



Burundi commemorates the 32nd anniversary of the assassination of President Ntaryamira



On Monday, April 6, 2026, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, graced with his presence the ceremonies commemorating the 32nd anniversary of the tragic death of President Cyprien Ntaryamira, who died in 1994 in a plane crash in Kigali on his return from a regional summit in Tanzania.

The ceremonies began with the President of the Republic of Burundi laying wreaths at the tomb of the illustrious deceased at the Martyrs of Democracy Palace, before attending the mass celebrated in his memory at Regina Mundi Cathedral. On this occasion, the Presi-

dent also sent a message to his fellow citizens via social media, calling on Burundians to foster harmony in their development efforts.

Referring to the Scriptures of the day from the Book of Acts (Acts 2) and the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matthew 28:8-15), Father Félix Fupi reflected on the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and took the opportunity to call on believers to be committed witnesses of this good news. **(Presidency)**

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President Ndayishimiye calls for a general mobilization for a clean city



On Monday, April 6, 2026, the Head of State of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, led a moral education session for the local administration of the communes of Ntahangwa, Mukaza and Mugere, in Bujumbura province, focused on hygiene, sanitation and mentalities change, with a view to sustainably strengthening the cleanliness of the economic capital.

This meeting aimed to raise awareness among local administrators in order to promote exemplary, innovative leadership resolutely focused on excellence. At the heart of the meeting were major issues such as homes sanitation, city beautification, and community mobilization against unsanitary conditions.

President Ndayishimiye urged these officials to establish greater order and cleanliness in their administrative entities. He also encouraged them to redouble their efforts to increase production, while raising awareness among young people about job creation, a key driver of development.

During this session, the Head of State instructed local authorities to set clear and measurable objectives particularly through planting flowers along roads. He emphasized the strict adherence to hygiene rules and the need to effectively combat pandemics linked to unsanitary conditions. **(Presidency)**

In Ethiopia, President Ndayishimiye is exploring new opportunities for bilateral cooperation



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, arrived this Thursday, April 9, 2026, in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for a state visit aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation and exploring new partnership opportunities.

At Bole International Airport, President Ndayishimiye was greeted by the Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Temesgen Tiruneh, before embarking on a busy and eventful schedule.

He first visited the Soufflet Malt factory, specializing in the production of malt for the brewing industry, thus

illustrating Burundi's interest in the local valorization of agricultural raw materials and the development of industrial partnerships.

This visit also provided the Burundian leader with the opportunity to identify new avenues for strategic cooperation, aimed at supporting economic transformation and strengthening the integration of the various stages of agricultural value chains, for the benefit of producers and local communities.

On the security front, the Head of State of Burundi met with the Ethiopian Minister of Defense, Ms. Aysha Mohammed Mussa, to discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation and sharing experiences between the armed forces of the two countries.

President Ndayishimiye then paid his respects at the Adwa Victory Memorial, honoring the Ethiopian forces. The 1896 victory remains a symbol of resilience, independence, and pride for Ethiopia and Africa.

In pursuit of his official program, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye also visited the Addis Ababa Science Museum, one of the country's leading institutions dedicated to science, technology and innovation, to learn from local

advances and explore new avenues for collaboration in these areas.

The day concluded at the National Palace with a tête-à-tête meeting between the President of the Republic of Burundi and the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, His Excellency Abiy Ahmed, as well as discussions on bilateral relations, regional cooperation, and strategic priorities. The warm and constructive exchanges strengthened the bonds of friendship between Burundi and Ethiopia. Following this bilateral meeting,

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and President Ndayishimiye endorsed the signing of several memoranda of understanding between the two countries. These agreements cover strategic sectors such as defense, health, education, water and energy, agriculture, trade, digital technology, and tourism, reflecting a shared commitment to promoting sustainable regional development while laying the groundwork for enhanced economic and political cooperation, serving the people of both countries and fully realizing the potential of both nations. **(Presidency)**

The Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi welcomes the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi: expanding Sino-Burundian cooperation at the heart of discussions



The Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Prosper Bazombanza, granted an audience to the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Burundi, Ms. Zhu Kewei, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the Ntare Rushatsi Presidential Palace. Discussions focused on strategies to strengthen the existing comprehensive strategic partnership, expand cooperation between China and Burundi, and consolidate the bonds of friendship between the two peoples.

