



Burundian Head of State and Egyptian Ambassador to Burundi welcome the cooperation between the two countries



The President of Burundi and current Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Burundi, Ms. Amira Mostafa, in audience on Monday, August 24, 2026, at Ntare Rushatsi House. At the end of her term in Burundi, she came to bid farewell to the Burundian Head of State. Ms. Mostafa stated that she was honored to be received by President Ndayishimiye to offer her farewell address. She expressed her gratitude to the President of the Republic of Burundi and to all the Burundian people for the kindness, courtesy, and warm welcome extended to her, as well as the open-mindedness of all Burundian officials. She also affirmed that she had worked to strengthen the understanding between

Egypt and Burundi and to promote bilateral relations.

The spokesperson for the President of the Republic of Burundi, Ms. Nancy Ninette Mutoni, clarified that the diplomat had come to bid farewell to the Burundian Head of State at the end of her term as Egypt's Ambassador to Burundi. She added that Ms. Mostafa was pleased with the collaboration with the various institutions of the country. She also thanked the Burundian Head of State for his continued attention to Egypt and for his support in the face of the various challenges his country regularly encounters. Ms. Mutoni indicated that Ms. Mostafa expressed her satisfaction with the

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state of relations and cooperation between her country and Burundi.

The Burundian Head of State thanked her for the dedication and competence she demonstrated in the per-

formance of her duties. He also assured her that Burundi would remain closely linked to Egypt and that the two countries would continue to collaborate on the implementation of sustainable development projects for the benefit of their people. (**Le Renouveau**)

Burundian Head of State and the Head of the Anglican World Communion strengthen their bilateral relations



The President of Burundi and current Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received in audience on Monday, August 24, 2026, at Ntare Rushatsi House, Ms. Sarah Elizabeth Mullally, Archbishop and Spiritual Head of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion worldwide.

The two discussed cooperation and the strengthening of bilateral relations and friendship between the Government of Burundi and the Anglican Church.

The spokesperson for the Burundian Head of State, Ms. Nancy Ninette Mutoni, indicated that Ms. Sarah

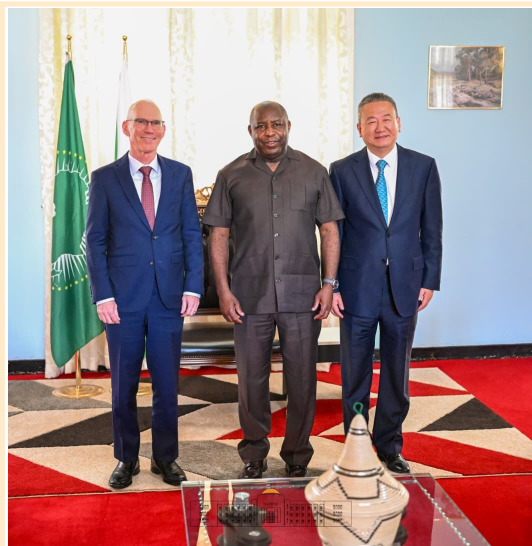
Elisabeth Mullally had come to Burundi for the installation ceremonies of Eraste Bigirimana, the new Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Burundi, on August 23, 2026. She noted that this courtesy visit provided an opportunity for the Archbishop to discuss cooperation and bilateral relations and friendship between the Anglican Church and the Republic of Burundi with the President of the Republic of Burundi.

Ms. Mutoni specified that the two discussed ongoing and upcoming projects aimed at continuing to support the country's development initiatives. She also highlighted that they placed particular emphasis on the areas of education and health.

Archbishop Mullally reaffirmed her commitment to raising awareness among the faithful of the Anglican Church, to continuing to dedicate herself to development work, and to fostering a culture of patriotism among the congregation. She also noted that President Ndayishimiye thanked Ms.

Mullally for her visit, which she described as a historic one that will strengthen relations between the Government of Burundi and the Anglican Church. (**Le Renouveau**)

President Ndayishimiye received the new Head of MONUSCO



The President of the Republic of Burundi and current Chairman of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste

Ndayishimiye, received in audience at the Gitega Palace on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, Mr. James Swan, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Head of MONUSCO.

This meeting took place in the presence of Mr. Huang Xia, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region. It followed the appointment of Mr. James Swan to his new position and is part of diplomatic efforts to strengthen peace and stability in the region, particularly in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, which has been facing a worrying security situation for several years.

President Ndayishimiye and his interlocutors also discussed the implementation of the various agreements concluded and initiatives taken in favor of peace in the Great Lakes Region.

