



President Ndayishimiye receives Ambassador Mohamed Abou Bakr , Special Envoy of the Egyptian President



On Tuesday, April 28, 2026, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi and Chairperson of the African Union, granted an audience at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace to Ambassador Mohamed Abou Bakr, Egyptian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for African Affairs. The Ambassador was received as a Special Envoy, bearing a message from His Excellency Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt. Discussions between the two high-

level dignitaries centered notably on the invitation extended to the Burundian Head of State to attend the African Union Mid-Year Coordination Meeting, scheduled for June 2026 in Cairo. The agenda also included the business forum organized on the sidelines of the summit, as well as the inauguration of the new Senghor University campus. The meeting further provided an opportunity to commend the excellent bonds of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and Egypt. Both parties reaffirmed their shared commit-

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ment to further consolidating these ties and elevating them to a higher strategic level for the mutual benefit

of their respective peoples. **(Presidency)**

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On Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at Ntare Rushatsi House, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi and Chairperson of the African Union, held a meeting with the group of African diplomats accredited to Bujumbura.

The exchange focused on two primary pillars: the congratulations extended to the Burundian Head of State upon assuming the Chairmanship of the African Union, and the preparations for the 2026 Africa Day celebrations, scheduled to take place in Burundi on May 24 and 25.

In his introductory remarks, President Ndayishimiye

commended the strong attendance of the diplomatic representatives, emphasizing the significance of this inaugural engagement with Member States. The participants included diplomats representing Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Libya, South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Kenya, and Algeria, as well as representatives from the African Union and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).

The participants unanimously reaffirmed their support for President Ndayishimiye's leadership and the initiatives he intends to undertake during his tenure at the chairmanship of the African Union. Furthermore, they welcomed his designation as the presidential candidate for the CNDD-FDD party, reflecting their confidence in his political vision.

During the discussions, the Burundian Head of State provided a comprehensive analysis of the security and political situation in the Sahel region and other parts of the African continent. His presentation, which was highly commended by the diplomats, highlighted his commitment to promoting a peaceful, united Africa resolutely focused on economic development.

This meeting marks a significant milestone in strengthening diplomatic consultation and African cooperation, at a time when shared challenges demand collective and coordinated responses. **(Presidency)**

Swearing-in of three new members of the Government



Three new members of the Government, appointed by Decree Nr. 100/060 of April 28, 2026, were sworn in on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, in accordance with Article 138 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi.

The members of the Senate Bureau, accompanied by fellow Senators, took part in the ceremonies held at Kigobe parliamentary building, before the President of the Re-



public, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, and the Parliament.

The newly appointed officials are: Ir. Egide Nijimbere, Minister of Infrastructure, Social Housing, Transport, and Equipment; Dr. Fidèle Nkezabahizi,

Minister of Public Health; and Ambassador Evelyne Butoyi, Minister of Communication and Media. Several high-ranking dignitaries also attended the ceremonies. **(Senate)**

In Bujumbura province, the Head of State urges heads of deconcentrated and decentralized services to take ownership of vision 2040-2060



On Wednesday, April 29, 2026, in the provincial capital of Bujumbura, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye, brought together the heads of the decentralized and deconcentrated services of the Ministries operating in this province. He urged them to take ownership of the five pillars and twenty-two objectives of the national vision for a Burundi that is “an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.”

During this meeting, organized with the aim of presenting a new approach to the management of the country in order to strengthen good governance, and as Burundi is engaged in a new administrative reform for the well-being of the population, the Burundian Head of State called on provincial and communal authorities to show greater rigor and transparency in order to achieve better results in public administration. He reminded them that, in order to advance the country’s development, the state must rely on

these services that bring the administration closer to citizens.

During the meeting, President Ndayishimiye emphasized sectors related to the well-being of the population, with particular focus on performance and individual accountability. Each official will now be evaluated based on his or her concrete results.

Regarding the State budget, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, also warned ministers unable to justify the use of public funds that they would no longer receive any budget allocation. In the same context, he stressed the fight against corruption, drawing a direct link between the embezzlement of public resources and the dramatic consequences for citizens’ lives, particularly in the areas of health and infrastructure.

President Ndayishimiye compared theft and corruption to a crime or even murder. He called on everyone to avoid such acts and to work tirelessly to enable the country to develop.

