



Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation

President Ndayishimiye carried out his civic duty in Musama area



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady, voted on Monday morning, August 25, 2025 in

Musama, his native area in Gitega province, as part of the local-level elections, thus fulfilling his duty, a strong gesture of civic exemplarity.

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ishimiye recalled that these elections are simple to organize, but fundamental for social justice.

For the Head of State, choosing good leaders means preventing conflicts at the bottom level rather than managing them at the top. He did not fail to point out the lack of enthusiasm that political actors have shown in the local-level elections, explaining this by the fact that political actors are motivated less by the population's welfare than by their own interests: "they are less agitated because the material stakes are lower here," he said.

Concerning certain worries of some Burundians about the resounding choice in favor of a single party, the Head of State recalls that when the programs are identical, the people choose the most experienced to avoid the fumbling of the newcomer.

Awaiting the upcoming elections, the Burundian Head of State calls on political actors to remain calm and achieve economic independence, while recalling that Burundians reserve the right to choose leaders who serve them and not those who seek profit. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye introduces the new administrator of Kiganda



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, went on Tuesday morning, August 26, 2025, to Kiganda commune, in Gitega province, where he officially introduced the new administrator, Mrs. Diane Irakoze, in front of a huge crowd gathered at the Munanira parish stadium.

President Ndayishimiye first congratulated the people of Gitega for having peacefully elected their leaders. He also pledged a bright future for the commune of Kiganda, including the former commune of Rutegama, which is known to have been a good historical example

in terms of development.

He also noted that the absence of leaders truly committed to promoting the well-being of the population has been one of the major causes of the trials faced by citizens, and that it is now imperative that every Burundian citizen fully embraces Vision 2040–2060, rejecting idleness and actively investing in building a prosperous future for the country.

President Ndayishimiye took the opportunity to raise awareness among the population about certain anti-social practices and behaviors that need to be eradicated, including lack of hygiene, idleness, alcoholism on the one hand and the consumption of prohibited drinks on the other hand.

After the ceremonies, the Burundian Head of State, in order to encourage investors, visited, Nyarunazi hill, in the Rutegama zone, a field of more than 1,500 HASS type avocado trees belonging to a farmer called Benjamin Niyokindi who explained the need for an agricultural bank and supervision of the avocado value-chain, and for increased involvement of the administration in the promotion of this crop. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye took part in the thanksgiving prayer for the 20th anniversary of the CNDD-FDD leadership

On the afternoon of Thursday, August 25, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi and President of the Council of Elders of the CNDD-FDD ruling party, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady, joined the Bagumyabanga of the province of Gitega gathered at Ecole paramédicale, for the ecumenical prayer organized every last Thursday of the month, and which was an opportunity to give thanks for the 20 years of the CNDD-FDD party's leadership.



In his speech, the President of the Council of Elders called on the newly elected officials to first change their mentalities, to listen to the population, to follow the instructions of their

superiors, and above all to have confidence in God, ready to strengthen those he has chosen to lead his people.

In reference to the day's theme: "God will support the elected leaders chosen by the Burundians," Preacher Apostle Isidore Ntuyahaga focused the passage on Isaiah 40:10, where the Lord affirms his power and close

ness to his servant. He promises to strengthen and support him, and reminds him that there is nothing to fear as long as God is with him. Apostle Mbayahaga also urged the Bagumyabanga to follow the

eagle's ideal: to have a clear vision, take on challenges, focus on one's goals, act with courage, not be two-faced, and know how to choose true collaborators. Apostle Isidore Mbayahaga praised the CNDD-FDD's 20 years of leadership, the fruit of an important decision to place God at the center. This is how the party has overcome internal and external turmoils, obstacles and insults; with dignity, and fully deserves congratulations. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye participates in a conference organized as part of the celebration of 20 years of leadership of the CNDD-FDD party



The President of the Republic of Burundi and President of the Council of Elders of the CNDD-FDD party, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, took part in a scientific conference held as a prelude to the celebration of 20 years of leadership of the CNDD-FDD party and the 9th Edition of the day dedicated to the youth league "Imbonerakure Day". This two-day conference was an occasion for the Bagumyabanga of the CNDD-FDD to and met revisit the achievements, analyze challenges encountered, draw lessons learned and outline future prospects.

