



Friendship and working visit: President Ndayishimiye strengthens ties between the African Union and the Alliance of Sahel States in Ouagadougou



On Monday, April 20, 2026, the President of Burundi and current Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, paid a friendly working visit to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Upon his arrival at Ouagadougou International Airport, he was warmly welcomed by his counterpart, the President of Burkina Faso, Head of State and current Chairperson of the Conference of Heads of State of the Alliance of Sahel States (AES), His Excellency Ibrahim Traoré. The welcome was marked by military honors and the presentation of

the Saponé hat, a Burkinabè symbol of honor and hospitality.

The President of the Republic of Burundi was then received in audience at the Koulouba Presidential Palace. Discussions between the two Heads of State focused on ways to establish, consolidate, and strengthen relations between the countries of the Alliance of Sahel States, currently withdrawn from the African Union, and this continental organization.

According to President Ndayishimiye, this visit allowed him to witness the unity of the Burkinabè people behind their institutions in the fight against common threats. He emphasized that, although each member state of the African Union has its own specific characteristics, these differences should in no way be a source of division.

In this context, President Ndayishimiye traveled to Ouagadougou with the aim of renewing, consolidating, and strengthening ties between the countries of the Alliance of Sahel States and the African Union. Discussions also focused on major issues, including the fight against terrorism in the Sahel region and the stabilization of the countries concerned.

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At the end of this visit, the Head of State of Burundi expressed his satisfaction with the smooth progress of the discussions. He returned with a better understanding of the realities of the Sahel countries, as well as a

constructive report that can contribute to strengthening relations between the African Union and the states of the region. **(Presidency)**

Ouagadougou: President Ndayishimiye supports Burundian entrepreneurship and welcomes local development initiatives



On the sidelines of his friendship and working visit to Ouagadougou, the Head of State of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, carried out, on Monday, April 20, 2026, a series of visits to socio-economic infrastructure, marked by a message of support and encouragement to Burundian entrepreneurship abroad.

On this occasion, he visited an agri-food processing unit belonging to Mrs. ITEKA Ingue, a Burundian entrepreneur who has been living in Burkina Faso for 26 years. This unit has a daily production capacity of 14

tons of porridge flour for adults and 4 tons of instant flour for children aged 0 to 24 months.

President Ndayishimiye commended the remarkable career of Mrs. ITEKA Ingue, whose achievements in Burkina Faso bring honor not only to her personally but also to Burundi. He emphasized that this success, which reflects positively on her country of origin, contributes to strengthening the bonds of friendship between Ouagadougou and Gitega.

Continuing his program, the Head of State of Burundi also visited the Burkinabe government agency FASO MEBO, responsible for the construction of public infrastructure using paving stones. This program relies on the voluntary commitment of Burkinabe citizens through financial, material, and physical contributions, particularly through community work.

This initiative aims at mobilizing communities around concrete development actions, promoting citizen participation and local ownership of projects, without relying on external support. Impressed by this approach, President Ndayishimiye commended the organization of the activities and their ability to unite citizens around a common goal: socio-economic development. He particularly appreciated the spirit of solidarity and collective responsibility that characterizes this initiative. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye officially launches the voter education campaign

On Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Ingoma stadium, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, officially launched the electoral education campaign for the 2027 presidential election.

The ceremony took place in the presence of the First Lady of Burundi, HE Angeline Ndayishimiye, high national authorities, representatives of political parties, the diplomatic corps, the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) as well as a large public.

Speaking at the event, the President of the CENI, Mr. Prosper Ntahorwamiye, praised the commitment of the Head of State of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, to promoting the values of good conduct during the electoral period, given that this approach contributes to strengthening peace and peaceful participation in the 2027 elections.

Mr. Ntahorwamiye also announced that the drafting of the electoral law, the budget, and the election calendar is now complete. He indicated that registration will soon open for citizens who were unable to register during the last registration period for valid reasons.



In his address, President Ndayishimiye recalled the

importance of the information and training sessions organized by the Independent National Electoral Commission, stressing that elections are an essential pillar of democracy, giving the people the right to decide the destiny of their nation.

