



## Buhumuza: President Ndayishimiye appoints new leaders and charts the path for development



**O**n Monday, September 1, 2025, at Buhumuza Stadium, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye, officially presented the new leaders of Buhumuza Province: Mrs. Ndaruhekere Denise, elected Governor of the Province, and Mrs. Nahimana Marie Rose, Administrator of Cankuzo Commune, before a large crowd and senior officials native to the province.

The result of the merger of former provinces of Cankuzo, Ruyigi, and Muyinga, Buhumuza Province has many assets: strategic border posts, significant gold deposits, vast lands suitable for fruit crops such as avocados, and the

Ruvubu National Park. Confident, President Ndayishimiye assured that this province will experience remarkable growth in less than a decade.

In his speech, the Head of State urged the new officials to serve the people with humility and commitment, to preserve peace and security, and to closely monitor the province's economic activity in order to stimulate sustainable development.

"I urge you to work in harmony with the people, to fight against crime, and to encourage your fellow citizens to abandon lamentations and invest themselves with determination in the production and realization of the na-

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tional vision,” said President Ndayishimiye.

In the commune of Cankuzo, he then visited the National Union of Kibonobono Cooperative Societies, led by Mr. Tuyisabe David, an innovative project that promotes castor oil, organic fertilizer, insecticides, and biofuel.

The Burundian Head of State advised the leaders of this confederation, which farms 12 hectares for an annual harvest of 120 tons, to intensify the supervision

of farmers and provide them with seeds in order to increase production and improve incomes of local farmers.

Finally, President Ndayishimiye brought together senior officials from four key areas security, defense, justice, and administration to assess the nation's socio-security situation. He took this opportunity to commend the remarkable efforts already made to preserve the country's stability. **(Presidency)**

### President Ndayishimiye praises Mr. Daniel Johnson's innovative initiatives



**O**n Tuesday, September 2, 2025, the Head of State of Burundi, His Excellency. Évariste Ndayishimiye, visited Nyampongo Hill in Gisuru commune of Buhumuza province, where he toured the projects of Mr. Daniel Johnson, an American citizen born and raised in Burundi, who has distinguished himself through remarkable initiatives in the service of the community.

A visionary and committed individual, Mr. Johnson introduced the modern technique of aquaponics, combining fish farming and vegetable cultivation. The production from this system is largely used to feed 300 deaf-mute children, who are welcomed free of charge

into a boarding school that he built and which has been operating successfully for seven (7) years.

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Driven by an even more ambitious vision, he plans to build a modern hospital on the same hill to improve access to healthcare.

The Head of State praised these philanthropic initiatives and promised 5 tons of maize to support the boarding school residents' food supply.

This visit reflects the government's desire to encourage and support innovative citizen initiatives, which are essential pillars of the national vision for development focused on education, health, and food self-sufficiency. **(Presidency)**

### The Head of State and President of the Elders' Council of CNDD-FDD leads a national retreat in Muyinga

**U**nder the leadership of the Head of State and President of the Elders' Council of the ruling CNDD-FDD party, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, a special national retreat opened on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at Muyinga Palace in

Buhumuza province and will continue until September 5, 2025.

Organized by the CNDD-FDD party, this retreat brings together the highest authorities of the three branches of



government: the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, provincial governors, members of the Council of Elders, and national and provincial secre-

taries of the party.

The main objective of this retreat was to evaluate the mechanisms for effectively implementing the commitments made to the Burundian people during the last elections, which were won by the CNDD-FDD with 96% of the vote.

Through this initiative, all state institutions are reminded of the need to combine their efforts in order to succeed in transforming Burundi, in accordance with the national vision: to make the country an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. **(Presidency)**

### Strengthening bilateral relations between Burundi and India



**O**n September 1, 2025, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Édouard BIZIMANA, recently received His Excellency Mr. Upender Singh Rawat, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Burundi. This meeting underscores the importance of bilateral relations between Burundi and India, which are marked by mutually beneficial cooperation and strong friendship.

During their discussions, Minister BIZIMANA and Ambassador Rawat discussed the current state of bilateral cooperation, which extends to several strategic sectors. India has provided significant support to Burundi in various fields such as technology, education, university training, and energy. In the energy sector, the Kabu 16 dam construction project is particularly noteworthy. This project, which is essential for energy supply and water resource management, demonstrates India's commitment to supporting Bu-

rundi's sustainable development. These efforts aim at strengthening local capacities and provide education and training opportunities that are crucial for the country's economic development. India has also invested in infrastructure and health projects, helping to improve the living conditions of Burundian people. These initiatives demonstrate India's desire to position itself as a key partner in Burundi's development, while supporting its aspirations for economic emergence.

