



**Presentation of two mission reports carried out by the First Deputy President of the National Assembly in South Africa and Morocco**



**T**he First Deputy President of the National Assembly, Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza, presented on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, to the members of parliament gathered under the chairmanship of the President of the National Assembly, The Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe, two reports of missions carried out in Midland in South Africa from September 29 to 30, 2025 and in Rabat in Morocco from December 12 to 14, 2025.

During his presentation, he indicated that the discussions focused on ways to promote the African continent's development. He also specified that the topics on the agenda included intra-African trade through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) common market and the importance of teaching youth the use of new technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, to prepare them for the future. He also emphasized the need to value African cultures and traditions and to

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strengthen the continent's economic independence. In his address, the Speaker of the National Assembly of Burundi, the Right Honourable Daniel Gélase

Ndabirabe, urged parliamentarians to prioritize the country's interests and demonstrate patriotism when representing Burundi. (ABP)

## Final audit report of the Public Service Mutual Fund (MFP): a promise of improved functioning from the supervising Minister



**O**n Wednesday, January 7, 2026, a plenary session chaired by the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe was held in the National Assembly hemicycle. The purpose of this session was the presentation of the final audit report of the Public Service Mutual Fund produced by the Court of Auditors, followed by oral questions and debate from the Minister of Labor, Civil Service, and Social Security.

This audit report, conducted by the Court of Auditors, aimed to verify the regularity of certain administrative, accounting, and financial operations in order to ensure the effectiveness, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of the Public Service Mutual Fund (MFP) mission. The Court of Auditors generally identifies shortcomings in its management.

The Minister in charge of the Civil Service, Lieutenant General of Police Gabriel Nizigama, stated that he is aware the Ministry of Public Service is experiencing many difficulties but efforts are carried out to ensure the sector's stability.

Regarding the report presented by the Chairman of the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Repatriation, Gender, Equal Opportunities, and the Fight Against AIDS, Mr. Nibitanga Ndurura indicated that there are numerous shortcomings that must be



addressed. Among the shortcomings identified, the committee noted the lack of an updated organizational chart, ineffective hierarchical management controls, and the fact that the terms of the board members expired in 2023 and have not been renewed.

In addition to these challenges, there is the recruitment of staff members since January 2025 without a public job posting or competitive examination, the application of rates different from those stipulated by the decree, the lack of social security contribution statements from the Ministry of Public Service and Social Security (the primary taxpayer), hospital invoices, payment transactions that are not recorded daily, the failure to withhold and remit funds to the public treasury, and value-added tax amounting to US\$169,915.42. This commission therefore consid-

ers that all these challenges hinder the proper functioning and efficiency of the *MFP* in general, and the quality of services offered to its members in particular.

The participants recommended that the Ministry of Public Service and Social Security adopt effective strategies to improve the performance of the Public Service Mutual Insurance Fund. **(Le Renouveau)**

### Relations Burundi-Canada: Minister Edouard BIZIMANA receives Ambassador Julie Crowley



**O**n January 8, 2026, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, H.E Ambassador Edouard BIZIMANA, received in audience the Ambassador of Canada to Burundi, residing in Kigali, H.E Julie Crowley.

Their exchanges mainly focused on the strengthening of bilateral cooperation between Burundi and Canada. On this occasion, Ambassador Julie Crowley indicated that her visit was notably within the framework of an invitation extended by the International Development Research Center (IDRC), an organization funded by the Government of Canada.

Welcoming the positive developments in diplomatic relations between the two countries, the Canadian Ambassador announced the recent appointment of an Honorary Consul of Canada in Bujumbura. She

also welcomed the reopening of the Burundian Embassy in Canada, which she described as a tangible sign of the strengthening of diplomatic ties between the two states.

Discussions also touched on the worrying security situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Ambassador Julie Crowley expressed her desire to be kept informed of developments in this crisis. In response, Minister Édouard BIZIMANA stressed that the situation continues to deteriorate, with the M23 movement, supported by the Rwandan army, continuing to seize towns and villages. This situation, he said, is causing a massive influx of refugees into neighboring countries, including Burundi. He warned that as long as the international community does not take this crisis seriously, the risk of destabilization of the entire region remains high.

