



President of the Republic of Burundi meets officials of the Ministry of Infrastructures, Public Housing, Transport and Equipment



On Tuesday August 18, 2025, the President of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE met with senior officials of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Public Housing, Transport and Equipments in the premises of Lenox Kibimba hotel.

Right from the start, President Ndayishimiye told them the reason for the meeting. He informed that the objective of that meeting was to visit all the ministries that are supposed to bring money in the state treasury, after having visited the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) of those ministries and found that the

“revenue” category was empty. The Burundian Head of State urged senior officials to always align all their activities with Burundi’s vision of becoming “an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.”

After presenting certain facts that demonstrate failures to fulfill the duty to work in the country’s economic interest, the Burundian Head of State made it clear to the participants that he had come to evaluate them, to urge them to wake up, and to break with old, harmful habits. He

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reminded the ministry's senior officials that the country's image depends on its infrastructure capabilities and that, therefore, they must significantly step up efforts in the areas of social housing and public works—particularly urban planning.

In the area of urban planning, he shared his vision for the two capital cities of the country. According to the vision of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi, Gitega, the political capital, should, for example, host administrative buildings to accommodate all ministries. He also spoke about the bridges that are to connect certain neighborhoods, an artificial lake, and so on. As for the economic capital, Bujumbura, in terms of road infrastructure, for example, it will need to

feature modern roads equipped with bridges and interchanges instead of mere gutters and roundabouts. The Jardin Public will become a recreational park, the Living Museum a zoo, and so on.

The President of the Republic of Burundi provided an overview of the Ministry's other sectors. He reiterated that all initiatives must be designed within the framework of the new administrative structure, namely decentralization and centralization. He concluded the meeting by urging the ministry's senior officials to redouble their efforts to replenish the state coffers, given that their ministry is among those tasked with the economic mission of creating wealth. **(Presidency)**

Burundi is hosting the 4th edition of the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Bujumbura Futures



On the afternoon of Wednesday, August 19, 2026, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, officially launched the 4th edition of the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Bujumbura Futures, an international tournament, on the beach of the Eden Garden Resort in Bujumbura.

Over the course of five days, from August 19 to 23, 2026, this competition brought together young athletes

from 16 countries across four continents, offering Burundi an opportunity to further establish itself on the international beach volleyball scene.

The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of several distinguished guests, including the Minister of Youth, Sports, and Culture, Ms. Lydia Nsekera; representatives from the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB); officials from the Burundian Volleyball Federation; as well as representatives from various sports federations and other stakeholders in the sports community.

This fourth edition reflects the growing interest in beach volleyball in Burundi. It also serves as an opportunity to promote Burundi's image and highlight its tourism potential, particularly through Lake Tanganyika, as emphasized by the President of the Burundian Volleyball Federation, General Serges Ntakavura, who asserts that beach volleyball is an important tool for raising Burundi's profile and international influence, while contributing to the promotion of tourism and highlighting the opportunities of Burundi. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye Meets with Various Leaders and Promises to Support Young Burundian Innovators

On Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, met with various dignitaries, focusing in particular on strengthening cooperation with different

countries and supporting young Burundian innovators whose initiatives contribute to the country's development. The Burundian head of state first received Mr. Upender Singh Rawat, India's Ambassador to Burundi, residing in Kampala, who had come to mark the end of his diplomat-

ic mission. The discussions provided an opportunity to commend the quality of the collaboration between the Indian diplomat and the Burundian authorities throughout his tenure, and to reaffirm the friendship and cooperation that unite the two countries.



On this occasion, the Ambassador briefed the Burundian Head of State on the status of preparations for the upcoming BRICS Summit, scheduled to take place in India very soon. In his capacity as Chairperson-in-Office of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye expressed his willingness to participate in this event to represent Burundi and speak on behalf of Africa.

President Ndayishimiye also received Mr. Hubertus Ulrich Klink, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Burundi, resident in Bujumbura, who came to present his credentials. The discussions focused on prospects for strengthening cooperation between Burundi and Germany, particularly in the areas of health, education, and access to water. He also



mentioned the plan to establish a cultural center in Gitega, in the former premises occupied by the Germans. Continuing his meetings, the Burundian Head of State met with ten (10) young innovators, finalists in the 4th edition of Inkerebutsi Day. These young people had the opportunity to present their projects and to share the challenges they faced in implementing them.