Mr. Bazombanza indicated that one month after assuming her duties as Chinese Ambassador to Burundi, Ms. Zhu Kewei paid visits in order to discuss prospects for strengthening cooperation between the two countries. He noted that the discussions focused on continuing joint commitments in

various fields, with the aim of promoting the development of both Burundi and China. He explained that cooperation agreements between the two countries were signed in 1963. He added that today, Burundi and China have made significant progress in several sectors, including agriculture, livestock, road construction, and many others. Mr. Bazombanza also emphasized that this cooperation is primarily aligned with Burundi's National Vision: "an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060."

Ambassador Zhu Kewei arrived in Burundi on March 2, 2026. She stated that one month is sufficient to recognize the friendship and sincerity of the Burundian country and people towards China and the Chinese people. She added that China and Burundi are good brothers, good friends, and good partners, and that a comprehensive strategic partnership already exists. According to her, China wishes to support Burundi in its economic and social development. She indicated that China wishes to assist Burundi in improving the living conditions of its population. Ambassador Kewei reaffirmed her commitment to contributing to the development of cooperative relations between China and Burundi. **(Le Renouveau)**

Gitega: The Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi meets with local administration officials to expedite the implementation of territorial reform

On Thursday, April 9, 2026, the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Prosper Bazombanza, convened administrative officials from the commune of Gitega, from the communal level down to the local level, to assess the progress of the ongoing administrative re-

form. The discussions focused on the implementation of the government policy aimed at bringing administration and justice closer to citizens through the new territorial constituency. At this meeting, the Vice-President urged the participants to serve the population in slight accordance with the law, aligning themselves with the vision of



Burundi as an "emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060."

Returning to the topic of territorial reform, the Vice-President emphasized that zones now play a greater role, with some assuming responsibilities comparable to those of the former communes. In this context, each zone now has a local court, while communes house High Courts, a measure aimed at bringing justice closer to citizens. Furthermore, he stressed the need for local authorities to serve the population in strict accordance with the law, aligning with the vision of Burundi as an "emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060." He urged them to improve cleanliness, enhance urban planning, and ensure compliance with building standards. He also recommended the effective establishment of advisory bodies to better address the concerns of the population.

Regarding public finance management, the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi urged administrators to refer to the Annual Work Plan and Budget



(PTBA) to ensure consistency between expenditures and national priorities. He also called for strict tax collection, in accordance with the legal framework, while recalling the provisions relating to property taxes and rents. Concerning the foundations of development, Mr. Bazombanza specified that the Government engaged its efforts in the sector of education, particularly through the supply of school benches and the rehabilitation of public infrastructure, in order to improve working and learning conditions, as well as in other sectors.

The Governor of Gitega Province, Mr. Liboire Bigirimana, reported that the nine communes of Gitega province remains generally calm. He added that development efforts are continuing, particularly in the construction of public infrastructure and in the promotion of hygiene and sanitation, especially in urban areas where residents actively participate in clean-up efforts. **(Le Renouveau)**

The President of the Senate granted an audience to the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi



On Monday, April 6, 2026, the President of the Senate, the Right Honourable Gervais Ndirakobuca, accompanied by his two Vice-Presidents and some Senior Officials of this Institution, granted an audience to the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Burundi, Mrs. Zhu Kewei, who had come for a courtesy visit at the beginning of

her term in Burundi.

Their discussions focused on strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation in various sectors where China supports Burundi.

During their meeting, Ms. Zhu Kewei expressed her satisfaction with the long-standing and excellent relations of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and China, and reiterated the ongoing China's commitment to supporting the socio-economic development of Burundi.

For his part, the Right Honourable Ndirakobuca expressed his satisfaction with the partnership and fruitful relations between these two brotherly countries, and pledged his full cooperation with the Ambassador. **(Senate of Burundi)**

The President of the Senate is participating in the Conference of African Senates in Morocco



On the afternoon of April 6, 2026, the President of the Senate, the Right Honourable Gervais Ndirakobuca, flight to Morocco where he will participate in the Conference of African Senates, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on April 8 and 9, 2026, at the invitation of Her Excellency Mrs. Kandia KAMISSOKO CAMARA, President of the Senate of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and President of the Association of African Senates (ASA).

The conference was organized under the theme: "The Contribution of Upper Houses of Parliament to the Consolidation of Democracy and the Safeguard Peace in Africa." This meeting provided a valuable opportunity for the Right Honourable Gervais Ndirakobuca to present the achievements of the Burundian Senate in promoting democracy and safeguarding peace in Burundi and Africa. It was also a good opportunity for him to meet with his counterparts, the Presidents of the upper houses of African parliaments, to exchange experiences related to the theme of the Conference.

