubtedly represents an opportunity for the country's socio-economic development. Madam Hawa Cissé Wagué then strongly encouraged them to join together in cooperatives after the training to develop job-creating projects, so as to become job providers in their own right.

She indicated that at the end of their entrepreneurship training, the graduates will be invited to submit bankable business plans that could be financed by the PACEJ. Those whose projects are not selected will be able to seek other funding mechanisms such as the Economic Empowerment and Youth Employment Program (PAEEJ), the Youth Investment Bank (BIJE), or the Investment and Development Bank for Women (BIDF).

On the subject of the challenges and grievances expressed, she said that she had taken careful note of them and even specified that the mission was also intended as an evaluation mission, after which the technical teams would analyze them to propose an appro-

priate follow-up.

For his part, Mr Herménégilde Burikukiye, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, was delighted with the visible results of the project, appreciating the quality of the training and the commitment of the young beneficiaries whom the mission found at work.

He wished them every success in the forthcoming certification assessments, and hoped that this good example would serve as a model for other young people. The latter expressed their satisfaction with the skills they had acquired, and their confidence in their future ability to provide for their families thanks to their training. They thanked the Government of Burundi for thinking of the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research

. They also thanked the World Bank for its support and asked it to continue its support after the training as important and beneficial for them, the community and the country as a whole. (RTNB)

### The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS receives a donation of medicines and equipment



**O**n Monday April 14, 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) handed over medicines and medical equipment worth 1.537 billion Burundi francs (BIF) to the Ministry of Public Health and AIDS Control, as part of activities to mark World Health Day.

The World Health Organization's Representative in Bu-

rundi, Dr. Xavier Crespin, emphasized that this initiative aims at supporting the strengthening of the technical platform of the Burundian health system, particularly in the fight against maternal and infant mortality. At the handover ceremony, Dr Crespin welcomed the Burundian government's ongoing efforts to improve public health and community well-being. He also pointed out that the medical equipment provided is specifically designed to improve the care of pregnant women and newborn babies.

The Assistant to the Minister of Public Health, Madam Ange Inès Nduwimana, expressed her gratitude to the World Health Organization for this support. She affirmed that these medicines will be of great help in the fight against diseases that particularly affect the most vulnerable groups: mothers and their children.

Following the handover, some of the equipment was immediately transferred to Kabezi commune hospital. The



operation took place in the presence of the Assistant to the Minister of Health and officials from the World Health Organization. She urged the beneficiaries to make good use of the equipment. "It is

imperative that this equipment is well maintained and put to good use, in order to prevent avoidable deaths of mothers and newborns", she insisted. **(RTNB)**

### Training journalists in media coverage of electoral processes



**F**rom April 14 to 15, 2025, the Ministry of Communication, Information Technologies and Media, in collaboration with UNESCO, organized a training workshop for journalists on covering elections while respecting professional ethics and deontology, citizens' right to information, press freedom and journalists' safety.

In his opening remarks, the Representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Burundi, Mr. Serges Banyimbe, said that the workshop aimed at advancing and promoting the right to information, especially in electoral circumstances. Hence this capacity building for journalists has been organized so that they are equipped to report to the population safe and truthful electoral information in real time, he said.

According to Oscar Nzohabonayo, Director General of Communication and Media at the Ministry of Communication, Information Technologies and Media, this workshop is designed to enable journalists to exchange ideas on the strategies to be used and to explore all the communication issues involved in better election coverage.



The aim is also to raise awareness of the need to report electoral news without creating confusion and panic in the country. Various themes on the right to information and media coverage of elections were presented during these two days of training, including: the right to information is a fundamental human right, the *raison d'être* of the journalist, the population's right to electoral information, the legal framework in force, the role of the press during the electoral period, the contemporary challenges of journalistic coverage of electoral processes, the media and the prevention of electoral tensions, and the safety of journalists.

At the close of the training workshop, the Director General of Communication and Media, Mr. Oscar Nzohabonayo, invited the journalists to apply the knowledge they had acquired and to work as professionals, while producing reports that would help to enlighten Burundians about the elections. **(ABP)**

## The National Communication Council announces a definitive removal of the suspension sanction against the Yaga Burundi bloggers' collective



**T**he President of the National Communication Council of Burundi (CNC), Ambassador Esperance Ndayizeye, announced a definitive removal of the temporary suspension measure against the

collective of bloggers Yaga Burundi. This was during a press conference she held on Monday, April 14, 2025, following an extraordinary plenary assembly.

This decision was made following the confirmation of the legal existence of the Association of Burundian Youth for Inclusive Development (AJEBUDI), the initiator of the blog, by the Ministry of Interior, Community Development, and Public Security, it was reported. It should be noted that a decision to temporarily suspend the blog was made and communicated on March 27, 2025, because the Ministry of Interior, Community Development, and Public Security was unable to find in its archives the document certifying the legality of the Association of Burundian Youth for Development. (ABP)

## Tuberculosis, still a public health problem



**A**s part of the World Tuberculosis Day, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS organized, on Thursday, April 17, 2025, a workshop for exchange and information on the issue of tuberculosis in Burundi at Bujumbura Town Hall.

