



President Ndayishimiye receives the Minister of Regional Integration of the DRC



President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, granted an audience to Mr. Floribert Anzuluni, the Minister of Regional Integration of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who was bearing a special message from the Congolese President, Mr. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Gitega Presidential Palace.

Following this audience, Mr. Anzuluni informed the press that he was the bearer of a confidential message from his Head of State. According to him, this message focused primarily on strengthening bilateral relations between Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as the security situation prevailing in the eastern part of that country. (**Le Renouveau**)

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Gitega: The First Lady of Burundi assists needy individuals



As part of the celebration of her Golden Jubilee, which she reached last January, the First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, proceeded, on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at the Kibimba Presidential Palace, in the commune and province of Gitega, to the distribution of assistance consisting of mattresses and loincloths to underprivileged individuals, particularly those of retirement age.

Addressing the press, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye stated that while longevity is, above all, a gift from God, it is also the fruit of good deeds accomplished throughout life. She explained that the acts of solidarity she undertakes on behalf of vulnerable people

are part of the celebration of her Golden Jubilee, marking her 50 years. Although she was born in January, she indicated that she has dedicated the entire year 2026 to this celebration, specifying that these charitable actions will continue until the end of the year.

Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye announced that other vulnerable people will soon receive similar assistance, as part of the activities planned throughout this year dedicated to the celebration of her Golden Jubilee. The beneficiaries of this assistance expressed their profound gratitude to the First Lady of Burundi for this gesture of solidarity towards them. They praised the special attention she paid to them by taking into consideration their difficult living conditions, notably the lack of adequate bedding, before offering them mattresses intended to improve their well-being. They indicated that, until then, they slept in precarious conditions, some being people living with a disability.

They believe that this donation will now allow them to rest in better conditions, which will also contribute to improving their state of health. As a token of their gratitude, they expressed wishes for a long life to the First Lady of Burundi, hoping that she will continue her charitable actions on behalf of vulnerable and most disadvantaged people.

(Le Renouveau)

First Deputy Speaker of the Senate urges the population of Mwaro Commune to engage in self-development efforts



During the parliamentary recess of July 2026, the First Vice-President of the Senate, Honorable G  n  rose Ngendanganya, accompanied by other parliamentarians elected from Gitega constituency, joined the population of Muyebe zone, in Mwaro commune, on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, in

efforts to develop a nursery for various fruit trees, including avocado trees, on the Nyakibari hill.

At the conclusion of these efforts, Honorable G  n  rose Ngendanganya urged the local population to dedicate themselves to self-development activities in order to progress towards sustainable development and Burundi's National Vision of an "emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060." She also called upon them to protect and maintain the region's infrastructure and roads to facilitate the movement of goods and people. She further exhorted them to revitalize composting systems to obtain organic manure for use in fields while awaiting the availability of organo-mineral fertilizers.

To the youth on holiday, the First Deputy Speaker of the Senate invited them to take advantage of this break to participate in the country's development activities, notably

the manufacturing of bricks for the construction of social infrastructure and tree planting for environmental protection. She urged them to plant avocado

trees at their homes to prepare for a bright future. **(Senate)**

Towards a digital cadastre: The Government of Burundi officially launches the 2026 census of property and parcel holders in urban centers



The Burundian Prime Minister, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, graced with his presence the official launch of the census of property and parcel holders in Burundi's urban centers, 2026 edition, by the National Institute of Statistics of Burundi, on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. The census will be conducted in six municipalities, namely Ntahangwa, Mukaza, Mugere, Gitega, Ngozi, and Rumonge. He stated that this census will provide a modern, reliable, and digitalized register of all land properties. It will not only legally protect real estate assets against any attempt at spoliation but also provide the State with the means to better plan infrastructure.

Mr. Ntahontuye indicated that this census constitutes the first phase of a vast national campaign. The Government of Burundi is starting with data collection from those who have properties and parcels in the six targeted municipalities and will gradually extend it throughout the national territory. He stated that teams of census agents, recruited and trained by the National Institute of Statistics of Burundi in collaboration with the land titles and national cadastre department, have been traversing the neighborhoods of these six municipalities to gather information from all property owners, in complete confidentiality and security. According to the Burundian Prime Minister, this meeting aimed a formally launch the census operations, but also to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each party to guarantee its success. According to him, the ultimate goal is to build a modern, reliable, and digitalized register of

all land properties, enabling not only the legal protection of real estate assets against any attempt at spoliation but also providing the State with the means to better plan infrastructure such as roads and neighborhood development for the provision of water, electricity, and other basic social services for urban and rural populations. The census of property and parcel holders in Burundi's urban centers globally aims to establish a comprehensive and reliable database of holders of properties and parcels located in the main urban agglomerations of Burundi. He emphasized that the objective of this census was to improve urban planning and land governance through the issuance of digitalized property titles to all owners.