On the sidelines of this statutory conference, the President of the Senate had opportunities to exchange views with some of his counterparts, the Speakers of the upper houses of African parliaments, as part of strengthening bilateral parliamentary diplomacy. **(Senate of Burundi)**

The African Development Bank strengthens its commitment to expedite development in Burundi



On April 8, 2026, the Prime Minister of Burundi, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, granted an audience to the Director General of the African Development Bank Group for East Africa, Mr. Alex Muburu, accompanied by Ms. Mouna Kadidjatu Diawara, Representative of the African Development Bank in Burundi.

According to the spokesperson for the Prime Minister, Mr. Moïse Nkurunziza, this meeting provided an opportunity to review the achievements supported by this regional institution within the framework of the country's development vision. It also aimed to better

define national priorities in order to guide future support. The discussions highlighted progress in the energy and mining sector, where the bank is contributing to increased electricity production through major projects such as the Jiji-Mulembwe dam, and to improving access to electricity for the population.

The transport sector also benefits from significant support, particularly in road construction and the railway project. Agriculture, which employs the majority of the population, was also discussed, with a particular emphasis on processing agricultural products to create more value and stimulate the economy. The social dimension is also a priority, with significant support for young people through vocational training and education, considered pillars of sustainable development.

The Prime Minister welcomed this cooperation, noting that the African Development Bank is among Burundi's main partners. Prior to this meeting, the regional official had met with several sectoral ministers, including those in charge of finance, infrastructure, and energy. Finally, both parties highlighted the importance of public-private partnerships. Convinced of the key role of private investors, they underscored the bank's commitment to

supporting these actors in the priority sectors defined by the Government, in order to sustainably support

Burundi's development. (RTNB)

Butanyerera / Prime Minister's Office: strengthening institutional capacities to translate strategic orientations into concrete actions



To promote accountability and strengthen local governance, the Prime Minister's Office organized a capacity-building workshop for provincial directors, heads of services, and heads of communal departments from April 8th to 9th, 2026. The objective was to enhance the skills of these officials to translate strategic guidelines into concrete action. Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, Prime Minister of the Republic attended the closing day of this session.

In his address, he indicated that these training programs are part of the new national program focused on reforms aimed at leading the country towards a vision of sustainable development. To achieve these objectives, he highlighted the efforts already underway, including the management of public finances through the adoption of program-based budgeting and the new administrative reform.

Mr. Ntahontuye emphasized that the success of these reforms depends upon a shared understanding among administrative officials, who are urged to prioritize actions that generate development for the country. He reiterated that provinces and communes form the bedrock of national development, and that their leaders are at the forefront of this dynamic.

According to him, these training sessions aim to clearly define the strategic directions and strengthen participants' commitment to achieving national objectives. With this in mind, he encouraged them to enhance collaboration, align themselves with their respective missions, regularly assess progress, and make informed decisions and plan actions which are likely to



increase and improve deliverables.

This workshop aimed to strengthen capacities in operational planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting in order to consolidate local governance. It is a key instrument for transforming public policies into actionable programs, while promoting resource allocation and effective coordination between different levels of administration.

It will provide an opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of the mission and organization according to the various legal texts governing services, as well as the tools for operational planning, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting. It will enable these officials to develop an institutional culture of results-based management.

This workshop fostered the exchange of experiences and the sharing of best practices, contributing to better coordination between the national, provincial, and municipal levels.

This initiative will help establish a culture of performance, strengthen transparency in public management, and transform challenges into opportunities for progress. (Le Renouveau)

Workshop on National Consultations on the Participation of Young Burundians in the Activities of the East African Community



On Wednesday, April 8, 2026, Mr. Séverin MBARUBUKEYE, Permanent Secretary in charge of East African Community Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, opened the workshop dedicated to national consultations on the participation of young Burundians in the activities of the East African Community (EAC). This workshop brought together a diverse group of participants, including young representatives from universities operating in Burundi, young leaders, and partners committed to youth development.

In his speech, Séverin MBARUBUKEYE emphasized the paramount importance of these consultations for youth, Burundi, and the region, as it is widely recognized that the Treaty establishing the East African Community gives considerable importance to youth. In this regard, he recalled Article 120, which highlights the need for partner countries to adopt a common approach to vulnerable groups, including young people. According to him, this provision reflects a strong conviction: youth are at the heart of the regional integration process.

