



## President Ndayishimiye continues to encourage private initiatives



**O**n Friday, May 16, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, visited a hotel construction site at the Polytechnic University of Gitega, as part of his efforts to support the private initiatives of young entrepreneurs.

The hotel that will be built on three levels, will comprise 54 rooms, a confer-

ence hall and other facilities. The Head of State took the opportunity to give his contribution to the work, which will cost around three billion Burundian francs.

According to the Rector of this Polytechnic University, Dr Silas Sayumwe, this hotel will not only be a source of revenue for the institution, but will also make life easier for the professors who have to deliver courses, given that seven Master's categories have been opened in this institution.

The President of the Republic of Burundi and Friend of Youth also arrived in the valley be-

tween Karera I and II districts of the town of Gitega, where a young man, Mr. Cédric Nkurunziza has carried out an irrigation project using a pump without fuel, at a distance of 800m by gravitation.

He promised to work together to carry out such a project over a large area, so as to cultivate during the dry season and increase production. **(Presidency)**

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## Swearing-in of the Commissioners of the Independent National Human Rights Commission



**O**n Monday May 12, 2025, in Kigobe hemicycle in Bujumbura town hall, the Senate Bureau and Senators took part in the swearing-in ceremonies of seven (7) Commissioners of the Independent National Human Rights Commission (CNIDH). The Commissioners took their oaths of office before the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, and the assembled Parliament. The seven Commissioners included Monsignor Nyab-

aho Martin Blaise, President of the CNIDH; Mr Rugemintwaza Gérard, Vice President; and Madam Nkurunziza Béatrice, Secretary.

In their oath of office, the Commissioners of the CNIDH swore to fulfill their mandate faithfully, independently and impartially, never to be guided by partisan interests, and to devote themselves entirely to the protection and promotion of human rights in strict compliance with the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi, the Charter of National Unity and other laws.

Other authorities taking part in the event included members of the bureau of the two chambers of parliament, members of the government, parliamentarians, representatives of the national defense and security corps, civil society, representatives of the diplomatic and consular corps, religious denominations and others. **(Senate)**

## The country's highest authorities collect their voter cards



**O**n Monday, May 12, 2025, the country's highest authorities, including the President of the Republic of Burundi, the Vice-President of the Republic and the Ombudsman of the Republic of Burundi, collected their voter cards from their native hills.

On Monday, May 12, 2025, the President of the Repub-

lic of Burundi, His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye, collected his electoral card from the Musama Basic School, located on his native hill in Giheta Commune of Gitega Province (Political Capital). The Head of State has thus responded to the call from the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) for Burundians to collect their voter cards from Monday May 12 to Wednesday May 14, 2025. Residents of Musama hill were present on the place to collect their cards from 7:30 am. The center has 1,165 registered voters.

The Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Prosper Bazombanza, collected his electoral card on his native hill of Kizi, Rusaka Commune of Mwaro Province. This card will enable all Burundian citizens to take part in the legislative and communal elections scheduled for June 5, 2025. He invited the entire Burundian population to collect their voter's card, which is indispensable for voting. He recalled that the 3-day period, from May 12 to 14, 2025, granted by CENI to collect the cards, was sufficient, and that there would be no excuse for those who failed to do so.



The Vice-President encouraged citizens of voting age to choose the best personalities on the electoral lists of the various political parties and independents, who will be able to defend and promote Burundi's vision of an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. The Kizi fundamental school polling station had 1,034 registered voters.

The Ombudsman of the Republic of Burundi, Madam Aimée Laurentine Kanyana, collected her voter's card at Muremera stadium, located in her home town of Ngozi. She took the occasion to encourage her fellow citizens to turn out in time to collect their voters' cards, in response to the call from the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI), which invites all Burundians to collect their voters' cards between May 12 and 14, 2025.

She also urged all those who had registered to collect their cards within the deadline, so as not to deprive themselves of their fundamental right to elect their leaders. On the polling station, many voters

expressed their satisfaction with the speed and efficiency of the voter card distribution process. A young city-dweller from Ngozi declared: "I'm happy to have collected my card, which allows me to actively participate in the construction of our future, notably by contributing to the realization of the vision of Burundi as an emerging country in 2040 and a developed country in 2060.

