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On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received in audience at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace a Special Envoy from the President of Liberia, Senator GBEHZOHNGAR Findley. He was carrying a message from His Excellency Joseph Nyumah Boakai, which concerned a request for support from Burundi for his candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. At the end of the discussions between these two leaders, the Burundian President took into account the painful history that binds the two countries, their shared commitment to resolving their

conflicts, and the idea that both nations have adopted a dynamic approach to advancing their countries towards development and democracy. He concluded by mentioning that there is no reason not to support this candidacy: "Whoever asks you for support is expressing their trust in you," His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye remarked to the Special Envoy. **(Presidency)**

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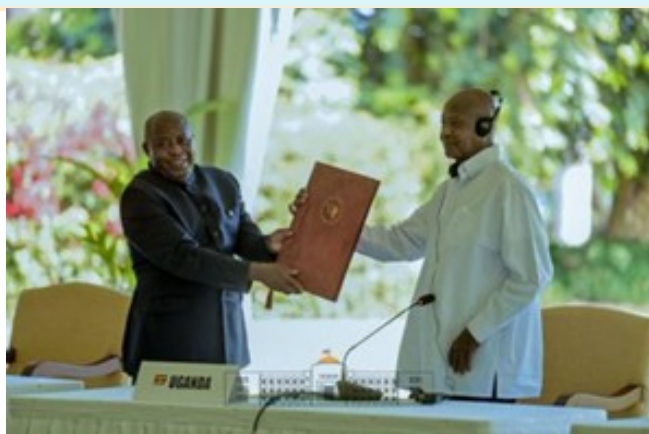
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On May 28, 2025, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, the President of the Republic of Burundi, participated in the 12th Summit of the Regional Mechanism for Monitoring the Framework Agreement, held at the presidential palace in Entebbe, Uganda.

Upon his arrival at Entebbe International Airport, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye was warmly welcomed by the Ugandan Minister of State for Foreign

Affairs in charge of International Affairs, His Excellency Henry Oryem Okello, before being graciously received by his Ugandan counterpart, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, at the Entebbe palace prior to the summit proceedings.

During this meeting, the Burundian President, who was until then the Chairperson of the Regional Mechanism for Monitoring the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the region, presented a largely positive assessment of the achievements during his chairmanship. This assessment was revitalized with a document accompanied by an action plan validated during the proceedings, high-level consultations, and diplomatic engagements.

Amidst warm congratulations from his peers, after two years of remarkable and successful leadership of the mechanism, the Burundian President, as the outgoing Chairperson, handed over the reins to his Ugandan counterpart, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. **(Presidency)**

The Head of State receives the Sudanese Vice President in Kampala



On the sidelines of the Addis Ababa Framework Agreement Summit on Peace, Security, and Cooperation in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the region, the Burundian President, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received the Vice President of the Transitional Sovereignty Council of Sudan, His Excellency Malik Agar Eyre, in an audience on May 28, 2025, in Kampala.

During their discussions, the two high-ranking officials

primarily addressed issues of peace and security in the region and in Sudan. Given the concerning security situation in Sudan, the Sudanese Vice President sought the support of the Burundian Head of State, recognizing his experience and good reputation as a mediator, as well as Burundi's contributions to peacekeeping in various parts of the African continent.

After discussing the origins of the Sudanese conflict, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, reiterated his country's commitment to always being part of the solution and never on the side of conflict. In this regard, he pledged to support and accompany Sudan in the peace process, both at the regional and international levels, to help it regain peace and security. He emphasized the use of diplomatic tools through dialogue and other peaceful means to ensure stability in Sudan and throughout the Great Lakes region. **(Presidency)**

Return to the country of President Ndayishimiye after the Kampala Summit on the Democratic Republic of Congo



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, returned to his country on Thursday, May 29, 2025, after participating in the 12th High-Level Meeting of the Regional Mechanism for Monitoring the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security, and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This summit served as an important platform for exchanges among Heads of State and government committed to the stability and sustainable development of the region, particularly regarding peace and security in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The handover was also scheduled to take place between His Excellencies Evariste Ndayishimiye and Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the outgoing and incoming Presidents of the Regional Mechanism for Monitoring the Framework Agreement for Peace in the DRC, respectively.

Upon his arrival at the Melchior Ndadaye International Airport in Bujumbura, the Spokesperson for the President of the Republic, Mrs Rosine Guilène GATONI, addressed the press, mainly reporting on how the Burundian leader assessed his two-year tenure at the helm of this Mechanism as very positive, despite the challenging context caused by the resurgence of the M23 supported by Rwanda.