The Burundian leader emphasized the sovereign nature of the electoral process, which must remain a matter for Burundians and take place without external interference. He also reiterated that, while the organization of the elections goes back to the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI), the people's participation in financing them remains essential to ensuring their smooth conduct.

Finally, President Ndayishimiye urged the population to combat any threats to the smooth running of the electoral process. He called for collective mobilization to preserve its integrity, emphasizing the importance of peace and security, the fight against disinformation, the cohesion of political parties, justice, and citizen participation. **(Presidency)**

Launch of entrepreneurship training for communities hosting Congolese refugees



The First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, officially launched an entrepreneurship training program for Congolese refugee host communities on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. This initiative aims at strengthening social cohesion and the economic independence of the populations concerned.

The project is implemented by the Youth Economic Empowerment and Employment Program (PAEEJ), in collaboration with the Umugiraneza Association and the foundation of the First Lady of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mrs. Denise Nyakeru. It targets households living near refugee camps in Buhumuza province. The areas concerned are the Bwagiriza, Nyankanda, and Busuma camps in Ruyigi commune, as well as the Kavumu camp in Cankuzo province. The Gasorwe camp, located in Muyinga province, is also among the identified sites.

In her speech, the First Lady of Burundi recalled that Burundi has been hosting Congolese refugees since 2025, following the persistent insecurity in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. She emphasized that this welcoming initiative reflects the values of fraternity, hospitality, and solidarity that characterize the country. She explained that this training aims at equipping beneficiaries with practical skills. The objective is to enable them to develop income-generating activities. Ultimately, the project aims at strengthening the socio-economic

and environmental resilience of both the refugees and the host communities. Among the planned activities are small livestock farming, particularly goats and pigs. The project also includes reforestation efforts through the planting of forest and fruit trees. These measures are intended to combat the deforestation observed around the refugee camps.

The First Lady of Burundi also warned them against certain practices. She denounced the tendency of some beneficiaries to sell or consume the animals they received immediately. She urged them to use this support

as a tool for sustainable development. Alongside this activity, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye visited Notre-Dame de la Joie High School in Ruyigi. There, she met with students, teachers, and local residents. She encouraged the students to redouble their efforts during this end-of-year period. She also wished them every success in their studies. On this occasion, she presented a donation consisting of mattresses, sanitary napkins, and sports equipment. This gesture aims at improving the living conditions of the students, particularly those of the girls. (ABP)

National Assembly: towards the reorganization of public drinking water and wastewater services



Meeting in plenary session under the auspices of the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe, the elected representatives analyzed and unanimously adopted, on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, the draft law on the reorganization of public drinking water and wastewater services. The guest speaker was the Minister of Mineral Resources, Energy, Industry, Trade, and Tourism, Dr. Hassan Kibeya. Once promulgated, the adopted draft law will accelerate access to drinking water and wastewater. It will also establish a legal framework conducive to public and private investment in this sector, while supporting its liberalization.

In his presentation, Dr. Kibeya indicated that the current bill aims at promoting the country's attractiveness for private investment in the drinking water and wastewater sectors by significantly increasing infrastructure, with an emphasis on the sustainability of facilities and management models that ensure accountability to public authorities. The Minister added that the bill simplifies the procedures for granting operating licenses to drinking water and wastewater service providers. It also aims at promoting effective and optimal planning for the sector through the introduction of master plans tailored to these areas. He then outlined some of the reasons for amending the original law da-



ting from 2000. He explained that Burundi has observed a significant deficiency in infrastructure for managing public drinking water and wastewater services, which is hindering the long-awaited development in this sector.