In his capacity as Friend of Youth and African Union Champion for the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda, President Ndayishimiye praised their commitment, creativity, and the relevance of their initiatives, some of which directly contribute to improving the well-being of the population. The Father of the Nation encouraged them to continue in the same direction and further develop their projects, while assuring them of his support. He also announced that he would visit their workplaces to learn firsthand about the progress of their initiatives. **(Presidency)**

Promoting health and well-being at the heart of the discussions



Action Umugiraneza Foundation, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, received the Chargé d'Affaires ad.interim. at the Embassy of the United

The First Lady of Burundi and President of the Bonne

States of America in Burundi, Ms. Bridget Premont, in an audience on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at the foundation's headquarters in Kibimba, in the commune and province of Gitega.

The discussions focused primarily on strengthening cooperation in the field of health, particularly regarding the prevention and control of malaria and HIV/AIDS, as well as on reducing maternal and infant mortality. Following the meeting, which was held behind closed doors, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye told the press that the two parties had discussed opportunities

to join forces in order to further contribute to improving the health and well-being of the Burundian people. She noted that she had presented to her guest the various areas of focus of the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation. Among the facilities supported by the foundation, she cited the Umugiraneza Polyclinic, the hospital in Ngozi specialized in the care of people with mental health disorders, and the Urumuri Center in Gitega, which specializes in the care of women with obstetric fistula.

For her part, the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the U.S. Embassy in Burundi outlined the various sectors in which

her institution hopes to collaborate with the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation.

According to Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, this commitment to cooperation represents an opportunity to strengthen initiatives aimed at improving public health and to support Burundi's efforts in its development process.

She emphasized that the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation remains open to any collaboration with partners eager to contribute to improving public health and to the implementation of the country's development programs. **(ABP)**

No More Children Sitting Uncomfortably in Class: Prime Minister Nestor Ntahontuye Closely Monitors the Production of school-desks



As part of the national campaign "No Child Sitting Uncomfortably in Class," Burundi's Prime Minister, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, is continuing his field visits to monitor the production of school-desks for Burundi's schools. On Thursday, August 20, 2026, the Burundian Prime Minister visited the communes of Bugendana and Gitega, where he toured the relevant sites to assess the progress of school-desk production.

The visit on August 20, 2026, followed one conducted the previous day, August 19, 2026, in the communes of Cibitoke, Mpanda, and Isare in Bujumbura Province. Through these successive visits, Mr. Ntahontuye aims to maintain direct oversight of the program's execution and, if necessary, identify any difficulties that could slow its implementation.

This on-the-ground presence also helps strengthen the commitment of administrative officials, those in-

involved in production, and various stakeholders to ensure that the set objectives are met on schedule. In parallel with the Prime Minister's visits, joint teams from the Prime Minister's Office and the RTNB are deployed in the field from August 17 to 21, 2026; the Prime Minister meets with these teams at certain locations in the communes he visits.



They are traveling throughout the various communes of Burundi to conduct a general assessment of the program's progress.

This monitoring effort is aimed, in particular, at gathering information available in the municipalities, assessing the production status of school desks, and documenting the progress made in preparing for the upcoming school year. Mobilizing these teams thus provides a more comprehensive view of the situation nationwide, while highlighting any additional needs or constraints that require rapid action. **(Prime Minister's Office)**

The Prime Minister of Burundi Meets with the AfDB Country Representative



On the afternoon of Tuesday, August 18, 2026, Burundian Prime Minister Nestor Ntahontuye held a meeting with Ms. Mouna Diawara, Country Representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB). Their discussions focused primarily on sustaining strategic and infrastructure investments in support of the Burundian government, with particular emphasis on developing the skills of Burundian youth.