Regarding the reception of Congolese refugees living on Burundian soil, the Minister expressed his gratitude to the countries and organizations that responded favorably to the Burundian government's appeal for assistance. He specifically mentioned the European Union, China, Great Britain, Japan, the Catholic Church of Burundi, Canada, the African Union, and the DRC, while calling on other partners to follow suit. Minister Édouard Bizimana also emphasized that His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic, had called on the Burundian people to collect food supplies to support Congolese refugees living in Burundi.

Finally, when asked about preparations for Burundi's presidency of the African Union, Minister Édouard Bizimana reassured that these are underway and satisfactorily progressing. **(MFARIDC)**

### Academic cooperation between Burundi and the DRC: towards a strategic partnership between the University of Burundi and the Higher Institute of Rural Development in Mbandaka

**O**n Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in Kinshasa, the Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to the Democratic Republic of Congo, His Excellency Mr. MWAMBA NTIRAMPEBA

Agricole, granted an audience to Professor Fohle Lygunda li-M, Director General of the Higher Institute of Rural Development (*ISDR*) of Mbandaka.



This meeting is part of the strengthening of academic and scientific cooperation between the Republic of Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, particularly in the strategic field of rural development and agribusiness.

The discussions focused primarily on partnership opportunities between the Higher Institute of Rural Development of Mbandaka and the University of Burundi, with a view to establishing a Master's program in Rural Development and Agribusiness at the Higher Institute of Rural Development of Mbandaka. This innovative program aims to provide integrated coverage of the three essential pillars of the agriculture sector: production, processing, and marketing of agricultural products.

Through this initiative, the Higher Institute of Rural Development of Mbandaka aims to position itself as a leading institution in the training of highly qualified managers, capable of meeting the current challenges of food security, value creation and sustainable development in rural areas.

On this occasion, Ambassador MWAMBA NTIRAMPEBA Agricole commended the relevance of this initiative and reaffirmed Burundi's commitment to strengthening regional academic partnerships. He indicated that the sustainable development of Burundi necessarily depends on the training of qualified human resources and the sharing of expertise among its institutions. He added that Burundi is ready to support any academic cooperation initiative with the Democratic Republic of Congo, in a spirit of fraternity, solidarity, and strategic partnership.

He also pledged the Embassy of Burundi in Kinshasa will facilitate contacts, institutional exchanges, and the conclusion of cooperation agreements between the Higher Institute of Rural Development of Mbandaka and the University of Burundi, in accordance with the vision of the highest authorities of both countries. This meeting thus makes the way for a promising collaboration, full of opportunities for youth, the academic community, and the agricultural sector of both nations, for the benefit of socio-economic development and regional integration. **(Embassy of Burundi in Kinshasa)**

### Launch of the research project on sustainable school canteens



On Friday, January 9, 2026, Mr. Frédéric Bangirinama, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, officially launched the research project on the Study of the inclusive and sustainable production

and supply system for healthy school meals in Burundi, an activity organized by the East African Leadership Institute (EALI) in collaboration with the Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi (ISABU).

In his speech, Mr. Bangirinama indicated that many Burundian children arrive at school without sufficient food. This situation severely affects their learning capacity and school attendance, and contributes to dropout, absenteeism, and academic failure rates exceeding 10%, according to national studies.

During his meeting with administrative and security officials from the communes of Bujumbura Province, Governor Désiré Nsengiyumva stated that school canteens represent a crucial strategic lever in addressing these challenges. He emphasized that they also serve as an emergency measure, paving the way for a more structuring development tool that not only improves children's nutrition but also stimulates local production and supports



small-scale farmers.

According to Bangirinama, despite the significant progress made in school canteens, challenges persist and undermine the effectiveness and sustainability of the national school canteens program. He cited, among namely, the heavy reliance on food imports, representing nearly 60% of purchases for school canteens, the limited quantity and variability of local products, frequent stockouts, gender inequalities in access to resources, and the lack of reliable

and conclusive data on supply systems. This research project therefore aims to sustainably improve the nutritional quality of school meals, while simultaneously strengthening climate resilience, gender equality, social inclusion, and the incomes of local actors in food systems.