The two diplomats also discussed issues of international importance, including India's candidacy for the United Nations Security Council for the period 2028–2029. Cooperation between Burundi and India also extends to organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), where the two nations work together to promote safe and efficient aviation standards and practices. Burundi and India share common interests in areas such as counterterrorism and climate change, strengthening their collaboration on global issues. These joint efforts are essential to promoting peace and security in their respective regions.

This visit by His Excellency Mr. Upender Singh Rawat is part of a protocol aimed at expressing his sincere congratulations to Minister BIZIMANA on his appointment to the position of Minister. Beyond this first meeting, Ambassador Rawat has also planned other protocol visits to certain high-ranking officials of the Burundian government. These visits aim at strengthening diplomatic ties and promote constructive dialogue, thereby reinforcing mutual commitment to fruitful and lasting cooperation.



The willingness of both nations to work together to overcome contemporary challenges is a promising sign for the future of their partnership. Relations between Burundi and India are based on principles of

mutual respect, cooperation, and friendship. The projects funded by India, as well as mutual support in international forums, are evidence of a robust and dynamic alliance that promises to bear fruit for both nations. (MFARIDC)

### Sessions of the Sectoral Council of Permanent Secretaries Ministries in charge of East African Community (EAC) Affairs and Planning (SCMAECP)



**O**n September 3 and 4, 2025, the 58th Extraordinary Sectoral Session of the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries in charge of East African Community Affairs (EAC) and the 35th Sectoral Session of the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries in charge of East African Community Affairs (EAC) and Planning were held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania. (EAC) and the 35th Sectoral Session of the Permanent Secretaries of Ministries in charge of East African Community (EAC) Affairs and Planning. Burundi was represented by Mr. Sévérin MBARUBUKEYE, Permanent Secretary in charge of East African Community Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation.

The two sessions were convened in accordance with the EAC's calendar of activities for the period July-December 2025. Delegates from partner states and staff members of EAC organs and institutions participated.

In accordance with the rules of procedure for EAC meetings, both sessions were chaired by Dr. Caroline

W. Karugu, Principal Secretary of the Ministry of East African Community, ASAL, and Regional Development of the Republic of Kenya, while Mrs. Asha Hirsi, EAC Liaison Officer of the Federal Republic of Somalia, served as rapporteur.

The agenda included a number of points for discussion, including the progress report on the implementation of previous decisions and directives of the Sectoral Council of Ministers in charge of East African Community (EAC) Affairs and Planning (SCMAECP), the status report on the monitoring of the reform of laws that do not comply with the Common Market Protocol, the draft 7th EAC Development Strategy (2026/27–2030/31), the draft terms of reference for the evaluation and revision of the EAC Vision 2050, the draft East African Community Digital Transformation Strategy (2025-2030), the draft terms of reference for the development of a language policy for the East African Community, the update on issues related to the removal of non-tariff barriers (NTBs) in the region, the technical experts' report on job descriptions, the technical experts' report on the operational manual for the implementation of quotas for the recruitment of East African Community staff and the renewal of short-term contracts for East African Community personnel.

It should be noted that these two sessions also served as preparation for the 58th Extraordinary Sectoral Session of Ministers in charge of East African Community (EAC) Affairs and the 35th Sectoral Session of Ministers in charge of East African Community (EAC) and Planning Ministers, to be held in Arusha on September 5-6, 2025. (MFARIDC)

### Call for cleanliness and improvement of Ngozi market

**T**he Minister of Interior, Community Development, and Public Security, aHonorable Léonidas Ndaruzaniye, accompanied by the Governor of Butanyerera Province, the Administrator of Ngozi Commune, and representatives of the province's law enforcement agencies, visited an area near the central market in Ngozi, commonly known as "Bata,"

on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. The purpose of this visit was to provide clear guidance on the development of this area.