President Ndayishimiye highlighted his achievements, particularly those related to the recommendations assigned to him upon taking the reins of the Mechanism. These primarily include political consultations, diplomatic rapprochements, and the involvement of women and youth in the peacebuilding pro-

cess. In this regard, he mentioned the regional youth meeting, particularly the international youth dialogue coupled with the youth forum of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), as well as the women's forum at the same conference, which were enhanced by the presence of President Ndayishimiye.

The Summit also provided an opportunity to unanimously adopt a revitalization document for the Framework Agreement. It reiterated the position of its country, emphasizing that Burundi represents a solution to conflicts, and invited the audience to delve into and identify the root causes of insecurity in Eastern DRC, and consequently its poverty. However, he noted that there is hope if all efforts are directed towards addressing the issue, in a spirit of regional and international solidarity.

He took this opportunity to commend the observable efforts of the East African Community (EAC), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the African Union, Qatar, and the United States of America, all converging towards a single objective of restoring peace and security in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The President of Burundi further emphasized his country's commitment to this cause, mentioning the support provided to over 120,000 Congolese refugees who fled the war and found refuge in Burundi. He called for support for these efforts, particularly in working towards the enforcement of the proposed peace plan and the immediate adoption of a ceasefire.

On the sidelines of the Summit, President Ndayishimiye met with the Vice President of the Transitional Sovereignty Council of Sudan, Mr. Malik Agar Eyre. They discussed the socio-security situation prevailing in the region in general and in Sudan in particular. Referring to his position within the African Union and his experience in restoring peace and security in certain countries, Mr. Malik Agar Eyre sought the support of the President of Burundi for Sudan, where a rebel group is disrupting the tranquility of the population. The latter encouraged him to prioritize dialogue as a means to find a lasting solution. **(Presidency)**

The President Ndayishimiye committed to an inclusive society with youth at the heart



On Friday, May 30, 2025, The Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, joined young people from all political back-

grounds living in the Municipality of Bujumbura this Friday in community development work aimed at rehabilitating sports fields at the Kamenge University Campus.

Although he is a member of the CNDD-FDD party, the Burundian President is defined by his values of inclusion and did not hesitate to gather a large group of young people from civil society and activists from various political parties around a community interest activity.

"This field will be managed by you, the youth. It will help in the education of children and the promotion of their sporting talents," stated the Burundian leader after criticizing the behavior of some young people who spend most of their time in leisure instead of working to secure their future.

President Evariste Ndayishimiye promised material support for the execution of these works and asked the youth to provide free labor amounting to eighty percent of the total cost of these projects in order to properly develop this "place for the flourishing of the youth of Bujumbura city," as he aptly named it.

The Head of State called for efforts to ensure that the first phase of the work, which involves the rehabilitation of volleyball, handball, basketball, and netball courts, is completed within two months. **(Presidency)**

Validation of the analysis report on the opportunities for Burundi's emergence by 2040

The Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Economic Planning, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programm, organized a technical workshop on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, to validate the report analyzing opportunities to achieve Burundi's vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

On this occasion, the representative of the Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Economic Planning, Mr. Damas Bakuranimana, emphasized that Burundi's emergence by 2040 is not merely a projection but represents a collective commitment, a shared vision, and a feasible goal. He stressed the need to transform existing opportunities into genuine engines of growth by implementing key reforms. These include modernizing public admin-



istration through digitalization and improving the business climate through macroeconomic stability and legal security. He also highlighted the importance of promoting digital finance to enhance financial inclusion while implementing targeted measures to increase climate resilience and pro-

mote the empowerment of youth and women. Furthermore, he noted that this technical workshop is part of a broader process, marking a significant step towards realizing the recommendations from previous work.

The Deputy Resident of the United Nations Development Programme in Burundi, Mr. Jonas Mfouatie, praised the exemplary collaboration between the

Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Economic Planning and the UNDP. He underscored the Burundian government's firm commitment to sustainable and inclusive development, adding that this workshop represents a crucial step in identifying and leveraging opportunities that could propel the country toward a prosperous future. (ABP)

The provincial administration of Muramvya is pleased with the achievements of the One Acre Fund Tubura program



The Governor of Muramvya Province, Mr. Euphrèm Ndikumasabo, congratulated the farmers of Masango Hill, partners of the One Acre Fund Tubura program, who are currently experiencing good bean harvests due to the implementation of best agricultural practices related to the consolidation of their arable land, as recommended jointly by agronomists and field agents under the guidance of Tubura.