In his capacity as Chairperson of the African Union, the Burundian Head of State reaffirmed the importance of a concerted approach between the countries of the region, the African Union and the

United Nations to address the security and humanitarian challenges facing the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This meeting demonstrates the commitment to continued coordination between regional and international actors in order to support peace and stability efforts in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes region. **(Presidency)**

When the peace of others disturbs: From jealousy to malice



The National Security Council met on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at the Gitega Palace, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi.

On this occasion, the Head of State called for courage and vigilance in the face of the enemies of peace, who, instead of showing compassion for the hardships of others, rejoice in their misfortune and seem to find in the suffering of others a source of jubilation.

In his opening remarks, the Burundian Head of State indicated that the meeting was primarily dedicated to analyzing the root causes of these fires, as well as identifying measures to strengthen prevention and ensure better protection of public infrastructure.

President Ndayishimiye expressed his satisfaction with the peace and security prevailing throughout the country as the elections approach. He called on all Burundians to preserve this achievement and to strengthen the four-pronged approach involving the population, the defense and security forces, the judiciary, and the administration. In light of the losses incurred, the Burundian Head of State reassured affected citizens of the State's solidarity and support, emphasizing its continued attentiveness to their concerns.

The Burundian leader also firmly condemned any attitude of rejoicing in the victims' misfortune or wishing harm upon his own country.

He affirmed that all necessary measures would be taken to effectively combat this scourge and, ultimately, eradicate it. **(Presidency)**

National Assembly: Members of Parliament assessed their achievements during the parliamentary recess



On Tuesday, August 25, 2026, the National Assembly convened

under the chairmanship of its Speaker, the Right Honourable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe, to assess the achievements of the elected representatives from

the provinces of Bujumbura, Butanyerera, and Gitega during the parliamentary recess. This session also provided an opportunity to identify the main challenges encountered on the ground and to formulate recommendations for improving the living conditions of the population.

Presenting the achievements of the elected representatives in Bujumbura Province, Mr. Dieudonné Nizigiyimana indicated that the representatives are closely monitoring the progress of the project to manufacture school desks for students this academic year.

According to him, this activity is being carried out in all communes of Bujumbura Province.

The representatives have been deployed to the field to verify the quality of the work and ensure the proper use of allocated funds. Mr. Nizigiyimana specified that the government plans to provide 42,911 desks in the province. The representatives have also paid particular attention to the concerns of the population. They have participated in community development activities and organized meetings with citizens to discuss their needs and challenges.

In Butanyerera province, Member of Parliament Nestor Musafiri reported that parliamentarians encouraged residents to join cooperatives and prioritize collective work as a means of strengthening socio-economic development. The MPs also raised awareness about environmental protection, particularly the gradual abandonment of thatched houses. They requested that the Governor provide lists of schools without electricity, as well as those with electricity and water, to facilitate monitoring needs in the education sector. Mr. Musafiri also stated that parliamentarians educated the population on combating erosion, specifically by creating contour lines on steep hillsides. Furthermore, the population was urged to avoid selling their land and crops before they are ripe, in order to preserve their livelihoods.

The members of parliament from Butanyerera also commended the achievements recorded in 2025. For 2026, they plan to complete several unfinished infrastructure projects, including roads, schools, and health

centers. They also encouraged the population to plant agroforestry trees to contribute to environmental protection. For Gitega province, MP Venant Manirambona indicated that parliamentarians encouraged the population to actively participate in community work. He explained that the MPs monitored initiatives aimed at building housing for vulnerable people. According to him, the population of Gitega has become more involved in passion fruit cultivation. The parliamentarians also encouraged citizens to create compost pits and engage in small-scale livestock farming to obtain manure for fertilizing fields. Despite the achievements recorded, several challenges remain in the provinces of Bujumbura, Butanyerera, and Gitega. Members of Parliament specifically pointed to the problem of the consumption and marketing of illicit drinks and products, as well as the shortage of FOMI fertilizers.

Tea production is also declining. Some farmers have reportedly begun uprooting their tea plantations, which risks further impacting the sector. In Bujumbura province, water scarcity during the dry season is also a major concern.

This situation particularly affects rice farmers, who need water to irrigate their fields. Following this assessment, the members of parliament called on the government to strengthen its support for the population, notably by facilitating access to fertilizers and arable land. They also emphasized the need to continue raising public awareness about registering and securing land ownership. This meeting thus provided an opportunity to review the achievements of the members of parliament in the three provinces, while highlighting the challenges that require increased attention from the authorities and continued involvement from the population. **(Le Renouveau)**

Burundi and the UN strengthen their cooperation for peace and stability in the Great Lakes region



On Tuesday, August 25, 2026, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional

Integration and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Édouard BIZIMANA, received in audience H.E. James Swan, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the

Democratic Republic of Congo and Head of MONUSCO, accompanied by Mr. Huang Xia, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the Great Lakes region.

