



President Ndayishimiye is taking part in the first edition of the Burundi Heart of Africa Arise Summit 2026



The President of the Republic of Burundi and current Chairman of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, took part on October 13, 2026, in Bujumbura, in the opening ceremonies of the first edition of the Burundi Heart of Africa Arise Summit 2026.

Organized by New Generation, in partnership with Oisis Christian Center, Africa Together and Africa Fathers, this summit brings together Christian leaders from Burundi and other African countries around the theme: "Arise, shine, for your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1-3).

At the heart of the discussions was the healing of wounds inherited from history, addressed during a discussion led by Dr. Emmanuel Ndikumana. His presentation emphasized the need to understand the past in order to better build the future and strengthen cohesion among peoples.

In his address, the Burundian Head of State reminded them that Burundians are a single people, united by a shared history and destiny. He invited them to look at their past with clarity, to learn from it, and to work to ensure that painful events never happen again.

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sources in light of the biblical passage Deuteronomy 8:7-10, President Ndayishimiye highlighted the country's potential, particularly its water resources, mineral wealth, and land suitable for organic food production. He encouraged Burundians to recognize these assets and invest more in their country's development to build a better future, despite the challenges they face.

Addressing Christian leaders, the Burundian Head of State called on them to play an active role in healing the wounds of the past, reconciliation, and the positive transformation of society. He encouraged them to be role models within their communities, embodying love for their neighbor, discipline, compassion, and tolerance.

This summit recalls the essential role of Christian lead-

ers in the reconciliation of African peoples, through the promotion of forgiveness, tolerance and dialogue, to build united and peaceful societies, looking towards a better future.

On the sidelines of the Burundi Heart of Africa Arise Summit 2026, a delegation of Christian leaders from several African countries was granted an audience to participate in the event. The discussions focused on their crucial role in healing the wounds inherited from the colonial and post-colonial periods, as well as in reconciliation and peace-building among African peoples.

On this occasion, Christian leaders welcomed the commitment of the Burundian Head of State and current Chairperson of the African Union to a united and peaceful Africa. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye hosts a delegation of African religious leaders



Following the official opening of the "Burundi Heart of Africa Arise Summit 2026," the President of

the Republic of Burundi and current Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received in audience on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, a large delegation of religious leaders from across Africa, led by Mr. Mengistu Beta, an Ethiopian national. The Deputy Spokesperson for the Burundian Head of State, Mr. Floribert Biyereke, reported that their discussions focused primarily on healing of souls, reconciliation, and development in Africa.

After this audience, Mr. Biyereke announced that this delegation had come to Bujumbura with the aim of contributing, as religious leaders, to the healing of the past wounds of the people, through the "Burundi Heart of Africa Arise Soumit 2026", a prayer organized by the

Oasis Christian Center church in Burundi, under the theme "Arise, be enlightened, for your light is coming".

The spokesperson for the Burundian Head of State indicated that they discussed on healing the wounds of the past, as many people suffer from trauma related to colonization and other circumstances, both in Burundi and in other African countries. "And to achieve reconciliation and promote peace and development, these individuals observed in their discussions that churches have a significant role to play in soothing and healing the spirits of the people," added Mr. Biyereke.

During this meeting, the members of the delegation congratulated the Burundian Head of State for his leadership role in Africa, stating that President Ndayishimiye is achieving a largely positive record from which other Africans should draw inspiration.

The Burundian Head of State, for his part, also congratulated them, noting that this prayer represents an opportune moment for the country, which must embark on a new path and a fresh start for healing, reconciliation, and development. **(Le Renouveau)**

Bujumbura: Commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the assassination of Prince Louis Rwagasore

On Tuesday, October 13, 2026, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, and various high-

ranking officials of the country graced with their presence the ceremonies commemorating the 65th anniversary of the assassination of Prince Louis Rwagasore, a hero of

Burundi's independence. In his homily, Bishop Anatole Ruberinyange, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Bujumbura, called upon Burundians to embrace purity of heart, reconciliation, and love of neighbor, the true path to peace.