Before closing his opening remarks, the Head of State, His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye, announced a program for the effective decentralization of services in all provinces, in order to bring the administration closer to citizens and curb the rural exodus to urban centers, which is often driven by unemployment. **(Presidency)**

Gitega: President Evariste Ndayishimiye mobilizes administrative staff and heads of decentralized and deconcentrated services for the implementation of Vision 2040-2060

The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, within the premises of the Polytechnic University of Gitega, a meeting for the provincial and communal administrators of

Gitega province, as well as the heads of deconcentrated and decentralized services of the ministries operating in this province for the implementation of the Vision of Burundi, emerging country by 2040 and developed by 2060.



The Head of State reminded the participants that their fundamental mission consists of translating this vision into concrete actions, through the rigorous execution of projects aligned with the defined strategic indicators.

Given that the guideline for national development rests on an approach centered on the population, both as the foundation and the purpose of all public policy, it is in this perspective that he insisted on the new dynamic of administrative reform initiated by the Government, aiming to guarantee a real and sustainable well-being for all citizens.

During the meeting held the day before with the officials of Bujumbura province, the Head of State urged the Executives present to demonstrate rigor, determination, and transparency in the planning and execu-

tion of projects. He particularly insisted on the necessity to align all initiatives with the indicators structured around the key pillars of the national Vision, which allow for the concrete assessment of the economic, social, and institutional progress achieved.

In his intervention, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye also recalled the central role of administrators as true servants of the population. He emphasized the obligation of performance and accountability, specifying that everyone will henceforth be evaluated on the basis of tangible results in connection with the implementation of the national Vision. Furthermore, the President called for an efficient management of public resources, urging officials to ensure the effective absorption of allocated budgets, in order to avoid any loss related to the non-execution of planned activities.

The Head of State finally reiterated the imperative to fight relentlessly against anti-values, notably corruption, fraud, the illicit exploitation of natural resources as well as the proliferation of strongly alcoholic beverages. He also insisted on the responsibility of administrators in the promotion of a healthy population, an essential condition for the sustainable development of the country.

Through this meeting, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye reaffirms his will to make each administrative official a key actor in the structural transformation of Burundi, with a view to achieving the ambitious objectives set for 2040 and 2060. **(Presidency)**

Celebration of International Labor Day in Burunga Province



The Speaker of the Senate, Right Honorable Gervais Ndirakobuca, in the company of the 2nd Deputy Speaker of this Institution, Honorable Clotilde Kampimbare, certain parliamentarians and civil servants of this Upper Chamber of Parliament, enhanced with his presence the ceremonies marking the celebration of the international day of labor and workers, in Makamba commune of Burunga province,

Friday, May 1st, 2026.

The Speaker of the Senate called upon employers to strengthen the culture of dialogue with the personnel under their orders for the interest of service. Thus, he congratulated the union organizations and the National Social Dialogue Committee (CNDS) for the role they play in this sense.

Right Honorable Ndirakobuca invited the employees to redouble efforts by accomplishing their daily tasks in view of increasing production and, consequently, facing the high cost of living. He recalled that the Government has put in place the policy of harmonization of salaries for civil servants and a new law governing the old-age pension. He also exhorted the young people to avoid laziness and create employment by using their talents in order to self-develop.

At the end of this speech, he thanked the workers of all sectors of national life for their dedication to the development works of the country. **(Senate)**

The Prime Minister receives in audience the UNFPA Representative in Burundi



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, received in audience on Monday, April 27, 2026, the Representative of the United Nations Population Fund

(UNFPA), Mr. Judicaël Elidjé, who came to bid him farewell at the end of his mandate in Burundi.

In an interview granted to the press, the Head of the office in charge of communication at the prime minister's office, Mr. Joseph Manirakiza, indicated that this visit was part of the end of mission of the diplomat. During this audience, Mr. Elidjé appreciated the quality of the collaboration between the United Nations Population Fund and the Government of Burundi. He emphasized that the activities carried out by this organization align with the vision of Burundi to become an "emerging country by 2040 and developed by 2060".

