



The Burundian President on a trip to the United Arab Emirates for the World Government Summit



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, took a flight on Monday, February 2, 2026, to the United Arab Emirates.

According to a statement from the Office of Information, Communication, and the Spokesperson for the President of the Republic of Burundi, he participated in the World Government Summit, which took place from February 3 to 5, 2026, in Dubai.

On this occasion, the Burundian Head of State was accompanied by the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye.

Organized annually, the World Government Summit aims at being a leading international platform.

It has the aim of promoting the exchange of experiences, the sharing of best practices, and the exploration of innovative solutions in governance, public policy, and sustainable development. **(ABP)**

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Commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the Charter of National Unity



On Thursday, February 5, 2026, the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Prosper Bazombanza, attended the ceremonies commemorating the 35th edition of the Charter of National Unity, held at the Unity Memorial on Vugizo Hill.

Several high-ranking officials from the country also

participated in these ceremonies, including the Speaker of the Senate, the Prime Minister, the Presidents of the Supreme Court and the Constitutional Court, former President of the Republic of Burundi Mr. Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, former First Lady of Burundi Mrs. Denise Nkurunziza, as well as other dignitaries.

In his prayer of the day, Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye referred to the holy readings from the Gospel of Matthew (11:24-30), Psalm 127:1, and the Epistle of James (1:17). He implored divine forgiveness for the iniquities that have marked and mourned the country throughout repetitive periods of its history.

Celebrated under the theme “Do not let go of a hard-won good; our unity is the pillar of our development,” this commemorative day was primarily marked by the National Unity anthem, followed by the laying of wreaths at the Unity Memorial. **(Presidency)**

The Vice-President welcomes a delegation from the platform of local authorities of the Great Lakes countries



On Tuesday, February 3, 2026, the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Prosper Bazombanza, received a delegation from the Platform of Local Authorities of the Great Lakes Countries (PALPGL) for an audience. This meeting provided an opportunity to introduce the new leaders of this platform and discuss preparations for the upcoming General Assembly to be held in Ngozi.

The Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi noted that he had welcomed a delegation from the Platform of Local Authorities of the Great Lakes Countries coming from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which came to inform him about the progress of their activities, particularly regarding the preparations for their General Assembly that will soon take place in Ngozi. Mr. Prosper Bazombanza welcomed this delegation to

Burundi and expressed his wishes for success in their projects. He indicated that he recommended they consider ways to strengthen cooperation between neighboring countries, as there are commercial exchanges and movement between populations, which is crucial for maintaining security and facilitating exchanges in a secure framework.

The Executive Secretary of the Platform of Local Authorities of the Great Lakes Countries, Mr. Georges-Michel Magambo, stated that this meeting was an opportunity to present the new leaders of the platform to the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi.

Mr. Georges highlighted that PALPGL is a structure that works to consolidate not only coexistence among populations living in cross-border areas but also serves as a platform to ensure that local authorities provide concrete solutions to the problems faced by populations living in these areas. He added that there are also a number of integrative projects being carried out by cities and municipalities, which are supported by this organization. **(Le Renouveau)**

Capacity building on monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of AWPB



The Prime Minister's Office organized a capacity-building workshop on monitoring, evaluation, and reporting focused on the Annual Work Plans and Budgets (AWPB) from February 2 to 3, 2026, in Bujumbura. This workshop aimed at enhancing the skills of Burundian Ministers and their Permanent Secretaries, as well as Heads of budget programs, actions, and projects funded by development partners, in order to harmonize monitoring and evaluation practices and improve the quality of reports for the 2025-2026 Annual Work Plan and Budget.

In his speech, Prime Minister Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye reminded attendees that since 2022, the Burundian government has been undertaking a profound reform of public management based on the adoption of program-based budgeting. This reform aligns with the desire to promote results-oriented management, in coherence with the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060, as well as with the revised National Development Plan (2018-2027). He noted that the introduction of

program-based budgeting has enabled the establishment of new planning and monitoring-evaluation tools, such as logical frameworks, results measurement frameworks, detailed cost tables, and budget programs. These instruments now form the basis for programming and monitoring government actions.

Regarding his presentation and explanation of certain concepts, Mr. Ntahontuye called for mastery of operational planning logic and ensuring the reliability and consistency of monitoring-evaluation data. He also emphasized the importance of relevance, effectiveness, and efficiency in planning and working synergistically as a program unit. He insisted on the management of public finances.

At the conclusion of this workshop, the expected outcomes include an analysis of the current state of implementation of the AWPB, mastery of planning tools, and enhanced capacity of participants in reporting on the AWPB.