The discussions focused on the evolving security and humanitarian situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, particularly in its eastern part, as well as on efforts to promote peace and stability in the Great Lakes region.

In welcoming his guests, Minister Édouard Bizimana greeted the United Nations representatives and reaf-

firmed Burundi's appreciation for the United Nations' commitment to peace and security in the region. He emphasized that Burundi supports the efforts undertaken by the United Nations, particularly through MONUSCO, to contribute to the stabilization of eastern DRC and the protection of civilians.

The Minister indicated that Burundi remains particularly concerned about the security situation in the region and reaffirmed Burundi's position in favor of the restoration of lasting peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Speaking at the event, His Excellency James Swan commended Burundi's involvement in the pursuit of peace and security in the Great Lakes region. He specifically highlighted Burundi's contribution to stabilization efforts in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the sacrifices made by the country during operations aimed at restoring peace and security, particularly during the recapture of Mogadishu in Somalia.

He also outlined the main areas of MONUSCO's work in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, including the protection of civilians, securing populations and areas affected by conflict, disarmament, and support for the repatriation process. In this re-

gard, he referred to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2808 concerning the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Discussions also focused on the various ongoing peace processes and mediation initiatives, including the Washington and Doha agreements and initiatives, as well as the efforts undertaken by the African Union and other African states to achieve a lasting solution to the crisis in eastern DRC.

Mr. James Swan stressed the importance of United Nations support for these African initiatives aimed at promoting peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

For his part, Minister Édouard Bizimana reiterated Burundi's commitment to supporting all initiatives aimed at restoring peace and stability in eastern DRC and throughout the Great Lakes region. He emphasized that the security instability not only affects the population, resulting in loss of life and displacement, but also hinders the implementation of development projects in the region.

The Minister reaffirmed that the United Nations system can count on Burundi in the pursuit of peace, security, and stability in the Great Lakes region. **(MFARIDC)**

Meeting between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi and a British delegation



His Excellency Ambassador Édouard Bizimana, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, received in audience, on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, in Bujumbura, Mr. Billy Stewart, Chargé d'Affaires, and Mrs. Anna Mijnlief, Political Advisor at the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Northern Ireland, who came for a courtesy visit. The discussions covered various topics of common interest, including strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Stewart commended the excellent relations of friendship and cooperation between the United Kingdom and Burundi, as well as the hospitality they had received during their visit to Burundi. He praised the fruitful collaboration between the Ministry and the Embassy, and the harmonious relations between the Burundian authorities and religious communities. He also mentioned the development projects undertaken by his country in Burundi in the areas of health, education, and energy, specifically citing the WEZA Power and Rusizi III initiatives. Furthermore, he indicated that the United Kingdom is considering supporting efforts to combat the Ebola virus in Burundi.

In response, His Excellency Minister Édouard Bizima-

na expressed his satisfaction with the areas of cooperation already underway, while emphasizing the need to further strengthen them. Regarding development projects, he stressed the importance of promoting regional initiatives that integrate all countries of the sub-region, in order to consolidate integration, peace, and security.

The Minister also expressed his concern about the continuing deterioration of the humanitarian and security situation in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. He noted that insecurity is hindering the fight against the Ebola epidemic, due to the massive population displacements that facilitate the spread of the virus. In this

regard, he called on the United Kingdom and all of Burundi's partners for greater involvement in respecting and implementing the peace and security initiatives already adopted, including Resolution 2773, as well as the Doha and Washington Agreements.

In conclusion, His Excellency Édouard Bizimana reaffirmed Burundi's commitment to continuing the implementation of the security and economic measures necessary to achieve the national vision of building a stable and prosperous country. (MFARIDC)

Gitega: Site visit to the future Ministry of Foreign Affairs building to expedite the start of construction



On Wednesday, August 26, 2026, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Édouard Bizimana, accompanied by the Minister of Infrastructure, Social Housing, Transport, and Equipment, Mr. Égide Nijimbere, and the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Burundi, Her Excellency Zhu Kewei, visited the site in Gitega where the future Ministry of Foreign Affairs building will be erected. His Excellency Ambassador Bizimana indicated that the purpose of the visit was to expedite the start of construction.

The site has already been selected and its boundaries marked, but the actual construction work has not yet begun, as certain preliminary operations still need to be completed. This includes clearing and cleaning the site, connecting it to the water and electricity networks, and drilling a well to ensure the necessary water supply for the construction site. Minister Édouard Bizimana stated that, regarding any concerns related to the start of the work, his counterparts in charge of infra-

structure and energy have pledged to take the necessary steps to complete the preliminary work as quickly as possible, allowing construction to begin on the building.

