



Official presentation of the new Administrator of Mugere Commune by President Ndayishimiye



On September 19, 2025, in Kabezi, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Mr. Évariste Ndayishimiye, officially introduced the new Administrator of Mugere commune, Mrs. Adélaïde Hatangayo.

The ceremony was attended by a large crowd from the 11 areas of the Commune, natives of the Commune and administrators of the Province of Bujumbura.

In his speech, the Head of State urged Burundians not to indulge in whining about the current economic hardships, but instead to fight poverty through work, by diversifying export products in

order to boost foreign currency inflows and acquire what is currently lacking.

President Ndayishimiye also called on Burundians to strengthen unity, particularly between leaders and their subjects. He emphasized the need to transform talents into real levers for development. To this end, he called on religious leaders to mobilize the youth movements affiliated with their congregations so that they become genuine production cooperatives capable of contributing effectively to the country's prosperity.

For her part, Mugere communal Administrator Mrs Adélaïde Hatangayo reiterated her commitment to working

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tirelessly for the well-being of Mugere's residents and to always placing service to the population at the centre of her priorities.

On the sidelines of this ceremony, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, inaugurated Ruzizi Hotel, owned by Mr.

Claude MUGENDI, an Australian of Congolese origin. Built in the Kinindo district, this establishment is a testament to the entrepreneurial dynamism of the diaspora: in many different ways, it has shown that it has well and truly embraced the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. **(Presidency)**

Official launch of "Natwe Duterimbere" Project



The First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Mrs. Angeline Ndayishimiye, and President of the Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi (OPDD-Burundi), accompanied by the Director of the telecommunications company Vietel Burundi, Mr Phan Truong Son, launched on Friday September 19, 2025 a three-year program to provide drinking water through boreholes, called "Natwe Duterimbere", and a program to provide financial support to 6,000 vulnerable people. These ceremonies took place in the marshland below Bwona Hill, Kibimba Hill in the Kabanga area of Gitega Commune and Province (political capital and centre of Burundi), where, with funding from Vietel Burundi, the Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi, in collaboration with Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation, is drilling a well to supply drinking water to the population of Kibimba hill and the Umugiraneza polyclinic. These two programs will be implemented in five provinces of the country, including Gitega, Butanyerera, Buhumuza and Bujumbura, with a capital of BIF 3 billion financed by the telecommunications company Vietel-Burundi. In addition to providing drinking water to the population, the project also plans to offer telephone credit support to vulnerable households, up to 6,000 households, amounting to 720,000,000. The First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Mrs. Angeline Ndayishimiye, announced that this drinking water supply

project will be implemented in 14 sites in these four provinces. She thanked the mobile phone company Vietel-Burundi for its initiatives in favor of the population, in particular the supply of drinking water through drilling and support for vulnerable people. She proposed that the company extend the project beyond 2027 so that a large number of people could benefit from it. The First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Mrs. Angeline Ndayishimiye, took this opportunity to call on other organizations operating in Burundi to follow the example of Vietel-Burundi and also carry out projects that contribute to the development of the population, which, she said, will enable the country achieve its vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. She called on the beneficiaries to take better care of this infrastructure in order to keep drinking water close to their homes, as she pointed out that some people had to walk more than 30 minutes to fetch water. Mrs. Angeline Ndayishimiye did not forget to remind the Burundian population in general, and the people of Kibimba in particular, that water is life. For this reason, she invited them to become more aware of personal hygiene, clothing hygiene and the hygiene of their homes because, according to her, development cannot be achieved if people live in filth.

Speaking at the event, Mr Phan Truong Son, CEO of telecommunications company Lumitel, explained that the drinking water supply project in these provinces will ease the burden on the population, who currently spend hours searching for drinking water, precious time that should be devoted to work.