Mr. Pascal Ntinzira, the head of the IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) service and community tuberculosis focal point within the National Integrated Program for the Fight against Leprosy and Tuberculosis (PNILT), stated that the purpose of the workshop is to raise awareness among the media about their roles in implementing the global vision of ending tuberculosis by 2030.

He defined tuberculosis as an infectious disease caused

by a bacterium, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, which is transmitted through the air. He indicated that among the clinical signs of tuberculosis are a productive or dry cough, fever, sweating, anorexia, weight loss, and fatigue.

Mr. Pascal Ntinzira specified that there are two forms of tuberculosis: pulmonary tuberculosis and extra pulmonary tuberculosis, which affects organs other than the lungs, including the skin. He mentioned that in 2024, more than 8,000 cases of tuberculosis were detected in Burundi, including over 5,000 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

For him, the factors favoring tuberculosis are poor living conditions (malnutrition, overcrowding, etc.), other diseases such as HIV/AIDS, immunosuppression, and so on. He estimated that the ultimate solution for eradicating tuberculosis is the concerted efforts of stakeholders across all sectors of the population's life to improve living conditions.

He urged the population to consult a doctor whenever there are warning signs of the disease and to follow the recommendations of healthcare providers. He reassured the public that examinations and treatment are free of charge. He encouraged the community not to stigmatize tuberculosis patients.

You should know that the World Tuberculosis Day, cele-



brated on March 24 each year, was celebrated in Burundi at Kirundo District Hospital on Friday, April

18, 2025. The theme chosen this year is: "Yes! We can end tuberculosis: commit, invest, and act." (RTNB)

## Fighting against Malnutrition in Burundi: A Multisectoral Mobilization for Sustainable Solutions



**T**he fight against malnutrition is taking a new turn in Burundi. This was indicated by Mr. Fidèle Ndagijimana, the coordinator and planner of activities within the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the Multisectoral Platform for Food Security and Nutrition (PMSAN). This statement was made during a field visit conducted on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the commune of Bukemba in Rutana Province.

The objective of this visit was to assess the functioning of this platform and identify the persistent challenges within the communities. In his presentation, Mr. Fidèle Ndagijimana explained that the PMSAN was created to address a concerning reality; despite medical treatments, cases of malnutrition frequently recur. The issue is therefore not only medical but structural. He pointed out that a malnourished child often reflects a situation of poverty, recurrent illnesses, or poor living conditions within their family. Hence, there is a need for an integrated response involving the sectors of agriculture, health, water, finance, and social protection, he emphasized.

At the local level, Mr. Fidèle Ndagijimana stated that similar structures have been established in the provinces and communes, led respectively by governors and communal administrators. Everyone is called to

work together to prevent malnutrition. The Administrator of Bukemba, Mrs. Françoise Twagirayezu, indicated that, thanks to the partnership with the NGO World Vision, 2,921 children have been identified and subjected to nutritional screening, and the results showed that 2,821 were in good health, 78 were referred to care centers, and 20, whose health condition was more concerning, were transferred to health centers. Two severe cases were detected, with the children presenting edema related to severe malnutrition.

Furthermore, Mrs. Françoise Twagirayezu added that the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has supported vulnerable households by distributing nutrient-rich bean seeds (Musore and Kinure varieties), as well as vegetable seeds (cabbage, amaranth, tomatoes, peppers, onions).

This action was appreciated by local authorities, who also organized follow-ups with the treated children to assess their progress, which was deemed satisfactory. As for the challenges, the administrator lamented the low number of active partners on the ground. Only three organizations (World Vision, FAO, and Self Inclusion) are involved. The delay or even absence of reports from certain organizations was mentioned as a challenge that hinders planning and action.

Moreover, families tend to sell all their harvest, thereby reducing the quantities available for household consumption. This practice contributes to malnutrition, particularly among children. Mr. Fidèle Ndagijimana, the coordinator and planner of activities within the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the Multisectoral Platform for Food Security and Nutrition, indicated that this field visit allows for an accurate assessment and the collection of information that will be reported at the national level to guide public policies.

He concluded that the multisectoral platform for food security and nutrition, if fully operational and supported,

could play a crucial role in the sustainable elimination of malnutrition in Burundi. (ABP)

## Rutana: Officials from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees visit the Musenyi camp



A delegation from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), consisting of the

Director of Emergencies based in Geneva, the regional office in Nairobi, and the UNHCR Representative in Burundi, visited the Musenyi refugee camp in Rutana province on Monday, April 14, 2025, where nearly 16,000 Congolese live in conditions that require improvement due to flooding, food shortages, and overcrowding.