For her part, the Canadian Ambassador to Burundi, Ms. Julie Crowley, indicated that this research project, which will be funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), will take into account integration of women, youth, and marginalized people. The project will also encourage the adoption of new agricultural practices that will reduce pesticide use in order to protect the soil and improve the nutritional quality of school canteens. It should be noted that this research project will be funded with a budget of US\$700,000. (ABP)

### Seized fertilizers sold at auction at a price set by the Government



**T**otahaza (urea) fertilizers, recently seized from two merchants in the Mubuga zone, commune and province of Gitega, were sold at public auction on Friday, January 10, 2026, in the same area. This event coincided with the distribution of 16 tons of Totahaza fertilizers provided by the Provincial Directorate of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock of Gitega. Each 50 kg bag of the seized fertilizer was sold at the Government –fixed price of 66,000 Burundian Francs (BiF) and the proceeds from the sale were deposited into the Public Treasury. Each hill received 10 bags of fertilizer, as reported by the Dr Jacques Nduwimana, Communal Administrator of Gitega who supervised this activity alongside the Governor's Advisor responsible for development and the economy, the Prosecutor of the Republic at the Gitega Prosecutor's Office, as well as the Provincial Director of Environment, Agriculture

and Livestock.

Speaking at the event, the Prosecutor of the Republic Ms. Aline Bukuru, emphasized that impunity fosters criminality. She stated that Article 448 of the Burundian Penal Code stipulates a prison sentence of one to five years for anyone found guilty of embezzling public funds. She announced that traders accused of fraudulent sale of fertilizers would be brought to justice. She also advocated for strengthening joint security committees.

For his part, the Provincial Director of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, Mr. Jean Séverin Sinzobatohana, emphasized that security threats are not limited to weapons but also include the embezzlement of public funds. He took this opportunity to announce the launch, starting January 19, 2025, of an operation to verify unused fertilizer vouchers issued between 2022 and 2026. Holders will be required to hand over these vouchers to investigators and will receive a certificate while awaiting fertilizer distribution.

The Advisor to the Governor of Gitega responsible for development and economic affairs, Mr. Médard Nkezahizi, urged the population to denounce any price gouging on products whose prices are set by the Government of Burundi. He called on citizens to become more involved in community development projects, particularly protecting roads from erosion, safeguarding rivers through bamboo planting, and reforestation

hillsides. He also encouraged the population to use organic manure, known for its contribution to improving

soil fertility. (ABP)

### Warning to manufacturers of the drink called "Ikibarube" in Muhanga commune



**T**he Communal Administrator of Muhanga, Ms. Annonciate Nizigiyimana, warned manufacturers of the prohibited beverage known as "Ikibarube" that once caught in the act, they will never be tolerated. She announced this on Tuesday, January

6, 2026, during a security meeting she organized for department heads, zone chiefs, and their advisors.

The Police Commissioner in the former commune of Muhanga, Police Colonel Ferdinand Ntakarutimana, stated that this beverage was the source of insecurity during the recent end-of-year holidays, specifying that ten people were seriously injured by it and that some producers have been handed over to the judicial police for investigation. He emphasized that the beverage is produced particularly in the hills of Gaharo, Muhanga, Ndava, Mbaba, Gashibuka, Rugamba, and Mibazi. In response to this situation, the Communal Administrator of Muhanga, Ms. Annonciate Nizigiyimana, warned those who produce and consume this illegal beverage, stating that "the time for tolerance is over." she urged the leaders to act as the eyes of the communal administration and to promptly relay any useful information.

She also condemned certain local cell leaders who protect the producers of the illicit beverage. Another issue raised was the increase of thefts in shops and stores. In response, the Administrator called on all members of the joint security committees to increase their vigilance and actively participate in stopping these criminal acts. (ABP)

### More than 100 bags of urea seized from illegal dealers



**O**n Monday, January 5, 2026, the Administrator of Gitega Commune, Dr. Jacques Nduwimana, in collaboration with the administration of the Mubuga Zone, Commune and Province of Gitega, seized 107 bags of urea fertilizer in the center of the zone. This fertilizer belonged to two young traders, Mr. Irankunda Ezéchiel and Mr. Nkengurutse Jean

Marie, both from the Mubuga Zone. The administrative and security authorities of the Mubuga Zone were alerted by residents who suspected a truck was unloading bags of urea fertilizer into the traders' warehouse. Knowing that there has never been an official location for the sale of fertilizer in this area, they immediately contacted the Communal Administrator of Gitega to report the suspicious situation.