According to the President of the ANASAF BURUNDI Association, Mrs. Emelyne Iyizire, this follows a monitoring and evaluation visit conducted on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, by the Governor of Muramvya Province, accompanied by the Muramvya Commune Administrator, Mrs. Espérance Nduwayezu, and the Director of the Provincial Agriculture and

Livestock Office, Mr. Ali Kassim. These provincial authorities first participated in the bean harvesting activity on one of the consolidated fields on Masango Hill, benefiting two hundred households under the guidance of the One Acre Fund Tubura program. The owners of this field block expressed their satisfaction with the harvests. This is the case for Mr. Nicodème Ngowenubusa's family, who are harvesting high-quality beans known as "Washonje utarandima."

On this occasion, Governor Ndikumasabo indicated that this visit was conducted to assess the quality of the expected harvests following previous visits to monitor the plowing, distribution, and application of fertilizers. He took this opportunity to commend the efforts of the One Acre Fund Tubura program in supporting partner farmers.

Governor Ndikumasabo also praised the producers who are applying all the agricultural techniques as promoted. He stated that the primary goal of the administrative authorities is to assist in the well-being of the population, a well-being demonstrated by the abundance of food supplies.

The Governor of Muramvya Province, Mr. Euphrèm Ndikumasabo, urged farmers to manage their harvests wisely and avoid flooding the market. However, he suggested that they sell any surplus to have some money in their pockets. (ABP)

National Test, edition 2024-2025

The national examination for the 9th year of fundamental education, which began on Monday, May 26, 2025, and concluded on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, generally went smoothly. In Bubanza Province (northwest Burundi), the national exam started without any issues. A total of

2,968 students were expected to participate across 35 centers, with 137 supervisors, as reported by the Provincial Directorate of Education (DPE).

The Provincial Director of Education in Bubanza, Mr. Claude Badugaritse, contacted by the Burundian Press Agency (ABP), stated that the candidates for this exam



had been well-prepared, having undergone six practice tests: three at the communal level, two within school networks, and one at the provincial level. The local authorities aim for Bubanza Province to rank among the top five. He urged students, during the examination, to work calmly and to view this exam as a routine assessment. He also emphasized the importance of following instructions and maintaining discipline.

It is noteworthy that Bubanza Province ranked 9th in last year's national exam, for the 2023-2024 edition. In Kirundo Province, at the Kanyinya fundamental school in Kirundo commune, the center's official reported that out of 157 expected students, 154 were present, as observed by the Burundian Press Agency on-site. According to the Provincial Director of Education in Kirundo, Ms. Leocadie Mukaporona, a total of 2,861 students were expected in the entire province, including 1,392 girls and 1,469 boys, with 49 examination centers available. She added that there are 121 schools with 9th-grade classes throughout Kirundo Province.

Furthermore, there were 51 absentees from the exam, comprising 25 girls and 26 boys, with the majority being school dropouts, as specified by the Provincial Director of Education. She advised students, particularly urging them not to underestimate this exam, as it will serve as a guide for their future academic paths.

In the Kayanza school province (north), the national examination for the 9th year of fundamental education, which grants access to post-fundamental education, was launched by the chief of staff of the Governor of Kayanza, Mrs Justine Komezadusabe. She urged students to remain calm and not to be disoriented by any attempts at cheating. At this center, seven (7) cases of absenteeism were recorded, including 4 girls and 3 boys, out of a total of 150 expected candidates.

At the examination center set up at the Kirema Funda-

mental School, only one case of absence due to expulsion was noted among the 151 candidates expected. At the Muruta Fundamental School examination center in the Muruta school commune, one case of absence was recorded, along with another student who appeared twice on the list of 79 expected candidates.

In an interview with the local press, the director of the Kayanza school province, Mr. Juvénal Mbonihankuye, expressed his satisfaction that the examination had started smoothly, despite some irregularities reported in the



Kayanza and Matongo school communes, which were resolved promptly. He highlighted that the provincial supervisor had only provided one page instead of two in the field of human sciences in Kayanza commune, while in Matongo commune, 80 answer sheets were missing.

Overall, the national examination began at 8 a.m. across the province. It is noteworthy that this examination is taking place in 59 centers distributed throughout the school province, under the supervision of 199 teachers.