Around the theme: "20 years of political and security stability : Springboard for youth committed to the development of Burundi, President Ndayishimiye welcomed the achievements under the leadership of the CNDD-FDD party, a peacebuilding and a guardian of democracy party although created during tyranny and oppression.

The President of the Council of Elders stated that the CNDD-FDD party inherited a very poor country, but

that notable progress had been made in the sectors of infrastructure, education, health, good governance, justice, reconciliation, and security. He appreciated that Burundi is safe and is on its pathways towards development.

According to President Ndayishimiye, changing mindset, increasing production and good governance are the essential levers that the Bagumyabanga must harness to make Burundi an emerging country by 2030.

It is for this reason that he called on all Burundians to fully harness assets available to the country, recommending the new provinces to adopt their own development slogan, to better direct their efforts towards emergence.

The Burundian Head of State highlighted that Burundi continues to function normally despite the lack of outside support since 2015. He further stated that the country is now seen as a solution to conflicts in Africa, thanks to its commitment to peace and security, notably in Somalia, République Centre Africaine and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). **(Presidency)**

Elections of local -level representatives: A reliable materialization of the 2040-2060 vision



Like the Burundian people, the members of the Bureau of the National Assembly took part in the elections of local -level representatives which took place throughout the national territory on Monday, August 25, 2025. While the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gelase Daniel Ndabirabe was carrying out his civic duty at the school Ecofo of Ruvumu I, in Matongo commune of Butanyerera province, the First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, the Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza was in Bugiga in Rutana commune; Burunga province and the Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, The Honorable Boussessia Nkezimana , was in Nkanda , in Ruyigi commune of Buhumuza province .

In his address to the media, the Speaker of the National Assembly admitted that these elections are the essence of development. The Right Honorable Gelase Daniel Ndabirabe pointed out that the hill is the first constituency at the national level, which also reflects that the people are the symbol of power.



Proud of this power to choose their representatives, Burundians therefore materialize their double vision, the vision of Burundi an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. In other words, through these elections of local-level representatives,

citizens decide, make resolution and even commit to working hard so as to achieve this dual vision.

For the First Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, these elections allow the people to choose trustworthy leaders since they will be the eye of the Government. The Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza called on those who will be elected to be close to the population to work for the implementation of the dual vision 2040-2060, with no one left behind.

As for the Second Vice-President of the National Assembly, the population must support and back the elected hill leaders because they are the ones who will help them achieve the dual vision 2040-2060.



According to the Honorable Boussessia Nkezimana, this dual vision takes root in households. He urged everyone to set goals to achieve in order to move forward with others towards sustainable development. **(National Assembly)**

The President of the Senate is running in the elections of local-level representatives and neighborhood chiefs elections



On Monday, August 25, 2025, as voters were called to participate in the election of local-level representatives and neighborhood chiefs throughout the national territory, the Right Honorable the President of the Senate, Gervais NDIRAKOBUCA, joined all Burundians in this event, at the voting center of the Gihango Fundamental School, a polling station located on Kabondo hill, Bukinanyana commune in the province of Bujumbura.

In his address to the media, Right Honorable Ger-

vais NDIRAKOBUCA thanked the CENI for organizing the free, peaceful and transparent elections; in accordance with article 272 of the Constitution.

He then recalled that neighborhood chiefs elections represent the interests of their communities and make decisions that reflect local needs and priorities. To achieve this, local elected officials must work closely with the local population. Indeed, neighborhood chiefs



play an important role in local development, identifying needs and priorities of their communities and working to meet the people's needs. **(Senate)**

Bujumbura hosts the 1st edition of the Global Logistics Convention



From August 26 to 28, 2025, the 6th Edition of the Global Logistics Convention (GLC2025) was held in Bujumbura. Organized by FEAFFA (Federation of Customs Agencies and Forwarders of the East African Community) in partnership with ABADT (Burundian Association of Customs Agencies and Forwarders), this conference brought together international experts, government representatives, technical and financial partners, as well as private stakeholders in the logistics sector, to explore the leverages of transformative logistics for

African trade.