Following the meeting, the spokesperson for the Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Moise Nkurunziza, informed the press that these two prominent figures had discussed the current status of the implementation of various projects financed by the AfDB, as well as other new investments that the bank plans to finance for the period from 2026 to 2028. These include sectors such as agriculture and livestock, infrastructure, energy, and the transportation sector. In addition to these ongoing projects, Mr. Nkurunziza noted that Ms. Diawara had pledged that this African development institution intends to invest in youth through skills-building programs carried out in Burundi.

This meeting provided an opportunity to reaffirm the

African Development Bank Group's commitment to maintaining strategic and infrastructure-building investments in Burundi. Ms. Diawara noted that during the meeting, the two officials took the opportunity to discuss the bank's next financing cycle for Burundi, which covers the period 2026–2028. She added that it was also an opportunity to receive guidance from the Head of Government, both from a strategic perspective regarding Burundi's priority sectors and in terms of improving the performance of operations already underway in Burundi.

Ms. Diawara also promised that the African Development Bank intends to expand its investments in Burundi to support young people in implementing their initiatives and to support the private sector as well. To this end, it is of paramount importance to consistently foster a framework for dialogue that allows us to maintain an ongoing exchange on the status of cooperation between the AfDB and the Government of Burundi. She noted that fifteen (15) million U.S. dollars will soon be allocated to support and assist refugees in exile in Burundi, specifically through the enrollment and integration of foreign refugee children into the school system, particularly those from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She added that the AfDB is active in Burundi through a fairly substantial portfolio, notably in several sectors such as transportation infrastructure, energy infrastructure, and the agriculture, water, and sanitation sectors.

Reiterating the African Development Bank's commitment to supporting various initiatives aimed at Burundi's sustainable development, Ms. Diawara concluded by noting that they had the opportunity to discuss the status of implementation of the portfolio's operations, which also include projects aligned with governance objectives. (**Le Renouveau**)

Burundi and the Holy See: Strengthening Bilateral Relations



On the afternoon of Tuesday, August 18, 2026, Burundian Prime Minister

Nestor Ntahontuye received in audience Monsignor Dieudonné Datonou, the Apostolic Nuncio and Representative of the Holy See in Burundi. Following the meeting, Archbishop Datonou told the press that they had discussed strengthening the existing relations of mutual interest between the Burundian government and the Holy See, while aligning with Burundi's vision

of becoming “an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060.”

The spokesperson for the Burundian Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Moïse Nkurunziza, stated that the representative of the Holy See had come to congratulate, support, and encourage the Head of the Burundian Government, particularly regarding the various development initiatives currently being implemented. Mr. Nkurunziza noted that Bishop Datonou affirmed that for a country to reach the level of development that Burundi has set for itself in its Vision, it is essential to put in place strategies with which to align. Since the Catholic Church is one of the Burundian government's trusted partners, he added that the representative of the Holy See had indicated his intention to continue supporting the government in its various initiatives, particularly in the health sector.

Regarding the various agreements signed between Burundi and the Vatican, Bishop Datonou suggested that they be updated in order to improve and strengthen their relations.

Bishop Datonou stated that this courtesy visit provided an opportunity to reach conclusions on certain issues of mutual interest between the Holy See and Burundi. Furthermore, he noted that this is not an end in itself, but rather a step that was first outlined in the annual report and recently culminated in the visit that has been in the news.

In the same vein, he emphasized that he and the Head of Government had the opportunity to discuss the upcoming start of construction on the vital center dedicated to Bishop Michel Courtney in Minago, Rumonge commune, which will help preserve his memory. “This center will not only help keep his memory alive but also serve rural communities in the area of health care,” said Bishop Datonou.

He finally noted that they also discussed Burundi's positive progress, marked by economic recovery and the initiatives that Burundian authorities are currently undertaking to ensure that the vision of Burundi as an “emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060” can be realized and brought to fruition. (**Le Renouveau**)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs presents the activities carried out during the fourth quarter (April 1–June 30, 2026)



On Monday, August 17, 2026, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Édouard BIZIMANA, presented the activities carried out during the fourth quarter, covering the period from April 1 to June 30, 2026.

In his speech, Ambassador Édouard BIZIMANA reiterated that the purpose of this exercise is to present to both the national and international communities what

the Ministry accomplishes on a daily basis. He noted that this exercise provides an opportunity to take stock of results, challenges, and prospects. His presentation focused on four (4) programs, namely: defending the interests of Burundi and Burundians internationally; regional integration and international cooperation; Burundi's integration into the East African Community; and general administration.