Another voter stressed the importance of women's participation: "I'm proud that women and girls also have the right to elect and be elected." Voter card distribution, organized by CENI, began on the morning of May 12, 2025, and will continue until the evening of May 14, 2025. This initiative is part of the preparations for the legislative and communal elections scheduled for June 5, 2025.

The Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) has reiterated that obtaining a voter's card is a crucial step in ensuring active and informed citizen participation in the upcoming elections. (RTNB)

## Performance review of the African Development Bank's portfolio to the Government of Burundi



On Monday May 12, 2025, the Prime Minister, Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca, graced the premises of the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning with his presence at the exchange session between the Government of Burundi, represented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, and representatives of the African Development



Bank (AfDB), to analyze the disbursement situation on a project-by-project basis, and identify the obstacles and factors hampering the execution of the AfDB portfolio, the Burundi Press Agency noted on site.

In his speech, the Prime Minister of Burundi announced that the Government of Burundi was concerned about the follow-up of projects benefiting from financing from development partners. The projects financed by the African Development Bank are divided

into different sectors, including infrastructure (66%), agriculture (24%), social (6%), water and sanitation (3%), and finance (1%). He added that the day was also an opportunity to observe the portfolio's current situation and dissect global challenges, to make an in-depth analysis of backlogged activities and to propose recovery plans

Burundi's Prime Minister, Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca, reassured the audience that the government would be strengthening its project monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, and urged the AfDB to do likewise, as the proper execution of these projects is the responsibility of everyone involved in achieving the government's vision of making Burundi an emerging

country by 2040 and a developed one by 2060.

For his part, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, declared that the African Development Bank's active portfolio in Burundi included 19 national public sector projects, totaling a commitment of 485.4 million US dollars, with a disbursement rate of 31.5%. Despite numerous operations and the volume of commitments, this portfolio remained relatively stable, he added.

It should be noted that the review of the portfolio by the Government and the African Development Bank took place behind closed doors. **(ABP)**

### Prime Minister takes part in community development work in Rugombo



**O**n Thursday May 15, 2025, the Prime Minister of Burundi Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca joined the population of the chief town of Rugombo commune, in Cibitoke province, in community development work relating to the concreting of a conference room for the Rugombo 7th Day Adventist Church, on mission from Buganda. This multi-storey infrastructure will cost nearly 600,000,000 Burundi francs, according to information provided by leaders of the 7th Day Adventist Church.

In his speech, the Prime Minister appreciated the large participation of the population, from different churches, but above all their contributions for the construction of such an infrastructure, which will benefit the church's faithful. The Communal Secretary of the CNDD-FDD party, 7th Day Adventist, Mr. Joachim Manirakiza, in his

speech, welcomed the climate of fraternity within the church, which had experienced divisions between members in May 2020. He called on the population to safeguard unity and to get down to development work, in order to build the country.

The Prime Minister took advantage of the occasion to call on the population to each obtain their voter's card, which will enable them to easily fulfill their right and duty as voters, in the double ballot of communal and legislative elections on June 5, 2025. To achieve this, the Head of Government urged the inhabitants of his native province, especially those living near the borders with neighboring countries, to redouble their vigilance, to guarantee peace and security, the only pillar of sustainable development, enabling them to align themselves with the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. The Governor of Cibitoke province, Mr. Carême Bizoza, stressed the vital importance of community work, and invited his constituents to go out and vote for good leaders in three weeks' time.

After the work at the Rugombo 7th Day Adventist Church, participants from various churches pledged their support for the Adventist Church's initiative to build such a social infrastructure. Some have promised cement and bricks, others gravel, rubble and sand, while many will

donate money to complete the purchase of materials and pay for all the labor. (ABP)

### 37th Annual Conference of the International Air Transport Association



ciation (IATA) Annual Ground Handling Conference, which took place from May 13 to 15, 2025 at the Kenya International Convention Centre in Nairobi.