Chaired by Burundi's Ombudsman, Ms. Aimée Laurentine Kanyana, the opening ceremony highlighted the country's ambitions for logistics development. "Burundi, rich in natural resources, is on the cusp of a logistics revolution. Digitalization, traceability, and smart infrastructure management are all assets needed to become a competitive logistics platform," said the Ombudsman. She also highlighted the strategic role of logistics in economic transformation, calling for enhanced dialogue between administrations, operators, and institutions to ensure transparency, equity, and efficiency in trade.

Burundi Ombudsman Ms. Aimée Laurentine Kanyana also reaffirmed the commitment of the Ombudsman's institution to supporting reforms related to digital and logistics transformation, ensuring good governance, equity and transparency in the business environment. As an institutional actor, she insisted on the need to simplify administrative procedures, strengthen access to technologies and guarantee a climate conducive to

regional logistics investments.

In his speech, Mr. Floribert Nzoyihera, President of ABADT, highlighted Burundi's calling as a core center for regional logistics: "Small in size but large in human wealth, Burundi is moving confidently toward a future of economic opportunities. Its strategic position in East Africa provides a natural connection between regional markets." He welcomed the Burundian Government's commitment to facilitating business, modernizing infrastructure and providing constant support to the private sector.

Mr. Denis Nshimirimana, Secretary General of the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB), speaking on behalf of President Olivier Suguru, emphasized: "Burundi is honored to host this 6th edition of the Global Logistics Convention. This is a strategic meeting to advance discussions on logistics integration in Africa." He praised the joint efforts of FEAFFA and ABADT in organizing an event that goes beyond regional borders to bring together the major actors in global logistics. He expressed the hope that the Global Logistics Convention 2025 will leave a lasting mark, laying the foundations for new strategic partnerships between logistics actors on the continent. He highlighted the importance of transforming ideas from the discussions into concrete actions, in the service of more fluid, equitable and resilient African trade.

The speakers presented several flagship projects aimed at strengthening Burundi's logistics position: Ndadaye International Airport; expansion and modernization of the port of Bujumbura with the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency JICA; modern port projects in Rumonge and one-stop border

posts (Gatumba-Kavimvira); road infrastructure and border bridges (Buganda-Sange, Rusizi-Kamanyola) to streamline trade; deployment of the Uvinza – Musongati – Gitega railway, launched in August 2025; special economic zones and industrial parks under development; active participation in the Single Customs System of the East African Community and electronic cargo tracking. All these projects are designed with sustainability in mind and are part of the vision of a green and circular economy. The objective of the agreement is to strengthen the African logistics chain.

Participants are urged to formulate recommendations around several axes: Optimization of supply chains; reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers; investments in logistics infrastructure (ports, airports, railways, etc.); harmonization of customs procedures through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA); capacity building of logistics stakeholders; creation of one-stop shops for centralized management of trade formalities. Logistics is no longer just a technical link. It is becoming a strategic lever for regional integration, economic competitiveness, and a pillar of the AfCFTA.

The Ombudsman recalled that in an interconnected world, logistics supports trade, ensures free run of commerce, and strengthens regional competitiveness. This 6th edition of the Global Logistics Convention marks a key step in the dynamics of logistics transformation on the African Continent. Burundi, by hosting this event for the first time, affirms its role as a strategic crossroads, ready to play its part in building a connected, prosperous and logistic Africa. (RTNB)

Minister of Foreign Affairs urges staff to preserve Burundi's image

On Thursday, August 28, 2025, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, HE Ambassador Edouard Bizimana, met with the Ministry's staff. This meeting was part of an initial contact, as it was the first time the Minister had met with all staff since his recent appointment as head of the Ministry.

The meeting began with a presentation of the general situation of the Ministry by the Director General of Administration and Management, Mr. Dieudonné Ntimpirangeza. He recalled that the Ministry's staff is divided into two groups: the Foreign Service staff and the Central Administration staff. He emphasized that, despite some challenges related in particular to the dis-

person of the Ministry's services, challenges related to staff transportation and the management of several departments, activities run efficiently. He also mentioned the plots of land, undergoing construction site and houses in various Burundian Embassies abroad.