During their visit, the officials noted that part of the camp has durable structures, while new arrivals, lacking

resources, are housed in tents. The UNHCR Representative in Burundi, Mrs. Brigitte Eno Mukanga, appreciated the courage of the refugees who participated in the water evacuation. "The ideal would be to build permanent houses, like in the first part of the site, to provide dignity and security," she emphasized.

Due to the financial crisis affecting humanitarian agencies, refugees are now receiving only one meal a day, which is half a ration from the World Food Program. The Representative made an appeal to donors to support the UNHCR and the Burundian government: "since the beginning of 2025, more than 70,000 Congolese refugees have arrived in Burundi, via Gatumba or the Rusizi River. We urgently need resources to improve their situation," she specified. (RTNB)

## The establishment of a multi-stakeholder platform for advocacy in sexual and reproductive health and family planning



On Monday, April 14, 2025, a multi-stakeholder platform was launched in

Ngozi province, where various partners in sexual and reproductive health committed to joining forces to propose innovative solutions to challenging common issues, particularly advocacy in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Planning (SRH/FP).

This platform is established through the Multi-Stakeholder Space (MSE) project of Twitezimbere. The head of the National Reproductive Health Program (PNSR), Mr. Sadique Niyonkuru, indicated that this platform will meet after a determined period to address issues related to SRH/FP and generate innovative solutions, particularly regarding the fight against unwanted pregnancies, family planning (FP), and other aspects for the well-being of the population's health.

In a presentation by the Provincial Director of Education (DPE) in Ngozi, Mr. Jean Pierre Ndikuryayo, statistics show that the number of unwanted pregnancies in schools has significantly decreased over the past three years. In the 2022-2023 school year, there were 66 cases of unwanted pregnancies. For the 2023-2024 school year, there were 53 cases, while in the 2024-2025 school year, the number of pregnancies in schools has reached 40 cases. The three communes that rank first are Kiremba, Marangara, and Ngozi, respectively.

In the province of Ngozi, a campaign to raise awareness about the use of contraceptive methods has led to a decrease in cases in the communes that rank the lowest. During a meeting, Mr. Paul Niyonzima, Legal Advisor to the Governor of Ngozi, called on partners in sexual and reproductive health to unite their efforts to fight against violence against women and girls. He also emphasized the importance of enforcing laws against perpetrators of gender-based violence, highlighting the need to protect young girls. (ABP)

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## **PRESS RELEASE N°04/2025 OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025**

The Council of Ministers met in an extraordinary session, on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 in Bujumbura, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. 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 synthesis of observations from the preparatory meeting of the Council of Ministers that took place on April 14 and 15 , 2025 and that was dedicated to the preliminary analysis of the same item on the agenda.

Only one point was on the agenda, namely:

### **Draft law on the establishment of the general budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2025/2026 fiscal year;**

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Presented by the Minister of Finances, Budget and Economic Planning.

This budget project for the 2025/2026 session is developed in a context marked by a slowdown in the global economy tightening financial conditions that weigh on investments and debt as well as geopolitical conflicts whose consequences continue to significantly impact the National economy as a whole.

The budget project for the 2025/2026 fiscal year is thus prepared with the aim of significantly contributing to the recovery of the Burundian economy and continuing the implementation of reforms in public financial management aimed at performance-based budgeting introduced by the law on public finances.

The budget project for the 2025/2026 fiscal year consolidates the achievements of the ongoing implementation of the program budget reform. It is prepared based on the Multiannual Budgetary and Economic Programming Document, which is part of the operationalization of the revised National Development Plan aligned with the vision *"Burundi: An emerging country by 2040, a developed country by 2060."*

The budget forecasts for the 2025/2026 fiscal year are based on an expected economic growth rate of 4.6% in 2025/2026, compared to an estimated 3.9% in 2024/2025 and a projected 5.6% in 2026/2027.



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This recovery in growth is attributed to the measures taken by the Government aimed at revitalizing the economy through the continuation of major programs and projects as part of the implementation of the revised National Development Plan, such as the generalization and intensification of irrigated agricultural production, the ongoing diversification of export products, the gradual increase in mineral production, the construction of the railway, and so on.

In the draft budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, certain items have been modified while others have been introduced to strengthen control and mobilization of revenues through the broadening of the tax base and the fight against tax fraud, as well as the management and efficiency of expenditure. **2**

After discussion and debate, the draft law was adopted, but a team was established to conduct an in-depth analysis of the Annual Work Plans and Budgets (PTBA) of the ministries in order to retain only ongoing projects, and for new projects, only those whose necessity is sufficiently justified, in order to significantly reduce the budget deficit.

Done in Bujumbura on April 17, 2025

**The General Secretary of the State**  
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