The Conference is the world's largest annual ground handling conference. The conference brought together industry leaders from airlines, airports, ground handlers and manufacturers to discuss and implement industry standards, policies and procedures. (Embassy of Burundi in Nairobi)

**O**n May 14, 2025, Her Excellency Ambassador Evelyne HABONIMANA attended the 37th International Air Transport Association

### Participation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation in the Celebration of the Independence of the United States of America: A Momentum of Cooperation and Friendship



**O**n May 15, 2025, in Bujumbura, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, H.E. Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, participated in the ceremonies celebrating the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, highlighting the historical ties between the two nations.

During this event, the Minister extended his warm congratulations to the U.S. Ambassador and the American people. He emphasized that the 250th anniversary symbolizes essential values such as

duality, cooperation and freedom. These themes are particularly relevant in the context of relations between Burundi and the United States.

Minister Albert Shingiro also reflected on the historical journey of the United States, stressing that their independence was a long and complex process. He quoted Martin Luther King to illustrate the struggle for equality and justice, encouraging Burundi to draw inspiration from this example as the legislative elections of June 2025 are approaching. He highlighted the current challenges facing Burundi, particularly the need for economic independence and self-sufficiency. The Minister expressed hope for continued support from the United States to help Burundi achieve these ambitious goals.

U.S. Ambassador Mrs Peterson also thanked the event organizers and praised the contributions of USAID, which has supported vital initiatives worldwide, Burundi included. She shared poignant stories of beneficiaries of American aid, illustrating how development pro-





grams have transformed lives in Burundi.

She mentioned concrete examples, such as Perpétue, a mother whose situation improved thanks to agricultural techniques provided by USAID, and Geneviève, who

saw the health of her community improve through malaria control programs. These stories highlight the lasting impact of humanitarian aid on Burundian communities.

Despite the challenges related to changes in aid programs, Ambassador Peterson reaffirmed the United States' commitment to continue supporting Burundi while adapting their approach to meet local needs.

This occasion was not only a celebration of the independence of the United States but also an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two nations. The speeches resonated as a call for unity and shared prosperity, reinforcing the mutual commitment to a better future. (MFADC)

### The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation participates in the award ceremony of the 5th "Me and China" Writing Contest



**O**n May 15, 2025, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako, participated in the award ceremony of the 5th "Me and China." Writing Contest.

In his speech, Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako emphasized that the 5th edition of the Writing contest holds significant importance and is part of strengthening Sino-Burundian friendship and cooperation through writing, as "words fly away, but writings remain." He also recalled that during his last visit to China, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, praised the action plan focused on China-Africa



cooperation within the framework of the "Belt and Road" initiative, the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, and the Global Civilization Initiative; commendable actions that will contribute to achieving the vision of

"Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060."

Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako concluded his remarks by thanking the candidates who participated in this competition. He congratulated the winners and encouraged them to maintain their competitive spirit and continue on the same path in other fields that are now open to them or will be in the future. To the non-winners, Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako indicated that everyone contributed to strengthening the friendship and cooperation between China and Burundi. He finally thanked Her Excellency Mrs Zhao Jiangping, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China and her team for organizing this cultural event.

According to the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Mrs Zhao Jiangping, the 5th Edition of the Writing Contest, themed "Sino-Burundian Friendly Cooperation in My Eyes," serves as a popular testament to the concrete bilateral cooperation between China and Burundi in recent years. Some entries review the achievements of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Coop-

eration (FOCAC) held in September 2024, the important consensus reached by the Presidents of China and Burundi, namely H.E. Xi Jinping and H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, as well as the prospects for the development of Sino-Burundian relations. These works draw on personal experiences to recount the outcomes of major pragmatic cooperation projects in areas such as hydro-power, food security, poverty reduction, stability, and the equality of Sino-African friendly cooperation, as well as the recent training in China on new media and media technologies. This competition also serves as a window into educational and cultural cooperation, which is one of the pillars of cooperation between China and Burundi. It is worth mentioning that, prior to the award ceremony, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Burundi, H.E. Mrs Zhao Jiangping, engaged.