This initiative follows a letter sent to the Head of State by former merchants who were evicted from the site in 2021 during the demolition of illegal buildings. They accused



the municipal administrator of Ngozi of taking money from certain traders to allow them to rebuild kiosks on the site. People working in the surrounding area reported that the site was being used as a dumping ground and sometimes as a public toilet, especially at night. "No evidence could be provided to support the allegations of corruption. Even during the meeting on August 15, 2025, between the municipal administrator of Ngozi, Mr. Dominique Ndikuryayo, and the merchants, no one confirmed the payment of

bribes," they added. It was therefore decided that merchants legally occupying stalls inside the market on this side would be allowed to open their shops to the outside. This authorization is granted on condition that the regulatory distances from the road are respected.

In addition, they were asked to renovate this space appropriately, installing stairs and making it more attractive with paintwork to improve the market's image. This decision was welcomed by merchants. The representative of merchants at Ngozi Central Market, Mr. Havyarimana Radjabu, expressed his satisfaction. Minister Ndaruzaniye advised the population to always address any concerns to the local authorities, avoiding unfounded accusations.

For his part, the governor of Butanyerera province, Police Brigadier General Victor Segasago, called on residents, particularly those in the city of Ngozi, to adopt good hygiene habits and avoid littering in unauthorized places in order to preserve the city's image. (ABP)

### Minister Baradahana urges proper use of Africa CDC donation



**T**he Minister of Public Health, Dr. Lydwine Baradahana, received significant logistical support from Africa CDC (African Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) on September 2, 2025, in Bujumbura, consisting of fifty-five (55) Yamaha AG100 motorcycles and two Toyota 4x4 pickup trucks, with a total estimated value of \$213,000. This amount also includes two refrigerated trucks that are expected to arrive shortly. This donation is part of the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) and aims to strengthen the logistical capacities of Burundi's health facilities.

During the official handover ceremony, the Minister expressed her deep gratitude to Africa CDC for this

significant contribution, which is part of the second phase of the pan-African program "Saving Lives, Securing Livelihoods."

According to Africa CDC Regional Director Brice Bikaca, this gesture is part of the organization's commitment to reducing inequalities in access to healthcare, which were highlighted during the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines. He emphasized that the goal of this initiative is to enable all African Union member states to have equitable access to vaccines and to strengthen their health systems in a sustainable manner.

In her speech, the Minister of Public Health emphasized that this equipment is public property made available to healthcare facilities to facilitate vaccination activities and improve healthcare coverage, particularly in remote areas.

"I urge all users to take care of these vehicles, to use them only for public health missions, and to avoid any personal use. This is a common good that must be preserved to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of our vaccination services," she said.

The Minister also announced that the donation includes refrigerated trucks, which are expected to strengthen the vaccine cold chain, an essential link in ensuring the quality and effectiveness of vaccines administered to the population. This logistical support

from Africa CDC marks an important step in strengthening the national health system and demonstrates African solidarity in the fight against pandemics and structural health challenges. (RTNB)

### Shombo residents urged to fully commit to local development



**O**n Tuesday, September 2, 2025, the Administrator of Muramvya commune, Mr. Eric Nkurunziza, visited various areas of Shombo commune. The main objective of this tour, which marked the beginning of his new duties, was to raise awareness among residents of the importance of changing mindsets in order to accelerate comprehensive development.

In his message, the Administrator called on everyone

to abandon practices and behaviors that hinder individual and collective progress. He emphasized the need for patriotic commitment to take concrete action in line with Burundi's national vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

He reminded the inhabitants of Shombo of the importance of protecting public property such as schools, health facilities, roads, and the environment. He also urged all social groups to turn away from laziness, idleness ("ligalas") and excessive consumption of strong alcoholic beverages, scourges which, according to him, hinder productivity and slow down the drive towards self-sufficiency.

Among the main complaints expressed by the local population are the lack of drinking water, even though the pipeline passes through their area to other municipalities, and the electrical transformer on Rukiga Hill, which is currently out of service and requires urgent intervention by the water distribution authority. Residents have also reported that some houses built for the indigenous population remain unfinished and without roofs, whereas the rainy season is fast approaching. (ABP)

### An economic and diplomatic alliance is sealed over a cup of tea



**O**n Monday, September 1, 2025, the Burundi Tea Board (OTB) welcomed a high-ranking Chadian delegation led by Mr. Aziz Mahamat Saleh, Minister of State, Special Advisor to the Presidency of the Republic of Chad, and Secretary General of the Patriotic Salvation Movement (MPS) in that country. The visit focused on tasting the famous

Burundian tea and discussing its export to Chad.

The Director General of OTB, Mr. Gilles Mukundwa, outlined the advantages of a direct partnership with Chad. "The sales agreements will eliminate the intermediaries who used to buy our tea in Mombasa. For him, this strategy aims at capturing a larger share of the final value of the product, directly benefiting the national economy.

