



Moralization of executives: President Ndayishimiye relies on competence, patriotism and dynamism for future Job appointments



In the continuing spirit of celebrating Patriotism Day, the Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, brought together all the executives appointed by decree in Gitega on Wednesday June 18, 2025 for a moralizing session on the theme of "Reinforcing the culture of a peaceful transfer of power".

This theme was first developed by the Reverend Pastor Onesphore Manirakiza who, during his presentation, insisted on the importance of preparing a

harmonious transition. He indicated that this culture contributes to the consolidation of peace by preventing conflicts and brings about a good performance that leads to the development of the country.

Taking the floor, the President of the Republic drew on his own testimony, recalling the stages of his career in the high offices of the State to set an example of progressive commitment to the service of the country.

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He urged those appointed by decree to adopt a responsible and forward-looking vision, reminding them that the positions they hold today are temporary. He invited them to initiate income-generating projects and activities alongside their current jobs.

Burundi's Number One also asked the various leaders to develop the institutions they lead and to bring real added value to them. He encouraged them to take beneficial actions that would be attributed to them and recognized after their departure, stressing the importance of leaving a positive and lasting legacy.

Paying tribute to certain leaders of public institutions who have distinguished themselves in the performance of their duties, President Ndayishimiye said that the time had come to be true leaders rather than mere politicians. "Burundi needs competent, patriotic and dy-

namic people capable of driving real change," he said.

Referring to the results of the recent elections, which showed that Burundians are now united around an ideal of development, he called on them to first free themselves from the weight of history in order to move resolutely forward.

"A true leader does not run away from problems: he faces them with courage and seeks concrete solutions to the challenges that arise. He stands out for his clear-sightedness and long-term vision, guiding his actions by the general interest and the future of the country", emphasized President of the Republic, adding that the duty of a good leader is to guide the people and not to dominate them. **(Presidency)**

Handover and resumption between Presidents Ndayishimiye and Museveni at the head of the Framework Agreement for the Democratic Republic of Congo



The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye returned to his country on Thursday June 19, 2025 at the end of his participation in the 12th High Level Meeting of the Regional Follow-up Mechanism of the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

This summit provided an important platform for exchanges between the Heads of State and Government committed to the stability and sustainable development of the region, and above all to peace and security in the DRC.

It also included the handover of the baton between their Excellencies Evariste Ndayishimiye and Yoweli Kaguta

Museveni, respectively outgoing and incoming Chairmen of the Regional Mechanism for Monitoring the Framework Agreement for Peace in the DRC.

On her arrival at Bujumbura Melchior Ndadaye international airport, the Spokesperson for the President of the Republic, Rosine Guilène GATONI, addressed the press, reporting mainly on how the Burundian Number One had made a very positive assessment of his two years at the head of the Mechanism, despite the difficult context caused by the resurgence of the Rwandan-backed M23.

President Ndayishimiye presented his achievements, in particular those linked to the recommendations made to him when he took over the reins of the Mechanism. These were mainly political consultations, diplomatic rapprochements, and the involvement of women and young people in the peace-building process. In this connection, he mentioned the youth meeting at regional level, in particular the international youth dialogue coupled with the ICGLR youth forum, and the ICGLR women's forum, which were enhanced by the presence of Head of State Ndayishimiye.

The Summit also saw the unanimous adoption of a document revitalizing the Framework Agreement.

President Ndayishimiye reiterated his country's position that Burundi was a solution to the conflicts, before inviting his audience to look into and identify the root causes of the insecurity in the east of the DRC, and consequently its poverty. He nevertheless pointed out that there is hope if all efforts are made to tackle the problem, in regional and international solidarity.

He took the opportunity to salute the efforts of the EAC, ECCAS, the African Union, Qatar and the USA, all converging towards the single goal of restoring peace and security in the DRC.

The Burundian Head of State also underlined his country's commitment to this request, before mentioning the support given to more than 120,000 Congolese refugees who have fled the war and found

refuge in Burundi. He appealed for support for these efforts, and above all for efforts to ensure that the proposed peace plan is respected and that a ceasefire is adopted immediately.