It should be noted that this project will be implemented in the Province of Gitega in Kibimba and on Gihehe hill in Mubuga. In the Province of Buhumuza, it will be in Muyinga and Gisuru. In Ngozi, Tangara and Marangara in Butanyerera Province. In the Province of Bujumbura, it will be in Buringa and Rumotomoto in the Commune of Mpanza. It should also be noted that after these ceremonies,

the First Lady of Burundi, H.E. Mrs. Angeline Ndayishimiye, visited Socle du Savoir school in Nya-

bihanga Commune, a school that will soon be officially opened. **(ABP)**

The Speaker of the Senate joins forces with the people of Bukinanyana during water collection works



On Monday, September 15, 2025, the Speaker of the Senate, the Right Honorable Gervais Ndirakobuca, accompanied by his wife and certain municipal and provincial administrative officials, joined the population of Myave

Hill, Bukinanyana municipality, Bujumbura province, in community work consisting of collecting drinking water at the source.

In his speech, the Right Honorable Gervais Ndirakobuca pointed out that water collection is a vital activity for the entire population, improving living conditions by reducing distances and queues to access drinking water.

He then distributed metal sheets to the families who had volunteered for two weeks to transport the materials for this project. Concluding his message, he thanked all those who contributed to the completion of this project, especially the hard-working population and those who donated the pipes. **(Senate)**

Approval of a candidate for the position of Deputy Inspector General of the Burundi National Police



In accordance with Article 192.9 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi, and on the recommendation of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, during a plenary session chaired by the Speaker of the Senate, the Honorable Gervais Ndirakobuca, the senators unanimously approved, on Thursday September 18, 2025, the candidacy of Police Brigadier General Emmanuel Ndayiziga, proposed for the position of Deputy Inspector General of the Burundi National Police.



The Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, Mr. Léonidas Ndaruzaniye, represented the Government to provide clarification on this candidate. **(Senate)**

The IFAD congratulates the new government and reaffirms its commitment to Burundi



The Burundian Prime Minister, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, received in audience on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the Representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Burundi, Mr. Dagmawi Habte-Selassie. This meeting was part of a congratulatory visit addressed to the Head of Government, who was recently appointed to his new position.

At the end of the audience, the IFAD representative reaffirmed his institution's financial support for Burundi.

He recalled that several projects are already underway and will continue to benefit from the support of his organization.

According to the Prime Minister's spokesperson, Mr. Moïse Nkurunziza, the meeting allowed for a review of the progress of projects funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development, particularly the Agricultural and Rural Financial Inclusion Support Project (PAIFAR-B). The IFAD representative praised the progress made in this area and reiterated his institution's commitment to continue supporting the Burundian agricultural sector.

On his side, the Prime Minister expressed his satisfaction with the quality of this cooperation. He emphasized the importance of strengthening collaboration between the Burundian government and its partners to ensure better monitoring and evaluation of ongoing projects. According to his spokesperson, this common dynamic aims at guaranteeing sustainable results for the country's development. (RTNB)

The economic operators are called upon to invest in wood production



The Burundian Prime Minister, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, met on Friday, September 19, 2025, at the premises of the paramedical school in Gitega (central Burundi), with forestry product producers, forest products, and economic operators to urge them to align themselves with environmental protectors for the revalorization of afforestation.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by the Minister of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, Mrs. Calinie Mbarushimana, indicated to the participants in the meeting that Burundian afforestation is regressing due to human activities for construction, carpentry, or cooking purposes. To address this issue, he informed them that the Burundian government has initiated a strategy to allocate barren state lands, specifically the summits of hills or Rocky Mountains, to investors in the timber industry. For those who are interested and able, the Burundian Prime Minister recommended that they contact the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, as well as the Ministry of Mining, Energy, Industry, Commerce, and Tourism to sign contracts. For further clarification, he stated that the tenant of the land would need to pay an amount into the state accounts.