He took the opportunity of this forum to praise the merits of Burundian tea: an annual production of 11,000 tons, with an ambitious target of 16,450 tons by 2030, pesticide-free cultivation, and high-altitude plantations, guaranteeing exceptional quality that is highly prized on the international market.

On the Chadian side, Mr. Aziz Mahamat Saleh was enthu-



siastic. He presented his country as “one of the largest consumers of tea,” a huge market often supplied by producers outside the continent. “We have tasted Burundian tea and can attest to its exceptional quality,” he said, promising to facilitate meetings between the OTB and Chadian economic operators. He placed this initiative within the broader context of strengthening South-South cooperation, a clear political desire to promote trade and solidarity between African nations.

The Burundian Ambassador to Chad, His Excellency Willy Nyamitwe, who accompanied the delegation, recalled the diplomatic context of this breakthrough, following the visit of the Chadian Head of State to Burundi in 2024 and the recent visit of the Minister of

Trade. He issued a call to action: “Chad has extended its hand, and Burundi must take it and seize this opportunity.” “The Chadians have already shown their interest, now it is up to Burundi to become business-minded and go to Chad with the product,” he insisted, calling on all stakeholders to work to realize the will of the heads of state and strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two peoples.

The Director General of the Burundi Tea Board has indicated that a team from the company will soon travel to Chad to negotiate crucial technical aspects such as prices, quantities, and quality of the tea to be exported. (RTNB)

### Electricity shortage: Regideso reveals the flaws in the MUKAZA network



**O**n September 2, 2025, REGIDESO Director General Dr. Jean Albert Manigomba spoke about the reasons for the repeated power cuts affecting the city of Bujumbura and several other regions of the country. In a video posted on the water distribution company's official Facebook page, he outlined the main challenges facing the institution and announced the major projects underway to modernize the national electricity grid.

According to him, one of the main causes of these disruptions is the dilapidated state of the infrastructure. The wooden poles that have been in use for decades are no longer as durable as they once were, that is why they are gradually being replaced

by more resistant metal poles. Reinforced concrete poles are also being installed to strengthen the stability of the electricity network. He emphasized that many lines, both overhead and underground, are more than 60 years old. These installations, designed at a time when energy demand was much lower, are no longer able to cope with current loads, especially in a context of rapid urbanization.

With this in mind, REGIDESO intends not only to modernize these old lines, but also to extend the network to the outlying areas of Bujumbura, which are experiencing significant population growth. At the same time, the institution plans to upgrade the medium-voltage lines to ensure better electricity distribution within the country.

The Director General of the Water Distribution Authority also mentioned two ongoing structural projects. The first is the installation of the Kamanyola-Bujumbura line, which will carry 220 kilovolts of power, and the second is the construction of the Rubirizi transformer station, which will centralize electricity from Kabu 16, Rusizi 2, and Rwegura. The current lines, initially designed to carry 50 megawatts, will also be upgraded to carry up to 130 megawatts, which will better meet the growing demand from households, businesses, and public infrastructure. (ABP)

## Kayanza: Preparations for the A growing season are progressing at a satisfactory pace



interview with the newspaper *Le Renouveau* of Burundi on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Mr. Adélin Niyonsaba stated that the A growing season is a season that should not be neglected and must be well prepared. For this season, crops include corn, potatoes, beans, vegetables, and sweet potatoes. He went on saying that farmers are currently preparing their fields. "We have made farmers aware of the need to prepare the land in time, collect manure, and seek funding for the purchase of selected seeds and organo-mineral fertilizers."

One of the farmers interviewed, Mrs. Claudette Ndayisenga, requested that fertilizers and seeds be available in time for this main season, as delays in their delivery have a negative impact on yields. Farmers say that agricultural production is good when agricultural inputs are available on time and the weather remains fa-

**F**armers in Kayanza commune of Butanyerera province are preparing for the A growing season as the C growing season is coming to an end. According to the Director of the Provincial Office for the Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, Mr. Adélin Niyonsaba, farmers have already been made aware of the need to prepare the land for the A growing season and to collect manure. This was revealed in an

avorable.

The Director of the Provincial Office for the Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock reassured farmers that these inputs would be available on time. A call to deliver seeds has already been made to the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock to avoid delays that could undermine farmers' efforts. (*Le Renouveau*)



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