Dr. Kibeya emphasized that drinking water and wastewater constitute a vital sector, as water is essential for life and sanitation guarantees human dignity. He stated that sound management in this area improves living conditions for the population and fosters the country's socio-economic development. He stressed the need to establish appropriate political and legal frameworks to ensure the success of these initiatives. He also clarified that this bill aligns with Burundi's vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060, as well as with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He further noted that the original law adopted in 2000 combined the water and electricity sectors, while the amendments made in 2015 and 2024 only addressed the electricity sector. Several questions and comments were raised. Among the concerns expressed was the fear of

increased water tariffs with the entry of private operators into the drinking water sector. The Minister reiterated that water is a strategic sector for the country, which is why regular oversight by state bodies will be maintained to safeguard the well-being of the population. To this end, he announced

the implementation of differentiated pricing based on water usage. Thus, the price applied for commercial purposes will be higher than that for domestic use. Following substantive and procedural amendments, the members of parliament unanimously adopted the bill under consideration. **(Le Renouveau)**

Presentation of the Government's AWPB implementation report for the first half of the year, fiscal year 2025-2026



In accordance with Article 168, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi, the Right Honourable Gervais Ndirakobuca, President of the Senate of Burundi, accompanied by his two Vice-Presidents and senators, participated in the proceedings of the Congress of Parliament in the National Assembly Chamber in Kigobe, to follow the presentation of the report on the implementation of the Government's Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) for the first half of the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This report was presented on Monday, April 20, 2026, by the Prime Minister of Burundi, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, to the Burundian Parliament convened in Congress.

In his presentation, he indicated that the level achieved in the first half of the year, considering the forecasts, is generally satisfactory. This report provides an overview of the activities carried out directly by the Ministries and through municipalities, state-owned enterprises, hospitals, and projects.

During his presentation, Mr. Ntahontuye stated that the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) aligns with the logic of program-based budgeting, a public finance management tool that links resources to expected results, the revised Burundi National Development Plan (NDP), Burundi 2018-2027, and the Vision 2040-2060. It is worth noting that for this AWPB, the Government has made significant progress by integrating data from municipalities, hospitals, state-owned enterprises (SOEs), and projects funded by development partners, unlike previous AWPBs which only considered budget-intensive activities.

During this session, parliamentarians formulated recommendations for the Government. This includes, among other things: closely monitoring the managers of institutions who are ignoring the implementation of the program budgeting philosophy and taking the necessary measures to address irregularities found in the data of municipalities, hospitals, and state-owned enterprises; producing a comprehensive list of operational state-owned enterprises and those in liquidation to identify them; and respecting the terms of its contracts with partners to improve average performance and address the accumulation of external debt arrears. **(Senate of Burundi)**



Capacity building for the implementation of the African Union's Agenda 2063



On April 21, 2026, Bujumbura hosted a capacity-building session for stakeholders focused on developing the second Ten-Year Implementation Plan for the African Union's Agenda 2063. Organized by the AUDA-NEPAD Agency, this activity was held in collaboration with relevant national institutions.

In his opening address, His Excellency Ambassador Édouard Bizimana, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, welcomed the participants. He emphasized the honor for Burundi of hosting this important meeting in its capital, Bujumbura, which he described as the "heart of Africa." He also reiterated Burundi's commitment, during its chairmanship of the African Union, to advancing continental initiatives, particularly Agenda 2063.

The Minister emphasized the importance of this session, which comes at an opportune time. According to

him, it will not only improve the quality of reports related to the implementation of Agenda 2063, but also identify priority areas to ensure its effective realization.

Speaking about national efforts, he noted that Burundi is relying on the revised National Development Plan (NDP 2027), which directs actions towards key sectors such as agriculture, mineral resources, agri-food industries, and technological innovation. He also mentioned the country's strategic vision, "Burundi, an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060," supported by reforms already underway.

The Burundian Foreign Minister stressed that this training will contribute not only to the implementation of Agenda 2063, but also to the achievement of Burundi's development goals.

Concluding his remarks, he encouraged participants to make the most of this session by sharing experiences and knowledge, in order to contribute to the realization of the African continent's common aspiration: "the Africa we want." (MFARIDC)

National validation of the report on the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration: Burundi reaffirms its commitment

On Thursday, April 23, 2026, His Excellency Ambassador Edouard Bizimana, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, officially opened the national workshop for the validation of the report on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

This workshop is an important step in the process of preparing the report, particularly for its technical and institutional validation, prior to its finalization and transmission to the relevant international bodies in New York, within the framework of the monitoring mechanisms of the Global Compact, in particular during the General Assembly.