Ambassador Edouard Bizimana indicated that this was, above all, a meeting to connect with all staff. He added that this meeting was also an opportunity to provide work instructions to achieve better results. He encouraged everyone, in their respective roles, to fully commit to service excellence.

He recalled that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation is a showcase



for the country. As such, all staff, regardless of category, must ensure that the country's image is preserved and strengthened. He urged everyone to avoid any action that could tarnish the image of the Ministry and, by extension, that of the country. Furthermore, he urged all staff to implement good governance and ensure rigorous management of resources at their disposal.

After noting that the Ministry's staff have many issues to raise, the Minister pledged that another meeting will be organized soon, in order to address concerns of the staff and to transmit their grievances to higher levels, if necessary, with the aim of improving quality working conditions.

It should be recalled that this was the very first meeting held since his appointment as Minister,

and since the merger of the Ministry in charge of Foreign Affairs with certain departments of the former Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture. **(MAEIRCD)**



Justice and Vision 2040-2060: Gamaliel Nkurunziza speaks out forcefully

On Wednesday, August 27, 2025, in Bujumbura, the President of the Supreme Court, Gamaliel Nkurunziza, sent a message to the magistrates that only responsible leaders, close to the people and committed to the rapid resolution of disputes can build a justice system worthy of an emerging Burundi by 2040 and developed country by 2060.

Speaking before the presidents of the courts of first instance, high court and appeal courts of Ntahangwa, Mukaza and Muha communes, he highlighted that justice is the foundation of sustainable development. He advocated for mediation as an alternative solution, in order to relieve court congestion



and reduce the length of trials, which often penalize the most vulnerable citizens.

Mrs. Josiane Nizigiyimana, President of the High Court of Bujumbura, spoke in turn, making several key recommendations relating to the organization of training for new magistrates, increasing the operating budget in the face of financial constraints, facilitation of travel for better monitoring of cases, citizen aware-

ness to change the perception of judges; relocation of certain cases to bring justice closer to litigants.

This meeting marks a strategic step in strengthening the rule of law, placing justice at the heart of national development. The message is clear: no emerging Burundi without credible, swift, and equitable justice. (RTNB)

Welcoming delegations to a conference organized as part of the celebration of 20 years of the CNDD-FDD leadership



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On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the CNDD-FDD leadership coupled with the celebration of the 9th edition dedicated to the Youth League commonly called "Imbonerakure Day", the CNDD-FDD welcomed, on Wednesday August 27, several foreign delegations at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport.

These guests, from allied political parties, arrived in Bujumbura to show their solidarity with the Burundian ruling party since 2005. Among them were representatives of the Patriotic Salvation Movement (MPS) of Chad and the ruling party in Zambia.

According to Honorable Cyriaque Nshimirimana, Deputy Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD, these meetings are not just festive. "It will also be an opportunity for friendly parties to exchange experiences," he said.

phasized the party's desire to draw inspiration from the operating models of other political parties.

For Mr. Aziz Mahamat Saleh, Secretary General of the MPS (Patriotic Salvation Movement) in Chad, a cooperation agreement between the MPS and the CNDD-FDD parties will soon be signed, aiming at strengthening political relations between them. This announcement comes in a regional context marked by an intensification of ties between ruling parties which some observers call "African partisan diplomacy."

For the CNDD-FDD party, this dynamic is part of a broader strategy aimed at consolidating its regional influence and pooling governance experiences within networks of political parties sharing similar trajectories. (RTNB)

Signing of a memorandum of understanding between the ADB and the Burundian diaspora



The Burundi Development Agency (ADB) and the Burundian Diaspora signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, to make formal their collaboration. This partnership focuses on promoting investment from the Burundian diaspora, as well as foreign investors. It also includes identifying and establishing business partnerships between the diaspora and the ADB, transferring skills, tech-

nology, and capital, and strengthening Burundi's international visibility. After the signing, Dr. Révérien Nizigiyimana, Director General of ADB, stressed that this partnership will enable the Agency to reach foreign investors through members of the Burundian diaspora established abroad. He added that this collaboration will contribute to the initiative of reforms aimed at improving the business climate for diaspora investors.