With the Burundian delegation at the recent seminar held in China on new media and media technologies, discussing cooperation in various fields, including mass media. Recommendations based on recent experiences made in China were raised on this occasion. (MFADC)

### Celebration of International Firefighters' Day



**O**n Tuesday May 13, 2025, the General Directorate for Civil Protection and Disaster Management organized ceremonies in Bujumbura to mark the celebration of the 2025 edition of the International Firefighters' Day, under the theme: "The firefighter ready to help the population" ABP noted on site.

On this occasion, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Safety, André Ndayisaba, said that the celebration of this day aims at raising public awareness of the importance of civil security, and to recognize the efforts of firefighters in protecting the lives and property of the population. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by firefighters, and to promote fire prevention measures.

Burundi celebrates this day to join the international community in paying tribute to five Australian firefighters who lost their lives while attempting to extinguish a forest fire on January 4, 1999. According to Brigadier General Richard Ndayisaba, these martyrs lost their lives in the course of their mission to protect citizens, their property and the environment from the risk of fire. The fire department also organized an awareness-

raising session for citizens on fire prevention and first aid to ensure an effective response in emergency situations.

According to the Director General of Civil Protection and Disaster Management in Burundi, Major General Roger Ndikumana, the celebration of this day also reminds him of previous fire incidents, notably that of the Bujumbura central market on January 27, 2013, the Kamenge market on October 3, 2020 and the fire at the Gitega central prison on December 7, 2021, as well as other markets in urban centers in the interior of the country, which resulted in human and material damage and deaths. All these fires have resulted in considerable economic losses, affecting the national budget. Given these emergencies, he reported that the fire department had intervened in time to limit the damage and protect people and property, despite their limited resources.

To reduce the impact of fires, Major General Roger Ndikumana explained that the Government of Burundi has provided the Directorate General of Civil Protection and Disaster Management with fire-fighting trucks, ambulances, personal protective equipment and portable extinguishers. It has also equipped markets with fire-fighting equipment, to support the actions of firefighters. According to him, the past year was marked by significant achievements in capacity-building for firefighters, thanks to the support of a team of experts from the United Republic of Tanzania.


Particular attention was paid to the training of safety

officers in public markets, where the risk of fire is particularly high, as well as in several large national companies such as Breweries and Soft drink companies of Burundi, Organo-Mineral Fertilizers Industries and many others, to enable them to adopt best practices in disaster prevention and response. All these achievements demonstrate our commitment to strengthening the national fire protection system and better preparing personnel to intervene effectively in case of emergency, he announced.

However, a number of challenges remain: on the one hand, there is a shortage of qualified personnel to cover the growing needs of the population; on the other, the team lacks the modern, state-of-the-art equipment that is essential for rapid, effective and safe interventions. The distribution of these insufficient resources remains uneven, making rapid access to help difficult in certain localities.

As far as future prospects are concerned, the Director General of Civil Protection and Disaster Management in Burundi, Major General Roger Ndikumana, listed, among other things, the creation of a specialized, well-equipped fire department unit, capable of intervening throughout the country, and the construction of a fire station in each commune of Bujumbura city, in order to bring rescue services closer to citizens. He reiterated his commitment to raising public awareness of the culture of fire prevention and risk reduction in general. He appealed for unity and solidarity to support the firefighters in their missions to achieve Burundi's vision of an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. (ABP)

### Launch of the campaign to install the first plastic waste garbage cans in Bujumbura city

 On Friday, May 16, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Ir Prosper Dodiko, officially launched a campaign to install the first plastic waste garbage cans in Bujumbura town hall. According to him, this campaign was organized as part of the implementation of the Burundi government's policy to have Bujumbura as a clean city.

To achieve this mission, the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock will have to carry out three major activities: the installation of dustbins to prevent waste pollution, the campaign to plant forest trees in the city of Bujumbura, and sanitation. He took the opportunity to remind the Burundian population that there is a decree prohibiting not only the import, manufacture and marketing, but also the use of plastic bags, and calling for a joint ordinance setting out the implementing measures.