On the fringes of the Summit, President Ndayishimiye met the Vice-President of the Transitional Sovereignty Council of Sudan, Malik Agar Eyre. They discussed the prevailing social and security situation in the region in general and in his country in particular. Referring to his position at African Union level, and his experience in restoring peace and security in certain countries, Malik asked for the support of the President of Burundi in Sudan, where a rebel group is disturbing the peace of the population. The latter encouraged him to give priority to dialogue to find a lasting solution. **(Presidency)**

Gitega hosts thanksgiving crusade to mark 5 years in power of President Evariste Ndayishimiye



On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of its accession to the supreme magistracy, the Presidential Family has chosen to give thanks to God through a three-day crusade held since Thursday 19 June 2025 in the Province of Gitega.

The crusade opened with a mass celebrated at the Saint François d'Assise Parish in Magarama, attended by the Presidential Family surrounded by senior government officials and several members of the faithful, in an atmosphere marked by prayer and thanksgiving.

In his homily, Archbishop Bonaventure Nahimana of

Gitega insisted on mutual forgiveness between Christians (1 Corinthians 8:6) as a condition for receiving God's forgiveness. He also called for prayers for discernment and vigilance in the face of threats to the country.

In his prayer of intention, the President of the Republic thanked God for the important steps Burundi has taken towards development and stability, and expressed the wish that God would give Burundians good hearts, capable of building together a country of milk and honey.

Burundi's Number One also asked the Lord to continue to guide the Burundian people and strengthen their unity. He also implored his support for the implementation of projects and programs aimed at realizing the Vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

In her prayer of intention, the First Lady, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, prayed for the Head of State and the country's high authorities, asking God to grant them strength, wisdom and unity to continue to govern the people of Burundi well.

It is worth mentioning that on this occasion the presidential family presented large offerings to the Church,

expressing their deep gratitude to God for his blessings during their five years in office. **(Presidency)**

The Head of State calls on the Burundian people to be vigilant in preserving the precious gains of national unity



On the first day of the thanksgiving crusade, which has been taking place since Thursday June 19, at Ingoma stadium in Gitega Province, the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, has urged the Burundian people to remain vigilant in order to preserve the hard-won gains in national unity.

"For the first time, Burundi is united, its people forming a single identity over and above ethnic divisions", he declared, giving thanks to God that the unification of the Burundian people, long divided by colonization, is a collective victory and a divine promise that is being fulfilled under his leadership.

However, he called for constant vigilance to make the most of and protect these achievements in the face of persistent challenges.

Burundi's Number One also expressed his gratitude to his fellow Burundians, who are now capable of facing up to the challenges that lighten his load as Head of State. He reaffirmed that Burundians will henceforth march together towards development.

Drawing on the central theme of Numbers 11: 25-30, Reverend Denise Nkurunziza urged Burundians not to forget God's blessings, and expressed the wish that Burundians would receive the Holy Spirit in order to speak constructive words.

On the first day of the thanksgiving crusade marking the President's 5 years in power, trumpets sounded as a sign of victory for the people of Burundi. Songs of praise and adoration, sung by various choirs, accompanied this powerful moment of prayer.

The crusade began with a long parade, opened by the Presidential Couple surrounded by the country's highest authorities and followed by the natives of the enlarged province of Gitega wearing the official uniform of their province, a loincloth symbolizing their identity and unity.

It should also be noted that the ceremony was solemnly opened by a prayer led by the First Lady, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, who guided the assembly in this moment of spiritual recollection. **(Presidency)**

Building a Promising Future: Lessons from the First Lady to the Young People of Burundi

During the thanksgiving prayer held in Gitega from June 19 to 21, 2025, the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, met the young participants from the country's various provinces to guide them towards a promising future.

In her address, she stressed that serving God means putting into practice what He has entrusted to us, with integrity and trust. She encouraged young people to

become good prophets, passing on a message of peace to their fellow citizens. She invited them to stop lamenting and to pray that God will open their eyes and hearts and give them the determination to work for the good of our nation.

"Let us hold hands to build a radiant future and engage in entrepreneurial projects", she declared, stressing the importance of realizing the vision of the President of the Re-



public of Burundi for a prosperous Burundi.

She also warned young people not to allow themselves to be influenced by malicious individuals and to remain focused on their objective. "You are the nurseries of the future", she added, urging them to

avoid any form of harmful behavior, such as the use of drugs or other substances likely to compromise their future.

Finally, she asked God to strengthen our leaders, to instil in them a love for our President and to give them the wisdom they need to implement his recommendations, so that together we can build a promising future.