The Communal Administrator, accompanied by the communal advisor responsible for the Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, as well as the Gitega Deputy Prosecutor of the Republic, quickly assessed the situation. They found 101 bags of urea in a warehouse belonging to one of the suspects, while 6.5 bags were discovered at the second merchant's residence. The alleged perpetrators fled the scene. The seized fertilizer was transferred to the Mubuga Hill police station, and an investigation has been launched.

Dr. Jacques Nduwimana condemned these fraudulent practices aimed at undermining the Government's efforts to support the population through access to agricultural inputs. He also welcomed the administrative and security authorities of Mubuga for their professionalism and sense of responsibility. He urged the judicial services to take action to definitively eradicate this kind of practice. He assured the

population that once the investigations are completed, the judicial authorities will take the necessary measures, including the possibility of redistributing this fertilizer to local farmers. It should be noted that currently, a kilogram of urea fertilizer costs between 4,000 and 6,000 Burundian francs (Bif) from clandestine sellers, while a 25 kg bag costs 33,000 Bif, a government-fixed price. **(ABP)**

### The Administration warns transport agencies complicit in the illegal children movement



**O**n Monday, January 5, 2026, the Governor of Butanyerera Province, Mr. Victor Segasago, during a security meeting held for provincial service officials and administrators, indicated that following an increase in cases of children intercepted by police while traveling alone in public transport vehicles towards Bujumbura in search of work, transport agencies operating in Butanyerera are now warned. Any agency caught transporting unaccompanied children will be considered involved in human trafficking. As an example, it was reported that a group of 19 children recently intercepted by law enforcement in public transport vehicles is currently being cared for by the police in Ngozi.

For his part, the Administrator of Tangara commune, Mr. Jean Pierre Ndikuryayo, indicated that several other children under the age of 15 have been found missing in his commune in recent days. The majority of these children are believed to be from, among other places, the localities of Gashoho, Vumbi, Kirundo, and Buhumuza. He also reported recent cases of children attempting to migrate to Tanzania after being deceived by unscrupulous individuals promising them employment. This situation raises serious concerns about the existence of a human trafficking network targeting minors. In response, the Governor of Butanyerera Province instructed the commune administrators to organize meetings to raise awareness among the heads of transport agencies operating in the prov-

ince, reminding them of their responsibilities. According to him, no child should be transported without being accompanied by a parent or legally identified guardian. Any agency found in violation will now be considered complicit in child trafficking and prosecuted according to the law.

Mr. Victor Segasago, called on the entire population to actively participate in combatting human trafficking by reporting any suspicious activity or attempts at manipulation involving minors. During this meeting, the issue of non-payment to some coffee farmers and maize producers was also raised. In this regard, the Governor of Butanyerera Province asked the relevant communal authorities to compile comprehensive lists of all producers who have not yet received payment for the coffee and maize harvests already delivered, so that these lists can be forwarded to the appropriate authorities to rectify the situation. At this meeting, the administrators of all the communes in Butanyerera Province reported that the security situation remained generally calm during the end-of-year holiday period.

The Governor urged administrative officials to increase awareness-raising meetings with the population, calling for behavior change, particularly by avoiding excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages and narcotics. He encouraged them to focus on productive activities that contribute to the development of households and communities, in support of Burundi's vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. **(ABP)**

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**PRESS RELEASE Nr 01/2026 OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026**

The Council of Ministers met on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, in Bujumbura, the Economic Capital, under the presidency of His Excellency Mr. Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, Major General and President of the Republic of Burundi.

Before proceeding with the matters on the agenda, His Excellency the President of the Republic extended his best wishes for a prosperous new year 2026 to the members of the Burundian Executive. He wished them a year of prosperity, hard work, and patriotism so that production far exceeds that of the previous year.

After the presentation and adoption of the agenda, His Excellency Mr. Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE invited the Prime Minister to present a summary of the observations from the preparatory meeting of the Council of Ministers that took place on January 5, 2026, which was dedicated to the prior analysis of the same items listed on the agenda.