For his part, the President of the Burundian Diaspora, Mr. Samuel Ndayiragije, indicated that the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding is an evidence of the joint commitment of the Burundian Diaspora and the ADB to work hand in hand for the development of the country, as part of the 2040–2060 Vision.

He specified that this partnership will also allow the ADB to support the Diaspora in mobilizing investors, while addressing challenges that the Diaspora could not resolve alone, particularly those related to the Investment Code. **(RTNB)**

Tea pickers' wages to be increased soon



KAYANZA, August 27 (ABP) –

As tea leaf pickers in Rwegura located in Kayanza commune, northern province of Butanyerera, continue to leave their jobs under the pretext of low wages, the Director General of the Burundi Tea Office (OTB), Mr. Gilles Mukundwa, reassures that their concern will be resolved within three months. He took the opportunity to ask tea growers to stop destroying their tea plantations, especially since they may regret it if the price of tea leaves increases. This was discussed on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, during a meeting that the General Management of OTB had organized for the personnel of the Rwegura tea complex to discuss on its development.

In his welcoming speech, the Manager of the Rwegura tea complex, Mr. Richard Nahayo, said that the factory is running well but still faces a shortage of tea leaf pickers and tea processing employees. According to him, those who leave their job claim that the salary is low. The manager responsible for the plantations of the industrial block indicated that out of the 980 pickers they used to have just at the beginning of this year, only about irregular 600 workers remain. Therefore, the manager of the Rwegura tea complex asked the general management of the Burundi tea office to consider increasing the salary of these tea leaf pickers in order to limit their departures.

Reacting to this concern, the Director General of OTB, Mr. Mukundwa, assured that he will do everything possible to address this issue, stating that within three months, this problem will already be resolved. However, he indicated that this will be done based on calculations to ensure that OTB does not find itself in a dead end. He urged tea growers from all tea complexes in Burundi to embrace this industrial crop, especially since, according to him, their contribution is necessary to implement the national vision. Here, farmers were recommended to no longer destroy their tea plantations, under the pretext of low price because they may regret in future. He also encouraged the OTB personnel to work hard to increase tea production both in quantity and quality. **(ABP)**

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PRESS RELEASE N°08/2025 OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

The Council of Ministers met on Wednesday August 27, 2025 in Gitega, Political capital of Burundi, Under the presidency of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Major General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

As this was the first meeting of the Council of Ministers after the appointment of the new members of the Government, His Excellency the President of the Republic congratulated the members of the Government for the trust placed in them and wished them every success in their areas of responsibility, given that the country expects a lot from them. He indicated that they are called to work hard to implement the reforms underway.

He reminded them of the principle of the unity of the Government. He asked them to work together and to be complementary, urging them not to hesitate to seek advice from their superiors in case of doubt on any particular issue. Communication remains very important, he added.

He indicated that the devolution and decentralization of Ministry services at the provincial and Communal levels has led to a reduction in the number of Ministries so that sectors pursuing the same objectives can be grouped together to facilitate the monitoring and evaluation of Ministerial sectors operating in the provinces.

After the presentation and adoption of the agenda, His Excellency the President of the Republic invited the Prime Minister to present a summary of the observations from the preparatory meeting of the Council of Ministers, which had taken place on August 22 and 23, 2025, and which had been devoted to the preliminary analysis of the same items on the agenda.

Draft decree on the organization, missions, composition, and functioning of the executive secretariat, departments, and internal audit and control unit of the Commune, Presented by the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development, and Public Security

This draft decree occurs in the framework of the implementation of reforms introduced by the current law on the administrative restructuring as well as that which reorder the Communal administration.

The main innovations introduced in this draft decree include:

- 1° The precision of the organization and functioning of the departments and services of the Commune
 - 2° The detailed specifications of the missions of the departments, services, and the unit of internal control and auditing
 - 3° The composition of the staff of the departments, Services, Control and Audit Unit
- Following the analysis, the project was adopted with a few corrections to be made.