The commemorative ceremonies began at the mausoleum dedicated to him, located on Mount Vugizo

in the Mukaza commune of Bujumbura province. On this occasion, President Ndayishimiye laid a wreath of flowers in tribute to this iconic figure in national history. Several high-ranking officials participated in the ceremonies. These ceremonies continued with a requiem mass celebrated at Regina Mundi Cathedral.

Bishop Ruberinyange revealed four ways to purify the heart. He reminded everyone that we must put an end to the hypocrisy that dwells within us. He called on Burundians to live with faith. Bishop Ruberinyange reiterated the importance of saving one's neighbor by striving for a pure heart. He emphasized the need to ask God to intervene, especially through the sacrament of penance. He also indicated that we must constantly strive to keep our hearts pure.

To this end, we must never accept being enslaved to sin, as love requires it. We must never give up on the Christian life.

Prince Louis Rwagasore kept his heart pure, despite numerous difficulties. He was killed on October 13, 1961, at the age of 29, a few months before the country gained independence on July 1, 1962. (**Le Renouveau**)

International Food Day: President Ndayishimiye calls for increased agricultural production to ensure food security



The Burundian Head of State and current Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, graced with his presence, on Friday, October 16, 2026, the ceremonies marking the International Food Day, celebrated at the Amahoro stadium in Kigamba, in the commune of Cankuzo, in the province of Buhumuza, under the theme: "Innovating today to feed tomorrow" and launched an appeal to strengthen agricultural production to guarantee food security.

In his address, the Burundian Head of State emphasized the fight against hunger, stressing that this depends in particular on the development of agriculture and livestock farming to ensure abundant and sustainable production capable of meeting the population's food needs throughout the year. To

achieve this goal, he emphasized the need to replace uncultivated land with food crops and to combat soil erosion through contour grading, the planting of forest and agroforestry trees, and the promotion of environmentally friendly agricultural practices. He also encouraged increased production of cereals, legumes, meat, fish, and eggs, while reiterating the importance of proper food preparation and a balanced diet.

The Head of State also called on Burundians to form cooperatives to combine their efforts, meet their own food needs, and contribute to supplying food to those engaged in other activities.

Regarding soil fertilization, households were urged to adopt composting and to each have a composter to produce organic fertilizer. They were also encouraged to raise livestock, both large and small, which not only provides manure but also high-quality, nutritious, and healthy organic feed. In the same perspective, he recommended that specialists promote the construction of ecological toilets, particularly in schools, and the conversion of manure into biogas to valorize organic waste

and produce energy.

President Ndayishimiye instructed the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock to rigorously monitor the production and use of processed organic manure. This will allow for the evaluation of yields obtained at the end of the A growing season and the measurement of the fertilizer's effectiveness in improving agricultural production. He also emphasized the need for close supervision of producers of selected seeds to guarantee their quality and availability on the national market. He thus stressed the importance of strengthening national seed production capacity to reduce the country's dependence on foreign imports.

In conclusion, the President of Burundi called on all Burundians to commit to the fight against climate change, natural disasters, and drought, reminding them that environmental protection is a collective responsibility. He urged them to preserve arable land by planting trees, to restore forests, and to protect rivers, lakes, and water sources, while respecting the legally mandated buffer zones between water resources and areas of exploitation.

Finally, he invited the entire population to participate in this collective effort to preserve natural resources, strengthen resilience to climate change, and ensure sustainable food production for the benefit of present and future generations. **(Presidency)**

Visit of the First Lady of Burundi to Dakar, Senegal



The First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, took part on October 14, 2026, in Dakar, Senegal, in the official launch activities of the "Strengthening Resilience" campaign, in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Bassirou Diomaye Diakhar Faye, President of the Republic of Senegal.

Alongside these activities, the First Ladies undertook a sightseeing tour of Gorée Island in Senegal, a major site of remembrance for the transatlantic slave trade.

This visit was part of their participation in the launch activities of the national campaign for the "Building Resilience 2025-2027" initiative, themed: "Strengthening the resilience of women and girls: climate, conflict and a sustainable future".