In the Makamba province, no issues were reported on the first day of the national examination for the 9th grade. According to information gathered from the provincial education directorate, 5,048 candidates are expected to take this examination. These students, coming from 201 schools, are distributed across 62 examination centers.

At the Nyanza-Lac Technical High School, where 216 candidates from 5 schools—Ecofo Bogogwa, Kigembezi, Nyanza-Lac II, Saint Germain, and Lycée Technique Our Home School—were expected, 7 absences were recorded due to dropouts. Meanwhile, at the Methodist Church examination center, 2 candidates were absent out of 91, according to reports from the Burundian Press Agency.

The national examination also began smoothly in the Bururi province. The exam started almost everywhere at the scheduled time, except at the Mubuga examination center

in the Gasanda zone of the Bururi commune, where the vehicle transporting the exam did not arrive due to impassable roads. School officials resorted to using motorcycles to transport the exam materials. At the Kajabure center, also in the Gasanda zone, 74 answer sheets were reported missing.

Within the Bururi communal education directorate,

26 absences were recorded, including 25 cases of school dropouts and one case of permanent expulsion. It is important to note that the total number of candidates expected in Bururi province is 4,921 students, distributed across 69 examination centers with 136 supervisors. **(ABP)**

Farmers in Ruhororo are achieving better yields thanks to the non-governmental organization Tubura



On Wednesday, May 28, 2025, the Chief of Staff at the provincial office of Ngozi, Alain Patrick Muheto, along with the leaders of the agricultural organization Tubura, visited the Nyakibingo hill in the Ruhororo commune to assess the condition of the fields belonging to farmers supported by this organization. These farmers have pooled their arable land to improve yields. The provincial authority noted that the fields are in good condition and that the harvest for this season is expected to be promising.

One of the farmers, Mr. Habarugira Ezechiel, has cultivated a bean field covering 8 hectares, where he planted 250 kg of seeds, with an expected harvest estimated between 5 and 6 tons.

The farmers expressed their satisfaction with the

training they received on modern agriculture, stating that it has led to a significant improvement in their yields compared to the period before they benefited from such training. They requested timely and sufficient supplies of fertilizers and selected seeds.

The Chief of Staff of the governor, Mr. Alain Patrick Muheto, expressed his pleasure that the community has understood the importance of pooling arable land and adopting modern agricultural practices to increase production. He encouraged them to prepare well for the upcoming C agricultural season to ensure continued growth in production.

Furthermore, the official responsible for relations between the state and the agricultural organization Tubura in the provinces of Ngozi, Kanyanza, and Muyinga, Mr. Elias Mugabonihera, stated that they have set a goal to support farmers by training them in modern agriculture and providing them with fertilizers, selected seeds, solar lamps, solar panels, and other equipment aimed at improving their living conditions. He emphasized that their main objective is to contribute to the vision of Burundi becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed nation by 2060, with a well-nourished population.

It is noteworthy that at the national level, the agricultural organization Tubura is currently working with over 350,000 households, with a goal of reaching one million households by 2030. **(ABP)**

Press conference held in preparation for an international conference on sports

The Vice-Dean of the Institute of Physical Education and Sports (IEPS) at the University of Burundi, Mr. Célestin Mvutsebanka, held a press conference on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Kiriri campus as part of the preparations for an international conference scheduled for June 19 and 20, 2025, under the theme "Sport and Develop-

ment: Reflections in Light of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games."

According to Mr. Mvutsebanka, the Institute of Physical Education and Sports is a key player in training and research in the fields of physical education, sports, and health. He noted that students who graduated in physi-

cal education used to find jobs easily in this field. However, this is no longer the case. The issue is that the government has recruited teachers of other courses instead of hiring sports teachers to strengthen capacities in the sports sector, he indicated.

Regarding the training of athletes, Mr. Mvutsebanka pointed out that the reasons hindering their participation in international competitions are related to a lack of financial resources to meet their needs and insufficient training. In this regard, he urged the government and development partners to get involved in the sports sector and encourage young people to better identify their talents.

It is worth mentioning that the conference planned for June will be the first edition organized by the Institute of Physical Education and Sports in the context of the Olympic Games. It will serve as an opportunity to raise awareness among the population about the importance



of sports for good health, discuss youth unemployment, and explore sports as a means of survival. This conference will also be a moment to integrate the issues surrounding the legacy of the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games. (ABP)

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