2. Draft decree amending Decree No. 100/176 of July 21, 2021, on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Community Development, and Public Security, Presented by the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development, and Public Security

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The modification of the current decree has the mission to:

- 1° Align the Ministry's regulatory framework with the new legislative provisions and strategic guidelines defined by Vision 2040-2060
- 2° Adapt the Ministry's organization and functioning to territorial reforms ;
- 3° Implement result-based management through the program-based budgeting approach

**3. Draft decree amending Decree No. 100/111 of November 30, 2020, on the missions and organization of the Ministry of National Defense and Veterans,
Presented by the Minister of National Defense and Veterans**

This draft decree occurs in the framework to:

- 1° comply with Decree No. 100/002 of August 5, 2025, on the structure, functioning, and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi;
- 2° Implementation of the law on administrative redistricting and decentralization policy.
- 3° the operationalization of the program-based budgeting policy.

**4. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights, and Gender,
Presented by the Minister of Justice, Human Rights, and Gender**

This draft decree is part of the implementation of the decree establishing the structure, functioning, and missions of the Government, which transfers the areas of "human rights" and "gender" to the Ministry of Justice.

The draft decree also comes amid the implementation of the Program-Based Budgeting policy with the significant reform of results-based management

**5. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation.
Presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy**

The Minister concerned is on a working mission abroad

This draft decree is intended to: comply with Decree No. 100/002 of August 5, 2025, on structure, operation, and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi;

- 1° the implementation of the law on administrative division and decentralization policy;
- 2° the operationalization of the program-based budgeting policy.

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**6. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy,
Presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy**

This draft decree complies with the decree establishing the structure, functioning, and missions of the Government, which modified the missions of the Ministry of Finance.

The main innovations in the new draft decree include:

- 1° The delegation of secondary authorizing power to the Provincial Governor for the budget of the Ministry's centralized administrative departments and structures in order to adapt the organization and functioning of the Ministry to territorial reform and the implementation of results-based management through the program-budget approach;
- 2° The removal of the "development planning steering" component, which has been transferred to the Prime Minister's Office.

**7. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and operation of the Ministry of Mining, Energy, Industry, Trade, and Tourism
Presented by the Minister of Mining, Energy, Industry, Trade and Tourism**

This draft decree is part of the implementation of the decree on the structure, functioning, and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

It also comes in the context of implementing the Program-Budget policy with the significant reform of results-based management. In order to bring the Ministry's services closer to the population and to comply with the new territorial organization, the draft decree provides for the creation of provincial directorates that will carry out the Ministry's missions in the provinces and communes.

**8. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and operation of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock,
Presented by the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock**

This project is proposed in order to comply with current legislation relating to administrative restructuring and the reorganization of communal administration, as well as the decree establishing the structure, functioning, and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

It also refers to the Revised National Development Plan and contributes to the achievement of the objectives of the Vision, "Burundi, an Emerging Country by 2040 and a Developed Country by 2060."

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9. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Social Housing, Transport, and Equipment

Presented by the Minister of Infrastructure, Social Housing, Transport, and Equipment

This draft decree complies with the decree establishing the structure, functioning, and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

It aims to reorganize this Ministry in order to strengthen its operational efficiency, improve the quality of services offered to citizens, and respond optimally to current challenges in terms of public infrastructure and facilities.

The aim is to transfer some of the responsibilities and decision-making powers to the provincial directorates to enable a more responsive approach to local needs.

The restructuring also plans to strengthen the capacities of communes in terms of infrastructure management and social housing. It is also in line with the program-based budget approach.

10. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research,

Presented by the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research

The main concern guiding this draft decree is to enable services to operate smoothly in line with the new administrative structure, the implementation of the program budget, and Burundi's vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.

11. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture,

Presented by the Minister of Youth, Sports, and Culture

This draft decree adapts to the new administrative division, as the Ministry is required to decentralize its services down to the provincial level. It is with this in mind that a Provincial Directorate for Youth, Sports, and Culture is provided for in this draft decree.

The organization of this Ministry also takes into account the decree on the structure, functioning, and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

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12. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of Public Health,

Presented by the Minister of Public Health

This draft decree has been introduced to bring the structure of the Ministry of Health into line with the new structure of the Government and the new administrative divisions.