These activities took place in Dakar from October 13 to 15, 2026, and focused on strengthening the resilience of women and girls to climate challenges and conflicts, in favor of a sustainable future.

In her speech, the First Lady of Burundi emphasized that, despite their differences, the First Ladies of Africa share common concerns that constitute a powerful factor of unity and mobilization. **(OPDD)**

The National Assembly adopts the draft calendar of activities for the period from October 12 to 26, 2026



Under the leadership of the Right Honourable Daniel Gélase Ndirabirabwabo, President of the National Assembly of Burundi, the members of parliament, meeting in plenary session on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, in the Kigobe chamber, adopted the draft calendar of parlia-

mentary activities for the period from October 12 to 26, 2026.

They also reviewed the mission report presented by MP Rédempteur Gahitira on the work of the 18th Annual Conference of the Organization of Public Accounts Commissions of the Southern African Development Community (SADCOPAC) and its 22nd General Assembly, which brought together several parliamentarians and was held in Mbabane, Eswatini, from September 11 to 18, 2026, with the objective of better preventing risks that could

compromise budgetary sustainability and the stability of public finances.

Presenting the mission report for his visit to Eswatini, Mr. Gahitira indicated that the mission was part of efforts to strengthen parliamentary cooperation, share experiences, and exchange best practices in public finance governance and parliamentary oversight. It focused on the 18th Annual Conference of the Organization of Public Accounts Commissions of the Southern African Development Community and the 22nd General Assembly of Parliamentarians and Officials of African National Assemblies.

MP Gahitira stated that the mission provided an opportunity for discussion and reflection on several issues related to the transparent and responsible management of public resources. Participants examined parliamentary oversight mechanisms, accountability, and methods for preventing the misappropriation of public funds and recovering resources that have been diverted or are subject to illicit financial flows. Discussions also focused on the issue of hidden debt and mechanisms to strengthen the capacities of public accounts commissions, supreme audit institutions, and investigative bodies. The aim is to better prevent risks that could jeopardize fiscal

sustainability and the stability of public finances. Furthermore, participants paid particular attention to the challenges related to cryptocurrencies and the digital transformation of the financial sector. Discussions specifically addressed the use of cryptocurrencies, virtual asset platforms, mobile money, and other digital financial instruments.

Mr. Gahitira emphasized that participants noted that the evolution of these technologies poses new challenges to institutions responsible for oversight, auditing, investigations, and the fight against corruption. He stressed the need for these institutions to adapt their working methods and strengthen their institutional capacities to address the risks associated with this new financial environment. Among the recommendations stemming from these two meetings, he indicated that participants proposed strengthening the technical and financial capacities of public accounts commissions, supreme audit institutions, financial intelligence units, tax administrations, and investigative bodies in the areas of blockchain analysis, cybercrime, data analysis, and financial investigations facilitated by cyber technology. Burundian members of parliament pointed out that Burundi is not yet ready to use cryptocurrencies due to the lack of legal regulation. **(Le Renouveau)**

The President of the Senate received the German Ambassador to Burundi in audience



On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, the President of the Senate of Burundi, the Right Honourable Gervais Ndirakobuca, received the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Burundi, Mr. Hubertus Klink, at the Senate headquarters in Gitega.

Their discussions focused on strengthening the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

During the discussions, Mr. Klink recalled that Germany founded the city of Gitega in 1912 during the colonial period and that it constructed several buildings there, including the Baumann building. He specified that his country plans to renovate this building at its own expense and transform it into a memorial museum and a reception center for the eventual return of objects and archives from the colonial period. **(Senate)**

Minister Édouard Bizimana receives the copies of the credentials of the new Turkish Ambassador to Burundi



The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassa-

dor Édouard Bizimana, received in audience, on October 15, 2026, Mr. Heydar Kerem DIVANLIOĞLU, the new Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Burundi, who came to present him with the copies of his credentials.