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**1. Document of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy,  
Presented by the Services of the Presidency of the Republic**

Since 2023, Burundi has been implementing the objectives of the Vision "Burundi, emerging Country by 2040 and developed Country by 2060." The implementation of the objectives of this Vision requires the promotion of demographic growth compatible with the viable and sustainable management of available resources, as well as the development of a high-performing human capital.

This Vision is based on five pillars, the first of which concerns the commitment of the State, which includes two strategic objectives: the improvement of the institutional capacities of the State and the strengthening of the State's commitment. The fight against corruption holds an important place here, as the reduction of corruption is established as a priority target of the Vision.

The fight against corruption contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. It is within this framework that the present National Anti-Corruption Strategy is established.

This strategy, aligned with the orientations of the Burundi Vision 2040-2060 and the revised National Development Plan, and applying the provisions of the United

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Nations Convention against Corruption, serves as a reference framework for all stakeholders and partners for any initiative considered in the fight against corruption. The objective is that by 2030, Burundi will be a country where corruption is significantly reduced through the restoration and consolidation of the culture of Ubuntu, the spirit of patriotism, and the eradication of impunity.

Following the analysis, the Strategy was adopted with the recommendation to enrich the document by showing the results obtained through the evaluation of the implementation of the first two anti-corruption strategies and by also highlighting the efforts already made by the Government in the fight against corruption.

**2. Bill amending certain provisions of Law Nr. 1/09 of March 14, 2022, amending certain provisions of Law Nr. 1/12 of May 12, 2020, concerning the Social Protection Code in Burundi,**  
Presented by the Minister of Labor, Public Service, and Social Security

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The Government of Burundi has decided to increase the amount of pensions for retirees so that it is equal to the last net salary of the month preceding their retirement.

Subsequently, studies have shown that a pension equal to the last net salary is not immediately applicable, but it would be wise to implement this reform progressively. It has thus been determined that the current law should be amended in certain provisions to allow for the implementation of the reform, with the practical modalities of this increase to be specified by decree.

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with, among other recommendations, the inventory of legal and regulatory texts setting the contribution percentages applied in Burundi, with a view to updating them to review the base and rates of contributions in order to attain this objective as quickly as possible.

**3. Draft decree establishing, naming, determining the seats and competencies of the Courts and Prosecutor's Offices of the Republic of Burundi,**  
Presented by the Minister of Justice, Human Rights, and Gender

The Republic of Burundi adopted a new law in 2023 concerning the naming and delimitation of Provinces, Communes, Zones, Hills, and/or quarters of the

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Republic of Burundi. This law requires all Ministries to undertake institutional reorganization to comply with it.

In the judicial sector, the implementation of this law has led to profound changes regarding the naming of certain courts, the locations of certain courts, the territorial jurisdiction of the courts, and has even necessitated the creation of many courts with the aim of strengthening the principle of bringing justice closer to the citizens. This draft decree aligns with the government's directive that there should be a High Court and its Prosecutor's Office in each Commune, as well as a Residential Court within each Zone.

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with recommendations to rehabilitate existing infrastructures or to construct new ones as quickly as possible where the need arises.

#### 4. Bill on the Budget Settlement and Report for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025,

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

This bill on budget settlement and reporting originates from the organic law relating to public finances.

It shows how revenues and expenditures were executed in relation to the provisions of the law establishing the general budget of the Republic of Burundi for this fiscal year. During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the resources of the general state budget were realized at a rate of 76.79%, while expenditures were executed at 82.97%.

Following analysis, the project was adopted with some corrections in form.

#### 5. Strategic and Operational Document for Macroeconomic Stabilization of Burundi 2025-2027,

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

The macroeconomic stabilization program document for Burundi outlines the macroeconomic, financial, and structural reforms that the Government of Burundi plans to implement in order to correct macroeconomic imbalances while laying the foundations for solid, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth.

This program is part of the operationalization of the revised National Development Plan aligned with the Vision "Burundi Emerging Country by 2040, Developed Country by 2060." It serves as a management tool intended to guide government

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action, facilitate coordination with technical and financial partners, and strengthen accountability in the execution of national commitments. The program will be subject to evaluation and updates on a semi-annual basis.

After analysis, the document was adopted with recommendations for sectoral ministries to take ownership of the roadmap for implementing this strategy.