This amendment aims to strengthen the devolution of services at the provincial level and decentralization at the municipal level, with a view to bringing healthcare provision and public health services closer to the population and improving the governance of the health system. It also aims to operationalize the Program Budget.

13. Draft decree on the missions, organization, and functioning of the Ministry of**Labor, Civil Service, and Social Security,**

Presented by the Minister of Labor, Civil Service, and Social Security

This draft decree has been drawn up to comply with the decree on the structure, functioning, and missions of the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the new administrative division.

In addition, as part of the Program-Budget reforms, innovative approaches have been introduced to improve the management of public resources, with an emphasis on transparency, accountability, and expenses efficiency. These reforms are essential to support the implementation of Burundi's Vision of becoming an Emerging Country by 2040 and a Developed Country by 2060.

After analyzing the thirteen draft decrees organizing the ministries, the Council of Ministers adopted them with certain corrections and adjustments.

It should be noted that, with regard to the organization of ministries, the central administration will now be structured as follows:

1. The Minister's office;
2. The Permanent Secretariat;
3. The Ministry's General Inspectorate;
4. The programs (replacing the former Directorates-General)
5. Actions;
6. Directorates;
7. Services;
8. Units.

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15. Draft decree declaring a zone intended for the extension of the Kobero border post in Butihinda commune in the province of Buhumuza to be of provisional public utility.

Presented by His Excellency the Prime Minister.

The purpose of this draft decree is to clear an area of eight hectares, forty-eight ares, and fifty-three centiares (8ha48a53ca), part of which will be used to extend the parking lot, another part to widen the road leading to Tanzania by adding two additional access lanes to the existing one, and the third part for the development of the border post exit to have two exit lanes, in order to avoid uncontrolled movements at the entrance to the border post.

Following the analysis, the project was adopted subject to a few formal adjustments.

16. Draft decree amending Decree No. 100/271 of December 6, 2021, on the organization, missions, and functioning of the Prime Minister's Office,
Presented by the Prime Minister's Office.

This amendment to the decree in force introduces certain innovations, in particular the clarification of the missions of the Prime Minister's Office to ensure consistency with the law on the general organization of public administration.

In addition, the missions related to development planning that were devolved to the Ministry of Finance are now the responsibility of the Prime Minister's Office.

Furthermore, some operational structures that were attached to the Prime Minister's Office have been transferred to some Ministries, while others that were under the supervision of certain Ministries have been returned to the Prime Minister's Office.

Finally, the Prime Minister's Office has been reorganized for greater efficiency.
After analysis, the project was adopted.

17. Expenditure commitment ceilings for the first quarter of 2025/2026,

Presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy.

The Budget commitment ceilings are subject to the law establishing the general budget of the Republic of Burundi for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, which introduces the development of quarterly expenditure commitment ceilings based on PTBAs. Commitment ceilings are an essential tool for regulating expenditures.

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In accordance with the 2025/2026 Finance Act, all credit managers must commit expenditure within the limits of the credit voted and granted.

The Minister responsible for finance is authorized to take the necessary measures to prevent appropriations from being exceeded.

After discussion and debate, these ceilings were adopted with the recommendation that they be referred to as "payment ceilings" and that Ministries devote much more energy to ensuring that productive sectors generate funds for the public treasury.

18. Miscellaneous

The Minister of National Education and Scientific Research presented a note on the setting of the minimum passing grade for the national competitive examination and the procedures for placement in post-basic education for this year.

To determine the approximate minimum score, the number of places available in the first years of post-basic education, the number of places available in public boarding schools, the budget available to host boarding students, the number of places available in communal high schools, and the number of students per class were taken into account.

Thus, the minimum passing score for the 2025 national certification and orientation exam for post-basic education is 70 out of 200, namely 35%.

The score also indicates the terms and conditions for orientation to post-basic education, whether in public boarding schools or elsewhere. The minimum score required for admission to boarding school is 98 points out of 200, namely 49%. Batwa children will be eligible for admission to boarding school with a minimum score of 35%, in order to encourage them to continue their studies.

The Council of Ministers has approved the proposed score.

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