The participants at these meetings praised this initiative, stating that it was, moreover, their concern. As for the beekeepers, they requested land in national parks or protected areas to place their hives. These locations are healthy for the bees, unlike agricultural fields that have become harmful to bees due to the use of pesticides. (ABP)

Strengthening bilateral ties between Burundi and Guinea-Bissau



As part of efforts to strengthen bilateral relations between Burundi and Guinea-Bissau and to reinforce reciprocity following the visit of the President of Guinea-Bissau to Burundi, His Excellency Umaro Sissoco Embaló, in May 2015, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi paid a state visit to Guinea-Bissau on September 16, 2025. During this state visit, several bilateral agreements were signed between the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation of Burundi, His Excellency Ambassador BIZIMANA Eduard, and His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Communities of Guinea-Bissau, Mr Carlos Pinto Pereira, underlining their mutual commitment to strengthening their cooperation. Among these agreements, a framework cooperation agreement was established between the Govern-

ment of the Republic of Burundi and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, thereby formalizing the basis of their partnership. Another agreement introduced visa exemptions for holders of diplomatic, service and ordinary passports, facilitating cultural and commercial exchanges. This initiative aims at promoting smoother interactions between Burundians and Guinea-Bissauans, paving the way for a collaborative future.

In addition, a memorandum of understanding on political and diplomatic consultations was signed the same day, creating a space for regular dialogue between the two governments. This demonstrates a shared commitment to working together on regional and international issues, thereby strengthening stability and security in the region. These agreements are not merely symbolic documents, but also constitute concrete steps towards closer cooperation, benefiting both countries and their populations.

During this visit, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi, Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, was awarded the country's highest honor by his counterpart, His Excellency Umaro Sissoco Embaló, in recognition of his commitment to strengthening friendship and cooperation between their peoples. This symbolic gesture underscores the importance of bilateral relations and the willingness of both leaders to promote close collaboration in various areas, thereby fostering development and regional peace. (MFARIDC)

Cultural season A: a scattered start against a backdrop of rainfall variability



graphic Institute of Burundi (IGEBU), organized an information and exchange session on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, in Gitega, regarding the seasonal weather forecast for the period from September to

The Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, through the Geo-

December 2025.

The Director General of IGEBU, Mr. Augustin Ngenzirabona, indicated that this weather forecast results from a process of applying models adapted to the sub-region of the Horn of Africa. He specified that it is based on a consensus regarding the qualitative and quantitative evolution of precipitation and temperatures in different natural regions of the country. The Director General explained that the seasonal forecast "Agatasi" highlights two major zones of rainfall distribution according to the natural regions. Thus, precipitation close



to the climatological average is expected in the natural regions of Imbo, Mirwa, Mugamba, Bututsi, Buyenzi, as well as in Bweru, Buragane, and the western part of Kirimiro.

In contrast, a deficit trend in precipitation is anticipated in the natural regions of Moso, Buyogoma, as well as in the eastern parts of Bweru, Kirimiro, and Buragane. Regarding the start of the A agricultural season, Ngenzirabona specified that it is expected between the second and third decades of September in the natural regions of Buyenzi, Bugesera, Mugamba, most of Imbo and Mirwa, the western part of Kirimiro, and the northern part of Bweru.

In the natural regions of Buyogoma, Moso, Buragane, Bututsi, as well as in the southern parts of Mirwa and

Imbo, the east of Kirimiro, and the south of Buyenzi, the season should begin between the last decade of September and the first decade of October. He also warned of a rainfall deficit in several regions due to the LaNiña climate phenomenon observed in the Indian Ocean. This phenomenon could negatively impact the regions of Bweru, Moso, Buyogoma, Kirimiro, and Buragane, where farmers may face a drier-than-normal season.

Meteorologist Mr. Sylvestre Ntibwunguka, for his part, noted that the start of the B agricultural season, known as "Impeshi 2025," was disrupted by tropical cyclones. However, the forecast for the end of this season was successful at 95%. Regarding the MAM (March-April-May) season, the forecast for the spatial distribution of precipitation was estimated to be successful at about 55%, due to various meteorological phenomena such as the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO), the evolution of sea surface temperatures, as well as the combined effects of the Indian and Pacific Oceans, not to mention the cyclones. It is worth noting that this presentation session brought together several stakeholders involved in climate risk management and rural development. Among them were civil protection officials, representatives from United Nations agencies in Burundi, provincial and communal administrators, as well as experts in environment, agriculture, livestock, finance, and agricultural insurance. (ABP)

Analysis of the final audit report on the management of Kamenge University Hospital Center



On Thursday, September 18, 2025, the deputies gathered in the Kigobe hemicycle to analyze the final audit report on the management of Kamenge University Hospital Center (CHUK), produced by the Court of Auditors. The guest of the day was the Minister of National Education and



Scientific Research, Mr. François Havyarimana.