In his speech, Minister Edouard Bizimana recalled that Burundi has subscribed to the Global Compact for Safe,



Orderly and Regular Migration, adopted in 2018, as a non-binding reference framework, based on the principles of national sovereignty, international cooperation and respect for the fundamental rights of migrants.

In this regard, the country has resolutely committed itself to the progressive implementation of the 23 objectives of the Pact, particularly in the areas of collecting and using reliable data on migration, reducing the structural factors of irregular migration, facilitating regular migration pathways, protecting the rights of migrant workers, and preventing and combating human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants.

The Minister also emphasized that the report highlights significant progress made, including strengthening the legal and institutional framework for migration in Burundi, efforts to better regulate the mobility of Burundian workers abroad, and initiatives to protect and assist migrants, particularly the most vulnerable. He also noted persistent challenges, notably irregular migration, resource mobilization, and inter-institutional coordination.

Taking the floor in turn, the Head of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Burundi, Ms. Emanuela Muscarà welcomed the ongoing efforts by the Burundian authorities to strengthen migration governance, structure inter-institutional coordination mechanisms and promote orderly, humane and development-oriented migration.

She indicated that this validation demonstrates Burundi's commitment to actively contributing to the interna-



tional dialogue on the implementation of the Global Compact, highlighting concrete progress in the area of migration governance. According to her, this process also offers an opportunity to consolidate achievements, build on progress made, and identify future priorities with clarity and ambition.

In conclusion, Ms. Muscarà reiterated that the Global Compact, negotiated by member States, constitutes a non-legally binding framework for cooperation. It does not create new rights, but reaffirms existing commitments and principles regarding the protection of migrants. **(MFARIDC)**

Celebration of the Birthday of His Majesty King Willem-Alexander



On Wednesday, April 22, 2026, Mr. Séverin MBARUBUKEYE, Permanent Secretary in charge of East African Community (EAC) Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Develop-

ment Cooperation, joined the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Burundi and the Dutch community living in Burundi in the ceremonies celebrating the birthday of His Majesty King Willem-Alexander.

In his address, Mr. Séverin MBARUBUKEYE indicated that this celebration is a special moment to pay tribute to the history, values and achievements of the Dutch people, known for their innovative spirit, their attachment to freedom and their commitment to sustainable development.

He also noted that the Government of Burundi appreci-

ates the role played by the King in the stability of this prosperous nation, which respects its chosen system, as well as the harmonious relationship between the King and his people. He wishes him excellent health and much success in his noble duties. Relations between Burundi and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are long-standing and have been characterized by valuable cooperation in essential areas of national life in key sectors such as food security, reproductive health, the rule of law and youth entrepreneurship which have benefited from support estimated at over euros 500 million since 2004.

The Permanent Secretary concluded his remarks by expressing Burundi's gratitude for the Netherlands' contributions to sustainable development. He also emphasized the importance of preserving and strengthening this bilateral partnership in an evolving international context, and noted that this celebration of King Willem-Alexander resonates as a symbol of enduring friendship between two nations destined to renew their cooperation.

In her speech, Ms. Lianne Houben, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Burundi, recalled that the Netherlands and Burundi have enjoyed strong relations of friendship



and development cooperation for over 60 years. Key sectors such as food security, reproductive health, the rule of law, and youth entrepreneurship have received support estimated at over €500 million since 2004. These interventions have improved the living conditions of hundreds of thousands of Burundians. Regarding the question of the Embassy's closure by July 2027, Mrs. Houben indicated that it was a difficult decision due to overall budgetary constraints. Nevertheless, Ambassador Houben emphasized the commitment to continuing ongoing projects to their completion and ensuring a sustainable transfer to other partners. (MFARIDC)

Workshop on evaluating the implementation of the Protocol establishing the Common Market of the East African Community



On Monday, April 20, 2026, Mr. Adolphe Bukuru, Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, opened a workshop on evaluating the implementation of the protocol establishing the East African Community Common Market, aimed at

promoting economic growth and development in Burundi. This three-day workshop, focused on fostering economic growth and development in Burundi, will take place from April 20 to 22, 2026.