Mr. Ntahontuye stated that Burundi's National Vision of an "emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060" requires mastery of spaces. Land security is a fundamental pillar for guaranteeing social peace and food security. It will also help avoid land conflicts, which are very frequent before Burundi's courts and tribunals, and stimulate national and foreign investment by resolving problems of administrative delays, opacity, and fraud. He asked Provincial Governors, Communal Administrators, Zone, Hill, and Neighborhood Chiefs, as representatives of the State, to play a leading role in awareness-raising and supervision.

The Minister of Finance, Budget, and the Digital Economy and President of the steering committee for this census, Dr. Alain Ndikumana, indicated that Burundi is advancing in the implementation of its Vision of an "emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060." This requires better mastery of space and territory, so that urban development meets the needs of the population and respects national guidelines regarding land use planning. He specified that this census will provide a useful information base to better guide reforms and improve coordination between competent institutions. According to him, the collected data will contribute to the preparation of planning policies, infrastructure planning, urban service management, and the progressive modernization of existing information **(Le Renouveau)**

Diplomacy: Burundi and South Africa hand in hand to celebrate "Mandela Day" 2026



Bujumbura, Wednesday, July 15, 2026-The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, Mr. Sophonie Nitunga, received a diplomatic delegation led by the Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to Burundi, His Excellency Mr. Mbulelo Shadrack BUNGANE.

This working visit provided an opportunity for the two authorities to commend the excellence of the friendly relations uniting their nations while reaffirming their shared desire to consolidate the foundations thereof. The main item on the agenda of this meeting concerned the preparations for the International Nelson Mandela Day, commonly known as Mandela Day, scheduled for July 25, 2026.

Ambassador Mbulelo Shadrack BUNGANE outlined the genesis and profound philosophy of this global initiative. Designed to perpetuate the memory and work of the former South African President, this event aims to inspire younger generations. It is about transmitting to

them the values of courage, activism, and dedication embodied by this global icon who devoted his life to the fight against injustice, inequality, and apartheid.

For this 2026 edition, the South African Embassy, in partnership with the United Nations system, plans to translate these values into concrete actions on Burundian soil:

- .Support for Education: A distribution of school desks will be organized for the benefit of schools in the urban commune of Ntahangwa.

- .Environmental Protection: Community citizen work projects will be carried out to clean up and remove plastic waste on the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

Welcoming the success of previous editions, the South African diplomat sought the institutional support and coordination of the Burundian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to give this year's event an even greater scope.

In response, the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Sophonie Nitunga, expressed his deep appreciation for this initiative and for the mobilization of the various stakeholders. He took care to recall the unbreakable and historic bond uniting Burundi with the figure of Nelson Mandela:

"President Nelson Mandela was a giant of history for all of Africa, but he holds a particularly singular place in the hearts of Burundians. His role as a facilitator was absolutely major and crucial in restoring peace and reconciliation during the successive crises our country has experienced."

Mr. Nitunga concluded the meeting by assuring his guest of the full and complete availability of Burundian State services to collaborate closely with the South African Embassy and its partners, thus guaranteeing the resounding success of the activities on July 25 next. **(MFARIDC)**

Embassy of Burundi in Washington D.C., United States: The Burundian diaspora and friends of Burundi celebrate 64 years of independence



States of America organized a memorable ceremony to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the Independence

On of the Republic of Burundi.

Saturday, July 11, 2026, the Embassy of Burundi in the United

Ambassadors representing various countries, diplomats from several embassies in Washington D.C., as well as distinguished guests from different departments of the United States Government and representatives from the business world, took part in this grand celebration, held at the Ambassador's Residence in the United States. Distinguished guests from the U.S. Department of State also honored this memorable event with their presence. Burundians hailing from various American states also gath-

ered in large numbers to celebrate the 64th anniversary of Burundi's independence. Burundian artists and performers delivered exceptional and captivating performances, showcasing Burundi's rich heritage and culture, to the great delight of the guests.



Ambassador Barege delivered an emotional speech, in which he traced Burundi's history and presented the work he is currently carrying out through the Burundi Mission, in partnership with various stakeholders in the United States, for the development and progress of Burundi. He also discussed Burundi's future as well as its bilateral relations with the United States of America. He requested the United States Government to provide the necessary support to the region and to contribute to promoting genuine political and economic cooperation between the three Governments, thereby offering diplomatic and economic dividends consistent with U.S. national inter-

ests.

He continued by reiterating the Embassy's commitment to actively strengthening its partnerships with several U.S.-based institutions to foster Burundi's development in key sectors such as health, education, agriculture, and many others. He reaffirmed the significant progress already made through these collaborations, notably the valuable partners FHI360, JHPIE-GO, Action Against Hunger, PATH, Care.org, and many others.

Ambassador Barege concluded his remarks by thanking all the distinguished guests, members of the Burundian diaspora, and all friends of Burundi who participated in this magnificent ceremony.