According to this report, the audit conducted by the Court of Auditors at Kamenge University Hospital Center aimed at verifying the regularity of certain financial and administrative operations, evaluate the hospital's performance in fulfilling its missions, check the representation and infor-

mation, accuracy, reliability, completeness, reality, and evaluation of the financial statements for the 2023-2024 budgetary period; and thus formulate recommendations.

The report highlighted several shortcomings, particularly related to management. In evaluating the internal control system, the identified deficiencies included the status of CHUK personnel, the internal regulations, and procedural manuals that are not updated, the absence of a risk mapping, as well as the internal audit service, which is currently not operational and lacks sufficient human resources.

During the analysis of the administrative organization of the University Hospital Center (CHUK), the findings raised by the Court of Auditors included the non-operational medical advisory council and the fact that CHUK has never submitted its financial statements to the Court of Auditors. Another observation regarding the completeness of personnel administrative files was that out of 100 files reviewed, 21 were incomplete. In terms of stock management, the findings noted by the Court of Auditors included that CHUK did not conduct a physical inventory of general stocks and pharmaceutical products for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the security of pharmaceutical product stocks is not ensured, and the Open Clinic application does not allow for the production of reports on the situation of peripheral and central stocks.

The report also highlighted the lack of sufficient per-

sonnel and all the qualifications required by health standards, as well as the absence of enough specialist doctors in all fields. It was also noted that some premises of CHUK are dilapidated, the rooms for certain services are cramped, and the hospital beds are very close together because of a large number of patients. Considering the realities encountered on the ground, several recommendations were made by the Court of Auditors to CHUK, including updating the personnel status, internal regulations, and procedural manuals; adhering to procedures during public procurement execution and properly classifying all documents and completing all missing personnel files.

Minister François Havyarimana confirmed that everything stated in the document issued by the Court of Auditors is true, noting that the errors observed by the Court are currently being addressed. According to him, such audits are necessary and allow the audited institution to improve its competencies. He also indicated that CHUK provides good services compared to other local hospitals, hence its designation as "the third reference hospital." He added that even the Ministry of Public Health has confirmed its high-level performance.

According to him, the recommendations made in this report will help CHUK improve its services. Regarding the rehabilitation and expansion of CHUK, the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research assured that a large project for the rehabilitation, expansion, and equipping of CHUK is underway, a project that will require more than 80 million US dollars. **(ABP)**

SHEBA Burundi launches an action program for inclusive education



On Thursday, September 18, 2025, the SHEBA Burundi Association (Association for the Socio-Economic Promotion of Women and Children) officially launched its action program for inclusive education during a press conference held in Bujumbura.

According to the President of the association, Madam Nshimira Vanessa, this program addresses an urgent need: to ensure that every child, regardless of their circumstances, has access to quality education. She recalled that the association operates in two major areas: children's education, to promote their development and equitable access to knowledge, and the empowerment of women and girls through the support of cooperatives and the assistance of young entrepreneurs.

The President of SHEBA Burundi revealed that the inclusive education action program is structured around seven key projects: Education on sexual and reproductive health, strengthening the empowerment

of girls, raising awareness and advocacy against abusive relationships between teachers and students, strengthening the link between school, family, and community, collecting various forms of aid, providing psychological support and individualized assistance to children with mental health issues, and lighting households to enable children to study after school.

Present at the conference was the Advisor to the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, Mr. Assisa Sahel. He promised the establishment of a partnership agreement with SHEBA Burundi. He assured that the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research would provide the necessary tools to support this program, emphasizing its commitment to educating

well-rounded children capable of building the Burundi of tomorrow.

The President of SHEBA Burundi expressed her gratitude to the partners already involved while making a solemn appeal for the mobilization of the entire community: parents, opinion leaders, local authorities, civil society organizations, as well as technical and financial partners.