The Minister also indicated that the construction of this building in Gitega will allow the Ministry to be closer to the population and to carry out its missions in better working conditions. On this occasion, His Excellency Ambassador



Édouard Bizimana expressed his gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China for its support to Burundi, describing this project as a concrete example of effective cooperation between the Republic of Burundi and the People's Republic of China.

He emphasized that China's interventions are part of the realization of Burundi's vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. It

should be noted that the future Ministry building will have 11 levels, and the construction work is ex-

pected to take two years. (MFARIDC)

Bujumbura hosts national consultations on the EAC draft law relating to seeds and new plant varieties



On August 26, 2026, in Bujumbura, Mr. Sophonie Nitunga, Permanent Secretary in charge of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, officially launched the national consultations on the 2025 EAC draft law on seeds and new plant varieties. These consultations will continue until August 28, 2026, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In his remarks, the Permanent Secretary emphasized the importance of the public hearings organized by the EAC Legislative Assembly. These consultations allow citizens and various stakeholders from partner states to participate in the regional integration process and contribute to the development of legislation that reflects the realities of the Community. The EAC draft law on seeds and new plant varieties is of particular importance. It aims, in particular, to regulate the certification, analysis, and marketing of seeds, while fostering an environment conducive to their multiplication and distribution by the private sector in the region.

Burundi intends to contribute to this regional process through its relevant national structures working in the seed sector. The public hearing in Bujumbura thus provides a valuable platform for representatives of the institutions involved to share their expertise, concerns, and proposals.

The Permanent Secretary called on EAC parliamen-

tarians to give due consideration to the contributions, comments, and proposals arising from these consultations. Their inclusion will enrich the draft law before its adoption and strengthen regional legislation that supports the development of the seed sector and EAC integration.



Furthermore, the Honorable Victor Burikukiye, representing the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism, and Natural Resources within the EALA, clarified that this meeting aimed to gather input from partners who will be involved in implementing the legislation once it is adopted by the National Assembly and ratified by the Heads of State. He also emphasized that this consultation provided an opportunity to formulate relevant observations to harmonize the content of the draft law, ensuring its relevance and feasibility in the member states.



Finally, participants offered constructive observations, contributions, and recommendations to improve the draft law. These discussions highlighted

the need to strengthen regulatory mechanisms and ensure better alignment between quality requirements, seed multiplication dynamics, and marketing conditions. The meeting thus reinforced the mobilization of

national stakeholders in support of a more coherent, protective, and favorable regional legal framework for varietal innovation and seed security in the EAC. (MFARIDC)

Public Procurement Week, 3rd^{edition}: an opportunity for stakeholders to share experiences



According to Mr. Ndikumana, when the State asks its suppliers to honor their commitments, it must itself organize its finances to be able to meet its own obligations, and this is what constitutes the State's credibility. He added that Burundi aims to build a public procurement system that protects public funds without paralyzing public action, a system open to those ca-

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (ARMP) organized the 3rd edition of Public Procurement Week in Bujumbura from August 25 to 28, 2026, under the theme: "New Procedures and New Types of Public Procurement: Evolution of Regulation in the Era of Digitalization." According to the Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy, Mr. Alain Ndikumana, this edition comes as Burundi prepares for a significant step in the digitalization of its public procurement.

In his remarks, Minister Ndikumana announced that resources must be mobilized more effectively because Burundi's Vision 2040—an emerging country by 2060 and a developed country by 2040—requires substantial investments in infrastructure, energy, agriculture, health, education, digital technology, and many other sectors.

He indicated that they use digital technology to make information more accessible, improve the traceability of procedures, track deadlines, better identify responsibilities, and facilitate oversight.

pable of meeting the State's needs. A public procurement system in which digital technology strengthens transparency and performance, and above all, one that transforms the State's objectives into tangible results.

For his part, the Director General of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Mr. Jean Claude Nduwimana, stated that Public Procurement Week has become, over the years, a privileged forum for dialogue, sharing experiences, and reflection among all stakeholders contributing to good governance of public procurement in Burundi. He explained that the event aims to support stakeholders, promote best practices, anticipate developments, and propose improvements necessary for the system to function properly.

In his speech, Mr. Nduwimana noted that the Burundian public procurement system was recently evaluated using the international methodology: the Procurement Systems Evaluation Methodology (MAPS). The findings of this evaluation provide a valuable basis for assessing the system's strengths, identifying remaining challenges, and guiding future reforms. (Le Renouveau)

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