On this occasion, the Minister warmly congratulated him on the trust placed in him by the Turkish authorities and welcomed him to Burundi, while wishing him every success in carrying out his diplomatic mission. Speaking at the event, Ambassador Heydar Kerem Divanlioğlu expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome he had received since his arrival in Burundi. He also praised the hospitality of the Burundian people and the climate of peace, security, and stability observed throughout the country.

During the discussions, His Excellency Ambassador Édouard Bizimana emphasized that Burundi and Turkey enjoy excellent relations of friendship and cooperation, based on mutual respect and shared interests. In this context, he informed his guest of the ongoing preparations for the upcoming Burundi-Turkey Economic Forum, aimed at strengthening trade, investment, and economic partnership between the two countries.

The Minister also mentioned the ongoing steps towards concluding a military cooperation agreement between Burundi and Turkey, which will be signed according to the terms agreed upon by both parties. Furthermore, he expressed the Burundian government's desire to see Turkish Airlines expand its operations in Burundi, thereby contributing to increased economic and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

For his part, the Turkish Ambassador expressed his satisfaction with the quality of existing bilateral rela-

tions and reaffirmed his commitment to further strengthening this cooperation. In this regard, he announced the upcoming Turkey-Africa Summit in Tripoli, while emphasizing the importance of the participation of the President of the Republic of Burundi, who also serves as the current Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye.

Regarding the planned Burundi-Turkey Economic Forum, the Turkish diplomat welcomed the initiative, which he considers a prime platform for economic operators from both countries to explore investment and partnership opportunities. He also highlighted Burundi's considerable economic potential and the need for joint efforts to ensure that both nations fully benefit from this cooperation. Regarding cooperation in the field of defense, the Ambassador reaffirmed Turkey's willingness to collaborate with Burundi, believing that this partnership would contribute to strengthening security, stability and development.

Finally, addressing the issue of the airline, he indicated that Turkish Airlines, which operates in numerous countries worldwide (more than 150), could consider Burundi as a destination with strong potential. He assured them that he would pay particular attention to this matter, given its importance for promoting economic and trade relations between the two countries.

At the end of the meeting, the two officials reaffirmed their shared commitment to working closely together to further strengthen the excellent relations of friendship, cooperation, and partnership between Burundi and the Republic of Turkey. (MFARIDC)

Minister Édouard BIZIMANA receives the UNICEF Representative in Burundi in a farewell audience



15, 2026, Mrs. France BÉGIN, UNICEF Representative in Burundi, who came to bid him farewell as the end of her term approaches.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Édouard BIZIMANA, received in audience, this Thursday, October

During this audience, the Minister, on behalf of the Government of Burundi, expressed his gratitude to Mrs. France Bégin for her commitment and the achievements accomplished during her term. He encouraged her to continue supporting Burundi and to contribute to promoting its image wherever she is called upon to serve, thus becoming a true ambassador for the country.

For her part, Mrs. France Bégin expressed her satisfaction with the collaboration with the Burundian authorities. She thanked the Government of Burundi, and in particular the Ministry officials, for their availability and openness, emphasizing that this close collaboration had facilitated exchanges and contributed to the successful completion of her mission. (MFARIDC)

Meeting of the Joint Technical Committee of the UNSDCF Cooperation Framework 2023-2027: Focusing on evaluation and preparation for the next cycle



On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, in Bujumbura, Mr. Sophonie Nitunga, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, opened the second annual session of the Joint Technical Committee (JTC) of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF 2023-2027). The meeting brought together representatives of the United Nations system in Burundi as well as the Permanent Secretaries of the sectoral ministries.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Sophonie Nitunga commended the quality of the partnership between the Government of Burundi and the United Nations system, while reaffirming the Government's commitment to sustainable development and improving the

living conditions of the population. He also highlighted the contribution of the new Permanent Secretaries to the implementation and monitoring of public policies. The work focused primarily on following up on recommendations from previous meetings, the progress of the evaluation of the UNSDCF Cooperation Framework 2023-2027, and planning the preparatory steps for the next cooperation cycle covering the period 2028-2032.