She emphasized that "inclusive education is not a burden on society, but a sustainable investment to build a more equitable, stable, and economically stronger Burundi," in perfect harmony with the Vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. (RTNB)

Justice and education: a strong gesture from the President of the Supreme Court



On Monday, September 15, 2025, the President of the Supreme Court of Burundi, Mr. Gama-liel Nkurunziza,

took a symbolic and profoundly human action. He distributed school kits to students from underprivileged families at the fundamental school in the Kiremba Commune, Butanyerera Province.

Each affected student received notebooks, pens, and other essential supplies, covering their needs for the entire school year. This strong gesture aimed at ensuring that poverty would no longer be an obstacle to education. The Kiremba Commune distinguished itself with remarkable results: it ranked 2nd in the national competition for the 9th year in the former Ngozi Province and 2nd in the number of students admitted to board-

ing schools.

The President of the Supreme Court praised this performance and congratulated the teachers for their commitment. "Your future is built at school," emphasized Gama-liel Nkurunziza, urging students to fully dedicate themselves to their studies. He also encouraged local authorities to ensure the schooling of all children, in line with the government's vision of education for all.

In conclusion, the President of the Supreme Court called on the natives of Kiremba to follow his example by also taking concrete actions in favor of the schoolchildren in their commune.

For his part, the communal administrator of Kiremba, Mr. Pascal Habiyaire, expressed his deep gratitude for this initiative. He reaffirmed the ambition to elevate the Commune to the top of the national ranking and called on parents to actively support their children's education. (RTNB)

The OBR intensifies the control of the use of electronic billing machines

The Commissioner General of the Burundian Revenue Office (OBR), Mr. Emmanuel Mbonihankuye, conducted a visit on Monday, September 15, 2025, in Bujumbura to assess the level of use of electronic billing machines by merchants.

In an interview with the press, he lamented that some merchants misuse these machines. He cited the exam-

ple of a merchant selling Dangote brand cement for BIF 62,000 but recording the sale at BIF 43,000 on the machine, thus distorting fiscal data. Others do not even possess these mandatory devices yet.

In this regard, the Commissioner General of the Burundian Revenue Office warned merchants who use billing systems not connected to the OBR's central system, those



who intentionally underreport quantities or values of goods on invoices, and those who refuse to use the electronic billing machine correctly. He also denounced a lack of willingness, even incompetence, while training centers are available nearby. He reminded that anyone ignoring the OBR's directives is subject to severe penalties. He urged merchants and customers to comply with the obligation to use the

electronic billing machine correctly, emphasizing that "the law applies to everyone." He also specified that if a customer is found in possession of goods not invoiced via the electronic machine, they will have to pay a fine equivalent to 20% of the value of the purchased goods, while the merchant will pay a fine of 100% of that value.

As part of this control operation, several stores of non-compliant merchants have been closed. Their reopening will only be possible after correcting the identified irregularities. Commissioner Mbonihankuye indicated that this control campaign is ongoing, supported by the recent recruitment of 240 new OBR agents to strengthen field monitoring. It should be noted that the electronic billing machine costs BIF1, 500,000 and can be paid in several payments. **(ABP)**

The Intwari Stadium will soon reopen its doors to international competitions



The Deputy Secretary General of the Football Federation of Burundi (FFB), Mr. Elysé Niyubahwe, held a press conference on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, to announce the upcoming reopening of the Intwari Stadium for international competitions after a 4-year wait. He indicated that the modernized Intwari Stadium will soon host 3 international matches. On September 19, 2025, the U20 women's national team of Burundi will face Zambia in the qualifiers for the 2026 U20 Women's World Cup.

Aigle Noir will play on Sunday, September 21, 2025,

in the African Champions League against AS Djibouti Telecom. Another match is scheduled for October 9, 2025, where Burundi will play against Kenya.

The Director in charge of commerce and communication at Cashtel, a money transfer company, Mr. Aimé Patrick Manirakiza, announced that all sports fans

wishing to attend the match can purchase their tickets using new technologies. He explained that for Android phone users, it is enough to open an account by dialing *429#, then follow the given instructions.