In his speech, Mr. Adolphe BUKURU indicated that the operationalization of the Protocol creating the Common Market of the East African Community marks a key step in regional integration: free movement of goods, people, labor, services and capital, as well as rights of establishment and residence.

He recalled that the objective of the workshop is to strengthen knowledge on the monitoring and evaluation of the Protocol, while raising awareness among stakeholders of the importance of collecting reliable and detailed data on its implementation.

The second day of the workshop was dedicated to discussions and group work on evaluating the implementation of the Protocol establishing the Common Market of the East African Community. Ministries and sectoral institutions col-



lected data related to freedoms in order to transmit it to the coordinating ministry for integration into the matrix.

On the third day of the workshop, participants continued their discussions and group work on evaluating

the implementation of the Protocol establishing the Common Market of the East African Community. Focal Points from the Ministries and sectoral institutions led a question-and-answer session to consolidate the data to be included in the matrix.

The discussions explored the context and challenges of capital movements, deepened the conceptual framework for a better understanding of regional dynamics, and analyzed the legal and institutional framework governing the Free Movement of Capital within the EAC. Finally, participants highlighted the advantages, challenges, and ongoing reform initiatives before presenting a summary of their group work. This rich and structured exchange contributes to strengthening regional integration and supporting the effective implementation of the EAC Common Market Protocol. (MFARIDC)

Monitoring and evaluation visit of projects financed by the Red Cross



From April 20 to 24, 2026, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation (MAEIRCD), through the Directorate in charge of International Organizations, conducted a follow-up and evaluation visit of projects supported by the Red Cross in Butanyerera province and in Bujumbura.

As part of this mission, a team from the Ministry met with representatives of the Red Cross at the organization's headquarters in Kirundo (Kirundo commune) for a briefing to review the actions already undertaken and the objectives of the evaluation. This meeting helped to better define the next steps in the field and ensure that the projects implemented meet the needs of the communities involved.

Next, in accordance with monitoring and evaluation activities, the two teams visited several sites, where concrete results were observed. In the Kiyonza area



(Kirundo commune) , the Red Cross built 300 houses for returnees and provided other 220 returnees with iron sheets , bringing satisfaction to both beneficiaries and local administration.



In Munyika (Rugombo zone), volunteers are preparing to install pipes, illustrating a dynamic of community mo-



bilization. In Rusororo (Cibitoke zone), eight installed standpipes have significantly im-

proved access to drinking water, while at the Mwangizi ECOFO school , the installation of seven ecological latrines now provides better hygiene conditions for more than 300 students . Finally, the Red Cross supported the population through training on latrine maintenance and the use of waste as fertilizer with a view to strengthening the sustainability and community ownership of the projects. **(MFARIDC)**

Courtesy visit to the Angolan Delegation to UNESCO



On Tuesday, April 21, 2026, the Ambassador of Burundi to France, Mrs. Spès-Caritas Njebarikanuye, paid a courtesy visit to Her Excellency Mrs. Maria Candida Teixeira, Permanent Delegate Ambassador of Angola to

UNESCO and President of the UNESCO Central Africa Subgroup.

Their discussions focused primarily on the functioning of UNESCO in general and on guidelines for promoting Burundian cultural values not inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. **(Embassy of Burundi in Paris)**

Courtesy visit to the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Paris



On Wednesday, April 22, 2026, the Ambassador of Burundi to France, Mrs. Spès-Caritas Njebarikanuye, paid a courtesy visit to the Ambassador of the Russian Federation in

Paris, Mr. Alexey Meshkov.

They discussed issues of common interest and investment opportunities in Burundi for Russian entrepreneurs in various sectors. **(Embassy of Burundi in Paris)**

Validation of the national artificial intelligence strategy



The Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), opened a validation session for the national artificial intelligence (AI) strategy on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Finance, Mrs. Francine Inarukundo, explained the objective of this session: to harmonize visions and validate the country's strategic directions regarding artificial intelligence. According to her, this strategy should improve

governance, strengthen the quality of public services, and boost productivity. Mrs. Inarukundo indicated that artificial intelligence can support youth employment and contribute to sustainable development. The use of artificial intelligence must remain ethical and respect data sovereignty.