Among these enforcement measures, he cited article 9, which stipulates that anyone who manufactures prohibited plastic bags, sachets or bottles in his factory is liable to a fine of between BIF 50 million and 100 million. Article 11 of the aforementioned ordinance stipulates that anyone importing prohibited plastic bags, sacks or bottles is liable to a fine of between BIF 25 million and 50 million. Article 12 stipulates that anyone marketing banned plastic products is liable to a fine of between BIF 12 million and 25 million.

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock also pointed out that article 17 stipulates that any person or individual who uses prohibited plastic bags and sacks is punished by a fine ranging from BIF 2,000 to 5,000, including those who dispose of bags and plastics in inappropriate places. If it's a company that dumps the waste, it pays a fine of between BIF 50 and 100 thousand.

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Mr Prosper Dodiko, explained that the Ministry had set up these garbage cans, made by civil society, to make it easier for the population to access the places where waste should be disposed of. He urged the private operators who have undertaken to transform this waste to continue these good

initiatives in order to contribute to the development and cleanliness of the country.

On the subject of challenges, the heads of these companies raised a number of issues that hamper the smooth running of their businesses. They cited the lack of means of transport, insufficient electricity and fuel, among others. Minister Prosper Dodiko replied that they would continue to work together to resolve these challenges, reassuring them about the lack of electricity. The Government of Burundi has put in place a number of initiatives, such as the accelerated construction of hydroelectric dams, which will provide easy access to electricity.

In this same context, the Minister promised spaces for operators who want to expand their activities, particularly for the establishment of waste collection areas. For his part, the Mayor of Bujumbura, Mr. Jimmy Hatungimana, thanked the managers of these companies for the manufacture of these garbage cans, adding that they would also help them to collect plastic waste easily and thus make the city cleaner. He then asked the citizens of Bujumbura to stop throwing plastics into the streets or gutters, and to collect them and put them in the new garbage cans. This will free our city from pollution and protect our environment.

Mr. Silas Bucumi, one of the managers of the companies involved in the manufacture of the garbage cans, testified that they had manufactured 82 garbage cans together in order to support the Government of Burundi in implementing its "Zero Waste in Towns" program. It should be noted that this campaign will continue in the other provinces with the aim of ensuring cleanliness throughout the country. (ABP)

### **The Minister of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports, and Culture presents the major achievements of the Ministry for the third quarter**

**O**n Monday, May 12, 2025, the Minister of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports, and Culture, Ambassador Gervais Abayeho, presented to the Burundian press the major achievements of his Ministry during the third quarter of this year, as reported by the Burundian

News Agency on-site.

Economically, 11 cooperatives made up of 66 young members, including 47 men and 19 women, benefited from loans totaling BIF 557,000,000 from the Youth Investment Bank (BIJE), he stated. In support of the



design and implementation of rural projects and micro-projects, Minister Gervais Abayeho indicated that veterinary kits, vaccines, and phytosanitary products, as well as ear tags and Global Positioning Systems (GPS), had been provided to beneficiaries of the Economic Empowerment and Youth Employment Program (PAEEJ). He specified that a total of 73 trivalent vaccination kits against African swine fever (ASF) had been distributed to PAEEJ beneficiaries, while 2,970 pigs had been vaccinated.

Furthermore, Ambassador Gervais Abayeho announced that forty-seven cooperatives and youth enterprises operating in priority sectors such as agro-

business, ecotourism, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), handicrafts, mining, agro-food processing, trades, transport, energy, and second-category waste management have received support during the period from January to March of this year.

Approximately 1,865 young people have benefited from capacity building in financial management for businesses and cooperatives, as well as in agropastoral techniques and irrigation, crop protection, food storage, and employment techniques in vocational training centers and incubators.