6. **Draft decree concerning the mission, organization, and functioning of the Steering Committee for the National Macroeconomic Stabilization Strategy in Burundi**
7. **Draft order establishing the Technical Committee for the implementation of the Macroeconomic Stabilization Strategy in Burundi,**

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

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The Steering Committee for the National Macroeconomic Stabilization Strategy, led by the Prime Minister, is an organ responsible for providing strategic and operational guidance to the Technical Committee for the successful implementation of the national macroeconomic stabilization strategy in Burundi.

As for the Technical Committee, it is an inter-ministerial technical body responsible for coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the macroeconomic stabilization strategy in Burundi.

After analysis, both projects were adopted with substantive and formal corrections.

8. **Draft ministerial ordinance concerning the modalities for disbursement of quarterly tranches, their consumption, and their reporting mechanism for the Governors' Offices and Provincial Directorates of ministries;**
9. **Draft joint ministerial ordinance updating the rates used during real estate transfers;**
10. **Draft ministerial ordinance determining the modalities for valuing old woodlands belonging to the private domain of the State;**

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11. Draft joint ministerial ordinance determining the fees applicable to constitutive or transitive acts of real estate rights authenticated by notaries;
12. Draft joint ministerial ordinance concerning the modalities for acquiring the Health Assistance Card;
13. Draft joint ministerial ordinance concerning the modalities for acquiring the secure electronic land title;
14. Draft joint ministerial ordinance concerning the modalities for the recovery for the public treasury of revenues from industrial, commercial, and agricultural operations of the National Defense Force of Burundi, the National Police of Burundi, the Penitentiary Administration, and the former University Works Management.

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These seven projects were presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy.

The new law establishing the general budget of the Republic of Burundi, modified for the fiscal year 2025/2026, provides in its articles 25, 88, 89, 104, 141, 142, 145, and 184 various texts regarding the practical modalities for their application.

These draft ordinances aim at making applicable the modified Finance Law for 2025/2026, for its various provisions that foresee implementing texts that detail the mechanisms or procedures to be followed.

Upon completion of the analysis, these draft ordinances were adopted with some corrections.

15. Note on the PPP contract for the design, financing, construction, and operation of "Buja City Plaza" shopping center on the site of the former central market of Bujumbura,  
Presented by the Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy.

This draft contract aims at establishing, within the framework of the Public-Private Partnership, the conditions and modalities under which the Contracting Authority entrusts the Private Partner, who accepts, the right to commence work on this project.

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The note indicates the current status of this project and outlines the various steps to be followed for its realization.

The Council of Ministers has given the green light to continue the procedures and to bring the draft contract back to the Council of Ministers after its finalization.

### **16. Draft Ordinance for the Creation and Delimitation of Health Districts and the Establishment of District Hospitals in Burundi, Presented by the Minister of Public Health**

This ordinance aims at creating Health Districts and designate the District Hospitals assigned to them in Burundi. In each Health Province, the Health Districts are organized according to the new administrative division.

Each Commune consists of one or two health districts. Each District has a responsibility area that includes the population of an agglomeration of a certain number of administrative zones. An administrative zone can belong to only one Health District.

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After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with recommendations that the Chief Medical Officers of the Health Districts, as well as the Directors of the District Hospitals and the Communal Hospitals, be appointed by the communal Administrator to remain in line with the spirit of decentralization, with the latitude to recruit them from outside the commune.

### **17. Miscellaneous**

In the miscellaneous section, the Council of Ministers addressed two points:

1. It was noted that there is an anarchic placement of signs throughout the country, some of which are no longer relevant, especially those related to projects that have been completed. The Minister in charge of the Interior was asked to remove all unnecessary signs and to keep only those that are essential.
2. With the new administrative reorganization and the restructuring of ministries and their services, it has been observed that the old names of ministerial services, communes, and provinces remain on signs or placards. It was recommended that all ministries update the

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names of the various structures and display them on the work buildings and office doors to guide the public seeking services.

Done in Bujumbura, January 8, 2026

The Secretary General of State  
Jerome NIYONZIMA.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, followed by a circular official seal. The seal contains the text 'REPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI' at the top, 'CABINET DU SECRETAIRE GENERAL DE L'ETAT' in the center, and 'PRESIDENCE DE LA REPUBLIQUE' at the bottom. The seal also features the national emblem of Burundi.

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