In this session, first speaker Lucky Louange Ndayishimiye encouraged the young people to use wisdom to manage their emotions well, based on prayer. She prayed that they would learn to manage the present well in order to prepare effectively for their future. **(Presidency)**

The First Lady of Burundi receives an important medical donation for the Urumuri Hospital



On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, the First Lady of the Republic of Burundi, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, officially received a shipment of medical equipment donated by the Honorary Consulate of Burundi in Romania. This donation will strengthen the capabilities of the Umugiraneza Polyclinic, managed by the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation.

This gesture of solidarity supports public health efforts in Burundi. The First Lady, who is the legal representative of the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation, praised this initiative, which is the result of a promise made after a visit by the Honorary Consul of Burundi in Romania, Mr. Stephane Berciu, to the construction site of the Umugiraneza Polyclinic in Kibimba.

The equipment received includes medications, wheelchairs, gowns, tables, a sterilizer, rehabilitation devices, crutches, a mobile dental unit, and a generator. Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye emphasized the importance of this material for patients and stressed the need for proper management of the equipment.

The First Lady urges medical staff to preserve these costly and vital equipment for care. This donation is part of a dynamic to strengthen health infrastructure, illustrating the collaboration between Burundian diplomacy and local initiatives. **(RTNB)**

General Directorate of Penitentiary Affairs: Many shortcomings in management, the supervising minister promises changes

On Monday, June 16, 2025, the final audit report released by the Court of Auditors on February 21, 2025, regarding the management of the General Directorate of Penitentiary

Affairs, specifically the cases of the detention centers in Gitega and Bururi, was presented in a plenary session of the National Assembly on June 16, 2025. The session was chaired by Honorable Sabine



Ntakirutimana, First Vice-President of the National Assembly, in the presence of the Minister of Justice,



Madame Domine Banyankimbona, who was invited to respond to questions from the Honorable Deputies regarding the content of the report.

This report highlights very poor management within the General Directorate of Penitentiary Affairs, with specific examples being the prisons in Gitega and Bururi. Indeed, this directorate is characterized by a lack of diligence in its operations and poor record-keeping. According to the report, the authority of this directorate demonstrates a level of irresponsibility that negatively impacts accountability, transparency, and internal control of actions due to the absence of an administrative and financial procedures manual.

Other identified shortcomings include violations of public procurement regulations, lack of transparency in



expenditures, violations of the finance law and risks of embezzlement, absence of an inventory of assets, the risk of disaster in the event of a fire in the Gitega and Bururi prisons due to a lack of fire extinguishers, incomplete stock records, and the absence of an updated internal regulation for the prisons.

There is also a lack of evidence of cash control by the accounting service of the general directorate for the Gitega and Bururi prisons, inaccuracies in the amounts of expenditures and revenues in the monthly and quarterly reports for the two audited prisons, a lack of uniforms for some prisoners and computer equipment for the prisons, as well as poor management of public resources.

On this occasion, the Honorable Deputies requested that all detainees cleared by the justice system be released immediately, and that the budget-program system be respected in the management of finances by the ministry in charge of justice in general, and the general directorate of penitentiary affairs in particular. They demanded that all services under this ministry be digitized for transparency in management and proper archiving of documents. Furthermore, it was requested that the right of prisoners to receive medical care be respected.

For all these shortcomings, the Minister in charge of justice promised positive changes, starting with appropriate normative texts. Honorable Sabine Ntakirutimana, before closing the session, recommended that the government representative ensure compliance with the budget-program and proceed with the digitization of the services of his ministry, and do everything possible to ensure that the recommendations of the Court of Auditors are implemented in all detention facilities in the country. **(National Assembly)**

Digital solidarity: Vietnam provides support to Burundi

On Monday, June 16, 2025, the Ministry of Communication, Information Technology, and Media officially received a donation consisting of 50 computers and 2 international scholar-

ships, generously offered by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The Minister of Communication, Information Technology, and Media, Madame Léocadie Ndayisaba, thanked Vietnam for this donation



and for granting scholarships to the Ministry's staff. This is a concrete step towards the digital transformation of Burundi.

This contribution is part of a strong and growing cooperation between the two countries, marked by mutual trust and a shared vision of an equitable digital future. The Minister also expressed her gratitude to the Vietnamese partner company for its crucial logistical role in ensuring the efficient transfer of equipment to Burundi. "This gesture reflects concrete solidarity for our digital development," she emphasized.