Regarding youth employment, an impact study on professional internships for first jobs granted to young graduates, conducted by the same Ministry, revealed that "27.3% of young beneficiaries of the first job internship were hired after completing their internship, while 33.4% of these individuals were able to create their own businesses," stated Minister Gervais Abayeho. It is worth noting that, in order to crystallize the role of youth in promoting peace and security, the Ministry of East African Community, Youth, Sports, and Culture organized a training session in Mwaro province on peace building and conflict prevention during the electoral period. (ABP)

### The improvement of living conditions for disaster-affected individuals and the inclusion of the Batwa are necessary



**O**n Monday, May 12, 2025, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights, and Gen-



der, Mr. Pontien Hatungimana, officially launched the operational plan for the reintegration of returnees, displaced persons, and the inclusion of Batwa in Burundi.

In his speech, the Permanent Secretary stated that the activities were organized to raise public awareness and

inform various development partners about the existence of an operational plan for the implementation of the national strategy for the socio-economic reintegration of affected individuals and the inclusion of Batwa.

This operational action plan for 2025-2027 contains several priorities based on information gathered from target groups (returnees, internally displaced persons, and Batwa). It indicates that the plan is based on several objectives. These include ensuring good governance of the socio-economic reintegration framework for affected individuals and the inclusion of Batwa, improving the civil rights and freedoms of Batwa, strengthening social cohesion and security in their communities, enhancing the socio-economic living conditions of reintegrated populations and Batwa, and reinforcing community resilience.

In the context of implementing this strategy through the operational action plan, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, and Human Rights, Mr. Pontien Hatungimana, announced that actions had been taken based on information gathered from beneficiaries. Internally displaced persons due to climate change are also requesting housing, arable land, and small capital grants to initiate income-generating activities.

Regarding these grievances, the permanent secre-

tary indicated that the government is committed to supporting all internally displaced persons, returnees, and Batwa. Concerning the areas of intervention for the implementation of this strategy, the government's ambition is to cover the entire national territory so that vulnerable individuals can live with dignity in a peaceful and prosperous environment. During the discussions, the panelists raised challenges faced particularly by returnees and Batwa.

According to Mr. Vital Bambanze, who represented Batwa indigenous people, some of these challenges are related to the lack of land ownership, decent housing, means of livelihood and self-development, distrust in education, and lack of access to healthcare. On the other hand, Mr. Evariste Niyokindi, who represented the returnees, highlighted the lack of agricultural tools such as hoes and machetes as one of the major challenges preventing them from managing their development activities. He also added that poverty and the lack of school supplies have led to poor academic performance.

To overcome these challenges, representatives of these vulnerable groups have requested the government to provide them with financial resources to address their needs. They have also called for vocational training for young people in various trades, as well as professional integration aimed at improving their access to basic public services and socio-economic opportunities. (ABP)

### Road safety: Brarudi Factory takes action

**T**he Brewery and Soft Drink Factory of Burundi (BRARUDI) officially launched a national road safety campaign called "Twara neza, ntiwisange mw'isanganya" on May 15, 2025, in the Municipality of Bujumbura. The event was attended by the Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry, and Tourism, Madam Marie-Chantal Nijimbere, and the Inspector General of the National Police, Major General Joseph Ninteretse.

During the ceremony, Major General Ninteretse reminded attendees that the mission of the national

police goes beyond merely maintaining order. It also includes the prevention of road accidents, which is a major issue for public safety. He appreciated BRARUDI's commitment and emphasized the crucial role of citizens, particularly through the free hotline number 188, to report dangerous behaviors.

To implement this initiative, Brewery and Soft Drink Factory of Burundi has put in place several measures: a large-scale awareness campaign aimed at reaching a wide audience, strengthened collaboration with public authorities and stakeholders engaged in road safety,





and the launch of a toll-free number 188, accessible for

citizens to report any risky behavior related to the company's trucks. Citizens are encouraged to report dangerous practices such as: transporting passengers in the cabin, driving without a seatbelt, driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of goods and people, or bicycles attached to the back of trucks.

According to the Administrator-Director General of BRARUDI, Mr. Laurent Bukasa, this campaign is part of a long-term strategy aimed at establishing a shared, responsible, and inclusive road safety culture throughout the country. (RTNB)

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