According to Mr. Manirakiza, the exchanges also concerned the recent general census of the population, housing, agriculture and livestock, described as a success. (ABP)

Burundi is conducting a midterm evaluation of the harmonization of its laws with the East African Community



On April 28 and 29, 2026, an important meeting was held in Cibitoke, Bujumbura Province, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Rémy Barampama, Head of Action Coordination for the Burundi Integration Process into the East African Community at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, who represented the Minister in these activities.

This meeting, which brought together focal points from ministries and sectoral institutions, was devoted to a mid-term evaluation of the process of harmonizing national legislative and regulatory texts within the framework of the East African Community governing the sectors of Trade, Finance, Insurance, Fisheries, and Aquaculture.

On the first day, Ambassador Rémy BARAMPAMA

explained that the objectives of the meeting were to jointly review the progress already achieved in Burundi in the process of harmonizing national laws with those of the other member countries of the East African Community, based on the work carried out during the workshops organized by the Ministry on July 2, 2021, and from September 7 to 12, 2022; and to review and analyze the legislative texts amended during those workshops in order to ensure that all provisions identified as needing modifications had indeed been reviewed and drafted clearly and thoroughly.

The contributions and reflections of the participants in this meeting will be taken into account during the final revision of the laws by Burundi's national body responsible for legislative harmonization.

Regarding the second day, on 29 April 2026, the meeting was devoted to presenting observations and formulating recommendations addressed to the relevant ministries. Among these were notably: incorporating into the legislative and regulatory texts all observations arising from the various retreats organized in Gitega, in order to ensure their compliance with the provisions of the East African Community Common Market Protocol; involving stakeholders, notably the National Legislative Service (SNL) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation (MFARIDC), in the process of revising legislative and regulatory texts to align them with those of the East African Community; and involving EAC focal points in

the meetings organized as part of this mid-term evaluation, in order to ensure coherence between national laws and the regional legal framework.

The meeting ended in a positive atmosphere. Burundi reaffirms its commitment to successful integration within the East African Community. (MFARIDC)

Presentation of the final audit report on the management of the PATAREB, PADCAE-B and AEFPP-B projects



The National Assembly of Burundi met in plenary session on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at the Kigobe hemicycle to follow the presentation of the final audit report on the management of projects (PATAREB) notably the Support Project for Agricultural Transformation in the natural region of Bugesera, (PADCAE-B) the Support Project for the Sustainable Development of Agriculture and Livestock Value Chains in Burundi and (AEFPP-B) as well as the Emergency Agricultural Production Project in Burundi. This report, produced by the Court of Auditors, aimed at ensuring the regularity of certain financial and administrative operations, evaluating the performance of the projects in the realization of their components, as well as formulating recommendations.

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Madam Calinie Mbarushimana, was the guest of the day to answer oral questions with debate and having followed the presentation of this report. During the exchanges, the deputies members of the permanent commission in charge of agriculture, livestock, environment, communal development and public works asked several clarification questions on these three ongoing projects in the region of Bugesera.

Among the concerns raised figure the significant delays experienced by the PATAREB and PADCAE-B projects, marked by repeated extensions without mobilization of additional funding, which led to reorienting a part of the resources initially planned for investments towards operating expenses.

Madam Mbarushimana indicated that the two projects

experienced a late entry into force notably in the recruitment procedures for personnel and conditions linked to the first disbursement. She nonetheless reassured that, despite these difficulties, results are expected given that there is a change in the coordination team. Minister Mba-



rushimana mentioned, among others, the restructuring of the coordination teams, the revitalisation of the steering committee, the rigorous monitoring of activities, as well as regular participation in the monitoring-evaluation sessions organized by the donor in order to close the projects within the prescribed deadlines.

The Minister replied that this concern is taken into account, specifying that the amount of the counterpart is inscribed in the 2025-2026 Annual Work Plan and Budget and that the disbursement process is underway. Concerning the contract relating to the development works of the Nyavyamo marsh, the deputies indicated that, according to the report, the activities had been reoriented towards the hill irrigation of the watershed overlooking the marsh, in order to enhance the pumping device and the canals, while signaling that the works had not yet started. On this subject, the Minister specified that the works began in September 2025. She indicated that the water supply ca-

nal was rehabilitated, that two pumping stations were put in place and that one of the four reservoirs is under construction.