Mrs. Sarah Troutman, Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Bureau of African Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, was the keynote speaker for the event. She delivered an inspiring message of support, solidarity, and cooperation. By honorably celebrating the 64th anniversary of Burundi's independence, it was a fitting occasion to pay tribute to the Burundian nation for its resilience, hope, and the promise of its future.

His Excellency the Ambassador of Burundi to Washington D.C. reiterated his commitment to continuing to celebrate the enduring ties between Burundi and the United States, as illustrated by the presence of guests from various American states who came to take part in this great celebration (**Embassy of Burundi to Washington, D.C.**)

Consultative roundtable on the creation of an international water organization



On Wednesday, July 15, 2026, the Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to Kenya, Her Excellency Evelyne HABONIMANA, took part in a consultative roundtable on the creation of an international water organization, organized by

Kazakhstan at the United Nations premises in Nairobi.

Referring to the African Union's declaration making 2026 the "Year of Sustainable Access to Water and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve the Goals of Agenda 2063," Ambassador Evelyne emphasized that Agenda 2063 cannot materialize without reliable, equitable, and sustainable water infrastructure. A strengthened United Nations water architecture would unlock financing, technology transfers, and cooperation between States.

She specified that any new international water organization must complement and strengthen existing mechanisms, notably the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses and the United Nations Economic

Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Water, and must respect national sovereignty and the principle of equitable and reasonable utilization of shared water resources. It must also guarantee equita-

ble representation, granting a strong voice to countries facing water challenges, Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries, and Developing Countries. **(Embassy of Burundi in Nairobi)**

Burunga / Celebration of the international environment day and the 16th Edition of the African Border Day: Population urged to protect transboundary waters



Under the theme "All for the Climate: Let's Take Care of Transboundary Waters," the ceremonies marking the celebration of World Environment Day and the 16th Edition of the African Border Day took place on Thursday, July 16, 2026, on the Gihofi hill in the Rutana commune of Burunga Province, on the banks of the Maragarazi River marking the border between Burundi and Tanzania.

In her keynote address, Mrs. Calinie Mbarushimana, the Minister of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, stated that Burundi, as a country bordered by

rivers and lakes on its borders, should protect these frontier waters for the protection of the borders themselves. Furthermore, they should be considered as riches and exploited accordingly, because Burundi is ranked among the top countries with a significant amount of fresh water. She thus called upon everyone to take charge of environmental protection and make good use of it, given that water is a precious gift for the country. In his welcome address, the Governor of Burunga Province, Mr. Parfait Mboninyibuka, first thanked the development partners and especially the Government for choosing this province, as it is a province often confronted with natural disasters that can cause problems related to border delimitation. In this regard, he exhorted the population living near the Maragarazi River to protect it well by planting bamboo on its banks, in order to avoid landslides that could cause problems on the borders with Tanzania.

These ceremonies were graced by the presence of several High Personalities such as deputies elected in Burunga Province, Representatives of various development partners including the delegate of the United Nations System and the Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Burundi. **(Le Renouveau)**

Iratabara Home receives assistance for 107 orphans



The representation of Burunga Province, in collaboration with the Merankabandi Association, the Burundi Red Cross, and the Anglican Church, provided assistance to the Iratabara Home, an orphanage located in the Rutana commune which cares for 107 children, on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. This activity is part of the continuation of actions organized

during the African Child Month.

The Governor's Advisor for Social Affairs and Culture for Burunga Province, Mrs. Virginie Ndikumana, indicated that this assistance aims to promote solidarity and support for children deprived of parental care. She recalled that the national celebration of the African Child Month took place on June 30, 2026, and that Burunga Province chose to extend this celebration through concrete actions aimed at children living in vulnerable situations. Mrs. Ndikumana specified that these activities began in the Rumonge commune, where assistance was provided to children living with their mothers in a prison environment, before concluding in the Rutana commune with support for the Iratabara Home. She launched an appeal to peo-

ple of goodwill to continue supporting this center to enable it to ensure better care for these children and prepare them for a better future.

The Administrator of the Rutana commune, Mr. Gordien Ntakirutimana, thanked the provincial authorities and partners for this gesture of solidarity. He emphasized that the protection and care of orphans is a responsibility of the entire community. He invited partners, organizations, and benefactors to unite their efforts to enable the Iratabara Home to properly pursue its mission.

For his part, the Head of the Iratabara Home, Mr.

Désiré Ndagijimana, expressed his profound gratitude for this assistance, specifying that it comes at a time when the center is facing numerous needs related to the care of the one hundred and seven (107) children it has taken in.

He indicated that this donation will contribute to improving their daily living conditions, while launching an appeal to benefactors for their support to meet the other remaining needs. The assistance consisted of essential food and non-food items, including rice, beans, maize, maize flour, buckets, basins, blankets, and soap. (ABP)

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