In the context of strengthening bilateral cooperation and achieving political and diplomatic gains, Minister BIZIMANA emphasized that the Ministry participated in sessions to adopt several agreements and memoranda of understanding signed with Ethiopia in various fields, such as health, agriculture, education, tourism, water, and energy, defense, digital identification, and digital public infrastructure. He also noted the holding of joint cooperation committees with various partners.

As part of efforts to strengthen diplomatic ties, Ambassador Édouard BIZIMANA noted that the Ministry has par-

ticipated in high-level meetings aimed at strengthening diplomatic relations between Burundi and its partner countries. In this same context, other activities have been carried out to foster effective collaboration between the Ministry and other countries, such as official receptions and courtesy visits.

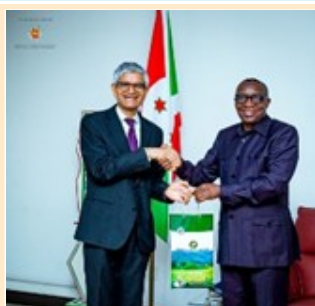
Regarding Burundi's integration into the East African Community (EAC), the Minister noted that Burundi has participated in various decision-making meetings at the EAC level and in forums organized at the regional and international levels.

Minister Édouard BIZIMANA spoke about the clean-up and renovation of the Ministry's buildings, citing the renovation of the offices of the Ministry building located on Boulevard de l'UPRONA, the installation of flagpoles of embassies resident in Burundi to ensure the Ministry's visibility, the timing of the Minis-

try's office building, and the installation of an incinerator to ensure cleanliness. He noted that, as part of efforts to strengthen diplomatic relations and bilateral and multilateral cooperation, as well as to promote Burundi's interests on the international stage, several foreign delegations were welcomed and hosted during Diplomatic Week, Diaspora Week, and the Continental Dialogue. He commended the steering committee and the Ministry's protocol staff for working so hard during these events to achieve the best possible results.

The Minister concluded by thanking the staff of the Ministry, the central administration, and the foreign service for their commitment. He called on the people of Burundi to redouble their efforts and maintain their dedication to achieving the shared vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. **(MFARIDC)**

Meeting between Burundian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Indian Ambassador



On Wednesday, August 19, 2026, in Bujumbura, His Excellency Ambassador Edouard Bizimana, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Develop-

ment Cooperation, received in audience Mr. Upender Singh Rawat, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Burundi, resident in Kampala, who had come to pay a courtesy call at the conclusion of his mission.

Discussions focused on topics of mutual interest, particularly the strengthening of bilateral relations between Burundi and India. The two officials also addressed preparations for the upcoming BRICS Summit, scheduled for September 12–14, 2026, to

which India has invited His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi and current Chairperson of the African Union to attend.

In his remarks, Mr. Upender Singh Rawat expressed his deep gratitude for the fruitful collaboration he had enjoyed during his mission to Burundi, expressing his hope that this momentum would continue in the future. Taking the floor, His Excellency Minister Edouard Bizimana conveyed to him the confirmation of the Burundian President and current Chairperson of the African Union's participation in the upcoming BRICS Summit.

He also wished Ambassador Rawat every success in his future assignments in India or elsewhere, while encouraging him to remain a staunch advocate for friendly relations and cooperation between Burundi and India, wherever he may be called to serve. **(MFARIDC)**

Minister Édouard BIZIMANA Hosts Ambassador Alp İŞIKLI on a Farewell Visit



On Wednesday, August 19, 2026, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, H.E. Ambassador Édouard BIZIMANA,

received in audience H.E. Mr. Alp İŞIKLI, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Türkiye to Burundi, resident in Bujumbura.

During the meeting, Minister Édouard BIZIMANA began by thanking Ambassador Alp İŞIKLI for the warm

welcome and the excellent organization of the Burundi-Türkiye Joint Cooperation Commission, held in Ankara on June 16 and 17, 2026. He commended the Ambassador's personal involvement in the preparation and success of this important bilateral meeting.