It should be noted that the training will enable them to utilize all strategic planning documents as well as dashboards on the progress of reports, and to analyze the status of implementation of the AWPB 2025-2026 for each program and action. **(ABP)**

The Permanent Secretary in Charge of East African Community Affairs Received a Delegation from the Recruitment Agencies Association (RAAJ)

On Monday, February 4, 2026, Mr. Séverin Mbarubukeye, Permanent Secretary in Charge of East African Community Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, received a delegation from the Recruitment Agencies Association (RAAJ) from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, led by Mr. Tariq Al-Nouti, President of the Association.

The purpose of this visit is to discuss how to explore investment opportunities in Burundi by creating new markets to enhance economic and commercial cooperation, as well as other topics of mutual interest, including strengthening the good relations that exist between Burundi and Jordan, collaboration in the health sector, promoting migrant employment, and opening travel and recruitment agencies.



The Permanent Secretary Mr. Séverin Mbarubukeye stated that the Government of Burundi values the good relations between the two countries and is committed to supporting investors who come to invest in Burundi.

This delegation, visiting Burundi from February 1 to February 7, 2026, has toured four hospitals in the country that have signed partnership contracts for the screening of candidates for Burundian migrant workers



heading abroad, specifically to Jordan. These hospitals include Prince Regent Charles Hospital, Prince Louis Rwagasore Hospital, Tanganyika Care Hospital, and Kira Hospital.

As far as Mr. Tariq Al-Nouti, the head of the Jordanian delegation and President of the Association is concerned, he appreciated the good relations between Burundi and Jordan and expressed the intention to sign various agreements aimed at sharing employees, as well as the desire to receive support and facilitation from the Government of Burundi in the investment process in the country. (MFARIDC)

The Permanent Secretary in Charge of Foreign Affairs received in audience the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire



On Friday, February 6, 2026, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Co-



operation, Mr. Sophonie NITUNGA, received in audience Mr. SANGARE Daouda, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in Burundi, who came for a courtesy visit.

In the context of strengthening the bilateral and friendly cooperation that exists between Burundi and Côte d'Ivoire, Mr. Daouda expressed the wish for the high Burundian



authorities to visit his country in the near future.

In the same spirit of cooperation, the Honorary Consul suggested negotiating visa exemptions for Burun-

dians traveling to Côte d'Ivoire.

Speaking about key areas where his country wishes to contribute, he mentioned agriculture, mining, energy, sports, and transportation, where he proposed an innovative idea of a "boat-bus" that could transport goods and people across Lake Tanganyika to facilitate movement between the DRC and Tanzania.

He also informed that Côte d'Ivoire has experience in improving oil palm seed varieties.

Regarding expertise in social housing, Mr. Daouda proposed prefabricated houses for state officials, payable over thirty years. He also suggested high-rise constructions to free up arable land and find a solution to the issue of limited land space.

Mr. Sophonie reminded that Burundi is approaching a very crucial period in its history, the one of presiding over the African Union for the year 2026, and that technical support from partner countries is very important. **(MFARIDC)**

More than 118 maintenance, electrical, and photovoltaic technicians are taking an assessment exam



More than 118 technicians working in the fields of maintenance, electricity, and photovoltaics took an evaluation exam after completing a year-long capacity-building training. This activity took place on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the Kigobe Vocational Training Center.

The objective of this activity was to assess the knowledge level of the training beneficiaries who had attended courses in the aforementioned sectors. Mr. Jean Paul Niyonkuru, an advisor within the infrastructure and equipment service at the Ministry of Public Health, indicated that these training programs were established after it was observed that many technicians working in these services did not properly master the use of equipment provided by the Soleil Nyakiriza program. He specified that this annual

training aimed at strengthening the capacities and skills of the technicians, especially since there had been criticisms regarding malfunctions in the maintenance service within the ministry for some time. He added that the positive outcomes of this training would be felt in daily work, as the technicians would be more effective than before. Many of them acknowledged that they did not know how to properly use certain equipment in their respective services.

Mr. Jean Paul explained that these technicians would be able to perform diagnostics, understand the functioning of various equipment, and use them appropriately in their services. According to him, some technicians, particularly those assigned to small health centers, received motorcycles to facilitate their travel. The training participants received various equipment, including pumps, toolboxes, and materials for writing and monitoring activities.

He urged the technicians to continue applying the knowledge they had acquired so that public services in general, and those in the health sector in particular, could operate effectively and appropriately. **(ABP)**

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