Participants also examined how to align this future framework with the new National Development Plan, in order to ensure greater coherence in the support provided by UN agencies to national priorities.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Permanent Secretary commended the quality of the discussions and the commitment of the participants. He reiterated that the adopted recommendations would be rigorously monitored to ensure their implementation before the Committee's next session. **(MFARIDC)**

Towards the adoption of the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) as the preferred system within the East African Community



On October 12, 2026, Mr. Séverin MBARUBUKEYE, Permanent Secretary in charge of East African Community Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, opened the National Consultations organized for library officials in sectoral Ministries and various Universities in the country in order to harmonize viewpoints and establish the Country Posi-

tion on the classification system to be adopted by the East African Community between the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) and the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) as proposed systems to be used within the East African Community.

From October 14 to 16, 2025, during the 11th Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Information Resource Centers, the General Secretariat of the East African Community urged Partner Countries to continue consultations to reach a consensus on the classification system to be adopted within the East African

Community. It is in this context that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and Development Cooperation organized these national consultations to gather different perspectives on the two types of classification mentioned above.

In his opening speech, Mr. Séverin MBARUBUKEYE thanked the participants for responding to the invitation and invited them to share experiences on the different modes of classification within their respective institutions in order to refer to them to choose a classification system to favour within the East African Community.

Following open discussions and debates, and taking into account Burundi's vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060, as well as the fact that today's world is moving towards modernization and globalization, participants agreed on the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) system as the preferred system within the East African Community.

It should be noted that participants expressed a desire to receive information and capacity-building training on the LCC system, given that it is a new system for most libraries in Burundi. **(MFARIDC)**

The Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to Sudan, residing in Cairo, receives the Prime Minister of Sudan in audience



On Tuesday, October 13, 2026, the Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to Sudan, residing in Cairo, His Excellency Omar NTEZIMBERE, received in audience the Prime Minister

of the Republic of Sudan, His Excellency Dr. Kamil Idriiss.

The discussions between the two leaders focused primarily on revitalizing and strengthening cooperation between the two sister countries. During these talks, the upcoming establishment of a Joint High Commission for Cooperation between Burundi and Sudan was discussed, with the aim of realizing these commitments.

Furthermore, the discussions addressed the crucial role of Burundi, which currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the African Union (AU), in efforts to stabilize, consolidate peace, and strengthen security in Sudan. **(Embassy of Burundi in Cairo)**

Burundi: Over 400 officials trained in social media to promote local achievements



On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, the Ministry of Communication and Media launched a two-day training course for communication officers in Cankuzo, running from October 14 to 15, 2026. This initiative aims to enhance the visibility of local achievements through social media and improve public

awareness of development projects across the country. The training is specifically designed for communication advisors in the provinces and municipalities. It is part of a national initiative to train over 400 officials in the use of social media.

The objective is to encourage provinces, municipalities, and zones to establish their own digital platforms to better publicize activities carried out on the ground. Indeed, authorities have observed that while many initiatives are implemented, they remain insufficiently publicized.

The Chief of Staff to the Governor of Buhumuza, representing Governor Salvator Bigirimana, commended the Ministry's initiative, emphasizing its importance for planning activities and communicating the province's achievements. He lamented the fact that many projects and initiatives undertaken by Burundians remain largely

unknown to the public.

According to him, these achievements are often documented in written reports but are not sufficiently disseminated to the population. He therefore stressed the need to strengthen communication mechanisms so that the results obtained on the ground are better known and valued.

The Director General in charge of Communication and Media, Mr. Oscar Nzohabonayo, highlighted the diverse initiatives undertaken in the provinces, communes, and zones, including the construction or rehabilitation of markets, agricultural projects, health centers, and cultural events. He emphasized

that a variety of activities are carried out daily in the provinces, communes, and zones. He also invited participants to consider ways to better publicize these initiatives. He explained that the training would explore effective communication strategies, including public relations and showcasing local successes. Practical exercises are also planned to strengthen participants' skills.

Mr. Oscar finally emphasized the role of communications officers in supporting Burundi towards its vision of "an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060," by regularly informing the population about ongoing projects, objectives, and progress made. (RTNB)

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