The Minister also announced that Burundi plans to organize a Burundi-Turkey Economic Forum in the near future, with the participation of the private sectors of both countries. He expressed his hope that this forum could be held in Burundi, emphasizing that it would be an excellent opportunity to strengthen trade and bring Burundian and Turkish economic operators closer together.

Taking the floor, H.E. Mr. Alp IŞIKLI stated that his request for a meeting was based on two main reasons. He began by thanking the Minister for the successful convening of the Burundi-Turkey Joint Commission. He then explained that he was paying a farewell visit, as his term as Ambassador to Burundi was coming to an end. On this occasion, he expressed his gratitude to the Burundian authorities for their support, their willingness to cooperate, and the quality of their collaboration throughout his tenure.

The Ambassador also invited Minister Édouard

BIZIMANA to take part in the celebration of Victory Day in the Republic of Türkiye, scheduled for August 31, 2026. He also informed the Minister of the upcoming Africa-Türkiye Summit, scheduled for December 9, 2026.

Addressing the issue of the response to the Ebola epidemic, Ambassador Alp IŞIKLI noted that, following the Burundian Head of State's call for mobilization in the face of this situation, Türkiye had made 25 million U.S. dollars available to the Red Crescent. He specified that 500,000 U.S. dollars were earmarked for Congolese refugees in Burundi.

In conclusion, Minister Édouard BIZIMANA once again thanked Ambassador Alp IŞIKLI for his personal involvement in the organization and success of the Burundi-Türkiye Joint Commission. He emphasized that the Ambassador's presence in Burundi had greatly contributed to strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and Türkiye.

Finally, the Minister wished him every success in his future duties and invited him to remain a friend and ambassador of Burundi wherever he may be called to serve, so as to continue contributing to the strengthening of relations between Burundi and Türkiye. (MFARIDC)

Harmonizing a draft law on East African Community Medical products (2024)



On August 18 and 19, 2026, an important meeting was held at Roca Golf hotel in Bujumbura Province, and was launched by the

representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, Mr Aime NKURUNZIZA, General Director and head of the Burundi's Integration Program at the East African Community.

This meeting, which brought together focal points from sectoral ministries and institutions, the Order of Pharmacists, major drug manufacturers (PONA, SIPHAR), members of Parliament, and drug regulatory authorities (ABREMA and ABREVPA), was dedicated to facilitating access to essential medicines within the Community; promoting medical products manufactured within the Community; to promote good manufacturing practices and quality standards in the production of medical products; to promote preference for medical products manufactured within the Community in public procurement; and to address related issues. This bill is based on Article 118 of the Treaty, under which partner states have committed to harmonizing drug registration procedures to

ensure effective oversight of pharmaceutical standards, harmonize national health regulations, and promote good practices in the procurement of medicines.

Mr. Aimé NKURUNZIZA thanked the parliamentarians for organizing this meeting. Parliamentarians play a vital role in engaging the peoples of the region in the integration process, particularly through public hearings on draft legislation held in member states.

He added that the EAC draft law on medical products aims to facilitate access to essential medicines and promote products manufactured in the region by emphasizing good manufacturing practices and compliance with quality standards. He noted that the Republic of Burundi has already established two national regulatory authorities for human medicines. He pointed out that the participants' contributions and comments will help improve the draft bill before its official adoption.

On the behalf of Honorable Victor BURIKUKIYE,



who represented the Chairperson of the General Purpose Committee-one of the EALA's Standing Committees- he stated that the purpose of this meeting was to gather input from the partners who

will be involved in implementing this law once it is adopted by the National Assembly and ratified by the Heads of State. He added that this was an opportunity to voice their concerns with the goal of harmonizing norms and standards in the manufacture and marketing of medicines to produce more affordable medicines that are accessible to the population.

With this in mind, the Honorable Member issued a passionate appeal to the Government of Burundi, to establish a school of pharmacy at the University of Burundi and other facilities that can contribute to the implementation of this law, as well as to train Burundian pharmacists who will develop this sector in line with the overall vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2026.