After specifying the amount corresponding to the chosen ticket, payment is made, and a number is received via the established application, using a fast and convenient QR Code system. An electronic receipt number will be required at the entrance of the stadium to access the match. **(ABP)**

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The Council of Ministers met in an extraordinary session on Thursday September 18, 2025 in Bujumbura, the economic capital of Burundi, under the chairmanship of His Excellency the President of the Republic, General Mayor Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

After the presentation and adoption of the agenda, His Excellency Mr. the President of the Republic invited the Prime Minister to present the synthesis of the observations concluded from the preparatory meeting of the Council of Ministers which took place on September 17, 2025 and was dedicated to the preliminary analysis of the same items on the agenda.

1. Draft on National Energy Pact « COMPACT » of the Republic of Burundi,

Presented by a senior official of the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy, Industry, Trade and Tourism

The National Energy Pact of the Republic of Burundi, aligned with the Vision of Burundi as an Emerging Country by 2040 and a Developed Country by 2060, emphasizes the provision of reliable, affordable, sustainable, inclusive, and clean energy.

With a view to achieving universal access to electricity by 2030, Burundi has put forward a year-by-year electrification plan to reach a minimum electricity access rate of 70% by 2030.

The Government of Burundi will implement this objective through the intervention of operators working in the energy sector, including the Water and Electricity Production and Distribution Authority (REGIDESO), the Burundian Rural Electrification Agency (ABER), and private operators.

Programs for the production, transmission, and distribution of electrical energy are being implemented using own funds, support from development partners, or within the framework of public-private partnerships in order to increase energy supply using renewable energy sources, particularly hydroelectric and solar power.

The purpose of the National Energy Pact is to set out the commitments that the government will implement to achieve Mission 300, a program that aims to electrify 300 million people in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030. The pact clearly states:

1. The overview of the country's social and economic situation
2. The current situation in the energy sector and the challenges it faces
3. The sector's objectives
4. Measures to reform the energy sector

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The document presents a detailed action plan to address the challenges associated with achieving clean electricity and cooking goals through policies and support measures, infrastructure development, private sector engagement, capacity building, and robust monitoring and evaluation systems.

The National Energy Pact of the Republic of Burundi will serve as a planning and financing mobilization document.

The validation of this document is a prerequisite for Burundi to be included among the countries that will be financed by the Program. The World Bank and the African Development Bank are taking the lead in financing this Program.

Following the analysis, the document was adopted with recommendations including:

1. Ensure that the statistical data contained in this document corresponds to that of the 2024 Census;
2. 2. Avoid singling out a specific private company in a planning document, as the Program will be open to the private sector in general;
3. Establish the Technical Unit for Implementation and Monitoring of the Pact as quickly as possible.

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2. Draft law revising Organic Law No. 1/27 of December 9, 2021, on the missions, organization, composition, and functioning of the Burundi National Police, Presented by the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security

Created in December 2004, the Burundi National Police is currently governed by Organic Law No. 1/27 of December 9, 2021. This law establishes a decentralized structure organized into regional, provincial, and communal police stations.

Subsequently, the Government embarked on a series of decentralization reforms aimed at bringing services much closer to the population.

In 2023, these reforms led to the redrawing and regrouping of various administrative entities, with the number of provinces falling from 18 to 5 and the number of communes from 119 to 42, while the number of zones increased from 399 to 451.

This draft law therefore complies with this new reorganization by aligning provincial police stations with provinces, communal police stations with communes, and eliminating regional police stations that covered several provinces.

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On the other hand, with the reduction in the number of communes, there is now a greater distance between the communal police station and the provincial police station. To address this challenge, the draft law introduces the concept of a district, a coordinating and supervisory body located between the communal police station and the provincial police station, covering two or three communal police stations, with posts that coincide with administrative areas, each police station comprising as many police branches as necessary.

Following analysis, the draft law was adopted with some amendments, notably the replacement of the District by a rapid response unit covering two or three communes.

Done in Bujumbura on September 18, 2025

The General Secretary of the State

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