At the end of the analysis of the report, the deputies formulated several recommendations aimed at rectifying the management of these projects, notably the deconcentration and decentralization of the

monitoring of the execution of works. According to them, this task should be entrusted to the communes, while the Ministry would concentrate on planning, coordination and monitoring. They also recommended accelerating the replacement of vacant posts, respecting contractual deadlines and applying penalties to failed companies. **(ABP)**

Representatives of political parties preparing for peaceful electoral processes



The Permanent Forum for Dialogue of Registered Political Parties in Burundi (FDP) organized on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the capital of Cibitoke commune, in Bujumbura province, a workshop for representatives of political parties on the theme "actions to be taken to improve electoral processes in Burundi".

According to Mr. Félicien Nduwuburundi, the Chairman of the permanent forum for dialogue of registered political parties in Burundi, this workshop falls within the framework of others which focused on themes related to the preparation of good elections in Burundi, through peaceful, transparent, and inclusive electoral processes. He specified that the workshop comes to respond to the call of the Head of State during the launch of the 2027 electoral deadlines.

Thus, the theme was chosen to allow members of the permanent forum for dialogue of registered political parties in Burundi to give their contributions which will feed into the good preparation of elections in general in Burundi, and in a particular way, for the smooth holding of the presidential election scheduled for 2027.

Mr. Nduwuburundi emphasized that the theme of the workshop was not a choice by chance in the

sense that the forum is convinced that good electoral processes give birth to good institutions, the foundation of development to which Burundians aspire so much.

The Representative of the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security and official in charge of electoral processes, Mr. Célestin Nsavyimana, appreciated the good relations between the Ministry and the political parties members of the said forum. He invited the participants to give their contributions in terms of concrete actions to be carried out, to further improve electoral processes in Burundi in general, and to involve themselves in the good preparation of the next presidential elections of 2027. Concerning the observable conflicts between members of political parties and the excesses of zeal of certain militants, Mr. Nsavyimana called on them to perform at the level of polling stations, and see if they are sufficiently represented.

To arrive at a transparent and inclusive process, everyone must put themselves in the place of the other, accept the competition and the results coming out of the ballot boxes. Certain political parties accuse the Independent Electoral Commission of non-independence, and do not agree with how it applies the diversity stipulated by article 40 of the electoral code. He also recommended that all active parties in a commune or on a hill be represented in the polling stations of the said locality. The Official in charge of electoral processes appreciated the importance attached to dialogue and electoral education, to walk together, and lead the electoral processes, so that they promote peace and happiness for Burundi. **(ABP)**

Butanyerera Province: Sample tests to familiarize 9th grade students with the actual conditions of the national competition



With the aim of better preparing 9th-year students for the national contest, the Provincial Directorate of Education of Butanyerera proceeded, on Monday, April 27, 2026, to the distribution of practice tests to the education officials in the communes of the province. These tests cover all the subjects planned for the national test to familiarize students with the test-taking conditions.

According to Madam Léocadie Mukaporona, the Provincial Director of Education in Butanyerera province, 12,859 students are expected to take the national contest sanctioning the end of the fundamental cycle. They will be distributed across 161 exam centers. She specified that these tests come to reinforce those already organized at the school level, in school networks, as well as at the communal level. The main objective of these tests, according to her, is to familiarize students with the real conditions of sitting for the national test, because the candidates will thus have the opportunity to practice in the same exam centers, to learn to correctly fill in their identification, and to handle subjects that are not directly prepared by their teachers. Concerning the preparations, Madam Mukaporona

reassured that everything is ready, notably thanks to the completion of school curricula in the establishments. She also indicated that these tests will allow for evaluating the level of knowledge acquisition and identifying eventual gaps in the educational system, in order to bring solutions before the sitting of the national test.

The Provincial Director calls on the Heads of establishments hosting the exam centers to respect the established calendar. She exhorted the communal officials to ensure a rigorous follow-up of the conduct of these tests, to ensure respect for the allotted time, and to well-supervise the students. As for the invigilators, Madam Mukaporona invited them to show responsibility, so that the tests begin and end simultaneously throughout the province. In case of irregularities, she recommended reporting them without delay to the committee in charge of the elaboration of the tests, for a rapid correction. It should be noted that the sitting for these tests lasted three days from April 28 to 30, 2026. **(Le Renouveau)**

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