According to the Permanent Secretary, the EAC Secretariat has implemented several initiatives, notably through the Nyerere Centre for Peace and Research, which, since 2011, has been training young people on essential topics such as peace, governance, and human rights. However, despite the existence of these important opportunities, he regretted that the level of participation among young Burundians remains low. This situation is all the more concerning given that numerous opportunities are offered within the framework of regional integration,

but remain insufficiently utilized by Burundian youth. He specifically mentioned: scholarships offered by various partners and donors, prizes awarded at the Youth Leaders Summits, participation in academic debates, including the annual election of a youth ambassador and their deputy, as well as numerous exchange and training programs.

These opportunities, which arise every year, he emphasized, often remain unknown or under tapped, primarily due to a lack of information, awareness, and sometimes structural constraints. The underlying problem of low youth participation in Burundi should not be seen as inevitable, but rather as a call for collective action, added Séverin MBARUBUKEYE.

The Permanent Secretary also indicated that the objective of the national consultations is to pave the way for the creation of an inclusive framework for dialogue, enabling better information dissemination and awareness-raising, in-depth analysis of the causes of this low level of participation, and, above all, the formulation of concrete and operational recommendations. He specified that Burundi's ambition is clear: to have an informed, competent, engaged Burundian youth who are fully active participants in regional integration. He reiterated that Burundian youth are not meant to passively accept regional integration, but rather to actively participate in it through its four pillars and in the implementation of all signed protocols.

Finally, the Permanent Secretary invited the young participants to demonstrate a critical, constructive, and engaged approach in order to identify, without complacency, the obstacles hindering their full participation, whether related to information, organization, capacity, or the institutional environment. He emphasized that these consultations provide young people with an op-

portune moment for advocacy and a framework for formulating relevant recommendations for all stakeholders involved in youth development, with the aim of establishing effective and sustainable mechanisms to strengthen youth involvement in national and regional life.

At the end of his address, Mr. Séverin MBARUBUKEYE concluded that the Government of Burundi, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, reaffirms its commitment to supporting young people so that they can fully benefit from the opportunities offered by the EAC. (MFARIDC)

Burundi and Germany strengthen their cooperation



On Thursday, April 9, 2026, Mr. Sophonie NITUNGA, Permanent Secretary in charge of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, granted an audience to His Excellency Mr. Carsten Hölscher, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany.

During this meeting, Ambassador Carsten Hölscher offered his condolences to the Burundian Government

following the fire that occurred in a military arms depot located in the south of Bujumbura, the country's economic capital. Various topics of common interest were discussed, including the upcoming visit of the Delegate of the German Federal Government responsible for human rights policy and humanitarian aid, scheduled for April 26, 2026 in Bujumbura.

This visit is part of an assessment of the current situation at the CISHEMERE transit camp, an emergency facility intended to accommodate Congolese refugees fleeing violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The camp is located on Murambi Hill, in the Cibitoke commune, Bujumbura province, near the border with the DRC. (MFARIDC)

An audience was granted to Mr. Abdelouahhab Makhtari, in charge of affairs in the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco to Burundi

On April 8, 2026, Mr. Adolphe Bukuru, Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, received in audience Mr. Abdelouahhab Makhtari, in charge of affairs of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Burundi, accompanied by his French counterpart Jérémy Grang, who brought an invitation for His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation to participate in the 2nd Francophonie Conference on Peace, which will be jointly organized between Moroc-

co and France, under the auspices of the United Nations, in Rabat, Morocco, on May 20, 2026.

Welcoming the excellent relations that have long existed between Burundi and the Kingdom of Morocco, Mr. Makhtari stressed that Burundi is an essential country in the Francophonie and that its participation in the 2nd Francophonie Conference on Peace would be of paramount importance given that Burundi holds the presidency of the African Union and is the only country in the East African Community that is French-speaking and that French be-



came the official language of the East African Com-

munity thanks to Burundi.

During their discussions, they reiterated the importance of strengthening bilateral relations through the promotion of Francophone values, particularly the French language, cultural diversity, peace, democracy, and human rights. On this occasion, Mr. Makhtari expressed his hope that His Excellency the President of the Republic would visit his Moroccan counterpart. (MFARIDC)

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