Participants offered observations, contributions, and recommendations aimed at improving this draft law, including: the creation of a pharmacy school at the University of Burundi; strengthening human resources; pharmaceutical training; enhancing health security and local production; clarifying the lists of essential medicines and institutional responsibilities; and so on. (MFARIDC)

Ministry of Education: Members of the intellectual diaspora are called upon to contribute to the education sector

The Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, Mr. François Havyarimana, convened a meeting with members of the intellectual diaspora holding master's degrees or higher on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in Bujumbura. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the new reforms in the education

sector and the diaspora's contribution in this area. Mr. Havyarimana stated that the Government of Burundi plans to increase the number of boarding schools. To this end, he called on the diaspora, private investors, and any capable individuals with the necessary resources to contribute to the construction of residential facilities in order to support the country's development.



Minister Havyarimana announced that the Government of Burundi is prepared to make land available to those who wish to build facilities designed to facilitate access to quality learning environments, both in secondary schools and universities. He took this opportunity to ask the intellectual diaspora to put their skills to work for the country upon their return to Burundi, particularly by teaching in various schools and universities, as there is a shortage of more than 14,000 teachers, while the Ministry currently plans to recruit only 5,000 teach-

ers based on available resources. He also invited them to contribute to the drafting of the education policy document. According to him, the ideas of the intellectual diaspora always have a place in developing a stable program to prepare Burundi for the future and build an emerging Burundi.

Members of the diaspora noted that they appreciate the efforts of the Government of Burundi in the education sector. They also affirmed that promoting access to school has yielded better results, as the majority of children now attend school. They also thanked the Government of Burundi for its willingness to make these plots of land available. This will facilitate the construction of housing and dining facilities for university students. The intellectual diaspora is calling for the digitization of university platforms and all institutions involved in education to facilitate access to the documents required by the universities attended by members of the diaspora. These members also emphasized the need to increase the number of technical schools to train Burundian youth.

The representative of the diaspora in China, Mr. Arnaud Niyomwungere, who represented the president of the Burundian diaspora, reported that Burundian intellectuals based in China are in the process of creating a global network bringing together Burundians who have studied or lived in China to jointly analyze how they can contribute to the development of Burundi, their homeland, the land of milk and honey. (**Le Renouveau**)

The Ministry of Public Health is strengthening the capacity of healthcare providers in Mudubugu



In response to the regional epidemic threat, the Ministry of Public Health, with support from Africa CDC, launched a five (5)-day training workshop

for healthcare providers in Mudubugu on Monday, August 17, 2026, in Bujumbura. Focused on infection prevention and control (IPC) as well as the management of Ebola virus disease (EVD), this initiative aims to strengthen the country's strategic preparedness for public health emergencies.

In his opening remarks, Minister of Public Health Dr. Fidèle Nkezabahizi warned that, given the highly virulent nature of the disease and its high case fatality rate-combined with the intensity of cross-border traffic-the risk of the virus being imported into the country remains particularly high. He reaffirmed that protecting citizens remains the top priority, positioning this session-organized by the Public Health Emergency Operations Center with

support from the INSP and Africa CDC-as part of an ongoing effort toward vigilance and preventive response. Addressing those undergoing training for the Mudubugu Treatment Center and the staff deployed to the Epidemic Treatment Center, Dr. Nkezabahizi emphasized their key role as the first line of defense against the spread of hemorrhagic viruses. He stressed that the primary objective is to equip them with theoretical knowledge and practical skills to act effectively and safely. According to him, from August 17 to 21, 2026, participants discussed epidemiological surveillance, standardized case definitions, investigation, early diagnosis, and the dignified and safe handling of human remains.

For his part, the Africa CDC Country Representative, Mr. Jean Bosco Girukwishaka, emphasized that preparedness must be a continuous process and not something improvised when a crisis strikes. Mr. Girukwishaka also emphasized that patient care must be part of a comprehensive approach encompassing clinical, nutritional, and psychosocial aspects, from triage through to recovery. He urged healthcare providers to translate this theoretical knowledge into vital professional reflexes to protect and care for their communities. Mr. Girukwishaka reiterated the commitment of Africa CDC and the World Health Organization to support this ministry in ensuring the long-term resilience of Burundi's health system. **(Le Renouveau)**

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