The Acting Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Mr. Jonas Mfouatie, described this as an important step. According to him, this strategy is part of Burundi's digital transformation.

Artificial intelligence can improve public services, stimulate innovation, and support economic growth. Mr. Mfouatie also mentioned risks, including bias, privacy violations, and inequalities related to limited access to skills and infrastructure. The speakers called for an inclusive approach, emphasizing the participation of public, private, and academic stakeholders.

The United Nations Development Programme reaffirmed its commitment and intends to support Burundi in implementing this strategy. **(ABP)**

ICGLR: The Great Lakes Region tightens the noose against illegal exploitation of natural resources



On Monday, April 20, 2026, members of the Regional Committee of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), supported by their partners including the European Union, reaffirmed their commitment to transforming these resources into genuine drivers of peace and sustainable development.

Opening the 32nd meeting of the Regional Committee, which lasted three days, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Energy, Industry, Trade and Tourism, Mr. Martin Ndayizeye, emphasized the strategic importance of this meeting in strengthening regional cooperation. He recalled that the founding instruments of the Great Lakes region, notably the Dar es Salaam Declaration and the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, aim at making natural resources a factor of stability rather than a source of conflict.

According to him, this meeting is a key step to assess the progress made by member states, analyze

the implementation of the six regional tools to combat illegal exploitation and consider new measures, particularly in gold certification and mineral traceability.

Discussions focused on evaluating national roadmaps, analyzing reports from the ICGLR Secretariat, and strengthening audit and monitoring mechanisms. The objective is clear: to improve transparency in supply chains and consolidate governance systems to effectively combat fraud, smuggling, and the illegal exploitation of natural resources. In this context, Burundi reaffirms its commitment to promoting a responsible mining sector capable of generating tangible economic benefits for the population.

Speaking in turn, the Representative of the European Union Delegation to Burundi, Mr. Ivo Hoefkens, welcomed the progress made during the previous meetings in Nairobi and Kinshasa. He emphasized the need to translate commitments into concrete actions on the ground through the effective implementation of ICGLR mechanisms and the strengthening of certification and traceability systems.

A long-standing partner, the European Union reiterated its technical and financial support, particularly through projects aimed at improving mining governance, harmonizing legal frameworks, and developing regional databases. Member States are thus called upon to translate these commitments into tangible results, directly benefiting the local populations, in a region where responsible resource management remains a major challenge for peace and prosperity. **(Le Renouveau)**

Mobilization of authorities for the collection of data on vulnerable households



On Monday, April 20, 2026, the Governor of Butanyerera Province, Mr. Victor Segasago, convened communal administrators,



heads of communal services, zone chiefs, religious leaders, and other stakeholders in the health sector to explain the process for collecting baseline data on vulnerable households for development planning. These

meetings were held in the main towns of Kayanza, Ngozi, and Kirundo communes.

In his address, Mr. Segasago emphasized that this baseline data is essential, as it will allow for the identification of impoverished individuals in the province and the assessment of progress made, starting with the eradication of makeshift dwellings known as “nyakatsi.”

The Governor of Butanyerera Province outlined development initiatives tailored to specific needs. He stated that “the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060 cannot be achieved if vulnerable populations are left behind.”

According to him, this data will enable administrative authorities to better target their efforts to reduce the number of vulnerable households, particularly through the fight against straw huts. Key indicators considered in this data collection included child protection and well

-being, the socioeconomic inclusion of working-age individuals, social security coverage, universal health coverage, and support for vulnerable groups.

Governor Segasago called on the officials present to ensure rigorous data collection in order to obtain reliable information to serve as a basis for developing programs. The meeting also provided an opportunity to raise awareness among these leaders about encouraging the population to participate in the cervical cancer vaccination campaign for girls aged 9 to 14.

The provincial medical officer of Butanyerera, Dr. Guillaume Ntawukuriyayo, indicated that this disease is among the leading causes of death in the province. As an example, he specified that more than 80 women died from it in 2025 at Ngozi Autonomous Hospital. He further stated that the province plans to vaccinate 197,112 children, representing approximately 21% of the expected beneficiaries nationwide, where more than one million children will be targeted by this campaign. **(ABP)**

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