Present in Burundi for nearly 12 years, Lumitel has

established itself as a true bridge of technological friendship between the two nations. The General Director of Lumitel, Mr. Phan Truong Son, highlighted the company's impact: "We connect people, create jobs, and support modernization. This donation of 70,000 USD represents much more than material support: it is an investment in Burundian human capital."

Lumitel took the opportunity to unveil an ambitious national telecommunications strategy for 2025. With a colossal investment of 20 million USD, the company plans to cover 75% of the national territory with network coverage, install 70 new telecommunications stations, and provide equitable access to high-speed internet, including in rural areas. "We want to bring technology closer to every citizen and support sustainable growth," stated the General Director of Lumitel.

The ceremony for the handover of this equipment represents not just a transfer of material, but a shared vision of an inclusive, modern, and prosperous digital future. "Together, let us build a future where innovation, connectivity, and equal access become the norm," concluded the representative of Lumitel. (RTNB)

Review of the strategic options program to boost sustainable agriculture



On June 17, 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), organized a national consultation meeting to prepare for the mid-term review mission of the Country Strategic Opportunities Program (COSOP) 2022-2027.

Chaired by the Minister of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, Mr. Prosper Dodiko, this meeting brought together key stakeholders from the agricul-

tural, livestock, and environmental sectors, as well as development partners. The objective of this meeting was to assess the progress made in implementing the country strategic options program and to adjust interventions to achieve the expected results by 2027.

The Representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Burundi, Mr. Dagmawi Habte Selassié, stated that the COSOP 2022-2027 program has already reached a satisfactory milestone, aligning with the country's socio-economic orientations. He emphasized that this meeting will help identify priority actions to consolidate achievements and stressed the importance of synergy, believing that the pooling of investments maximizes results.

Minister Prosper Dodiko praised the initiative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, which actively supports the national policy to combat poverty. He announced the upcoming establishment of a spe-

cialized center for the introduction of new pig breeds, complementing existing government programs.

Furthermore, he informed that rabbits recently imported from France have been installed in two centers: one in Giheta housing first-generation breeders, and the other in Cibitoke designated for second-generation breeders. Five other centers are currently under construction in the five new provinces to accommodate future generations of these rabbits, he added.

The Minister of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, Mr. Prosper Dodiko, stated that the country is on the right track towards a promising future, expressing his satisfaction with the increasing involvement of the population in agriculture and livestock. He recalled the government's efforts through the introduction of improved seeds, new animal breeds, enhanced technical support, as well as support banks aimed at empowering youth and women.

Furthermore, the Minister indicated that the Strategic Options Program 2022-2027 aims combating poverty and vulnerability among smallholder farmers. He intends to sustainably improve their incomes, food security, nutrition, and resilience to climate and socioeco-

nomie shocks.

He also specified the three strategic objectives of the program, which are: to strengthen the productivity, sustainability, and climate resilience of priority agricultural operations; to increase the added value and market participation of rural youth and women; and to improve the governance of food systems through capacity building, coordination, and inclusion.

He also noted that the COSOP aligns with the strategic vision of Burundi, which aims to become an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. It supports the implementation of the revised National Development Plan (PND) 2018-2027, one of the central pillars of which is the modernization of the agricultural sector.

According to the Minister of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, Mr. Prosper Dodiko, this mid-term review is a key step in taking an objective stock of the program, identifying successes to consolidate, correcting shortcomings, and introducing innovations. The recommendations resulting from this consultation will guide the upcoming mission of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, taking into account the current realities of the country. (RTNB)

African Child Day: A Symbolic Celebration at Ngozi Prison



As part of the celebration of African Children's Day, the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights, and Gender, Madam Imelde Sabushimike, visited the women's prison in Ngozi on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, which currently

houses 13 young girls in conflict with the law.

The Minister brought them a symbolic gift to wish them a happy African Children's Day. This gift consisted of rice, oil, hand towels, and porridge for the children. She urged these young girls to seriously engage in the vocational training programs they are attending within the facility, as these skills will be useful for their reintegration once they are released. She also thanked the benefactors who support the education of these young detainees and promised, on behalf of the Government, that everything will be done to ensure they can regain their freedom transformed positively.

The head of the establishment, Madame Scholastique Nahimana, for her part, requested that this support contin-

ue and advocated for the children still awaiting judgment to be quickly informed of their fate, in order to

better organize their future. (RTNB)

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