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The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at Kiriri Palace, Mrs. Bridget Prémont, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Burundi, who carried a message of congratulations from the American President, His Excellency Donald Trump, on

the occasion of the 64th anniversary of Burundi's independence.

In his message, President Trump praised the excellent relations between Burundi and the United States, while thanking Burundi for its constructive role in the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its support for the agreement

The World Bank welcomes Burundi's progress and renews its support for key sectors



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received Mr. Ndiame Diop, Vice President of the World Bank for Eastern and Southern Africa, on an official visit to Burundi.

This meeting allowed the two figures to exchange

views on the prospects for strengthening the partnership between Burundi and the World Bank Group, as well as on the country's development priorities.

Following his field visits and discussions with Burundian authorities, Mr. Ndiame Diop praised the remarkable progress made by Burundi in several areas. He particularly highlighted the results achieved through the macroeconomic stabilization plan, which is helping to strengthen the resilience of the national economy and create an environment conducive to growth.

The Vice President of the World Bank also congratulated the Government of Burundi for the significant progress made in the strategic sectors supported by this institution, particularly agriculture, transport especially the construction of the railway, mining and access to water.

Reaffirming the World Bank Group's commitment to supporting Burundi in its development efforts, Mr. Ndiame Diop assured that the institution will continue its support for these key sectors in order to accelerate economic transformation and improve the living conditions of the population. **(Presidency)**

The Chairperson of the African Union is mobilizing African leaders to address the Ebola outbreak



On Tuesday, June 16, 2026, the Burundian Head of State and current Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, presided over a ceremony at Ntare Rushatsi Palace, a high-level virtual meeting dedicated to the Ebola epidemic situation on the African continent.

This meeting brought together several African Heads of State and Government as well as international partners committed to the fight against health emergencies.

The discussions took place in the presence of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mr.

Mahamoud Ali Youssouf, and the Director General of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), Dr. Jean Kaseya.

In his address, President Ndayishimiye reaffirmed the African Union's solidarity with the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Uganda, currently facing an Ebola outbreak linked to the Bundibugyo strain.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye commended the commitment of leaders and partners mobilized from Africa and other regions of the world, despite the challenges posed by time differences. He made an urgent appeal for the mobilization of political support as well as the necessary financial, technical, and logistical resources to bolster the response efforts.

He stressed that only concerted, coordinated and strengthened action between Member States, technical and financial partners and regional organizations will make it possible to effectively contain the epidemic at its source, protect populations and health personnel, while sustainably consolidating the health resilience of the continent.

The discussions made it possible to assess the evolution

of the epidemiological situation, to identify persistent challenges and to define the priority measures to be implemented to prevent any cross-border spread of the disease.

Following this high-level virtual meeting, courageous decisions, commensurate with the challenges posed by this health emergency, were adopted by the various stakeholders. Participants pledged to intensify their efforts to interrupt any new chains of transmission and prevent any regional spread of the epidemic.

Closing the proceedings, the Burundian Head of State and current Chairman of the African Union urged all stakeholders to immediately transform their commitments into concrete actions and tangible results.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye also stressed the need to strengthen cross-border coordination between affected countries and those at risk, under the leadership of Africa CDC, with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Regional Economic Communities, in order to guarantee an effective, coordinated and united response across the African continent. **(Presidency)**

The Chairperson of the African Union is meeting with the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to discuss the continent's priorities



His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi and Chairperson of the African Union, received in audience on Monday, June 15, 2026, Ambassador Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, who was visiting

Burundi as part of the high-level virtual meeting convened by the Chairperson of the African Union.

Scheduled for June 16, 2026, at Ntare Rushatsi Palace, this meeting will bring together African Heads of State and Government as well as the continent's main partners to assess the situation related to the resurgence of the Ebola epidemic in certain regions of Africa and to strengthen the coordination of prevention, response and continental solidarity efforts.

The discussions between the two high authorities also covered several strategic issues of common interest to Africa, including the promotion of sustainable development, the strengthening of peace and security, the acceleration of African integration, and the management of the humanitarian and health challenges facing the continent.

This audience reaffirmed the commitment of the African Union and its institutions to work together to address current challenges and promote a resilient, prosperous Africa focused on inclusive and sustainable development. **(Presidency)**

The Head of State reaffirms the Government's commitment to inclusive social protection

The Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, graced with his presence the 9th General Assembly of the National Social Protection Commission (CNPS), under his authority, held on June 15, 2026 at Ntare Rushatsi Presidential Palace. During this assembly, the Head of State reaffirmed the Burundian Government's commitment to inclusive social protection.

This activity saw the participation of the Minister

responsible for Social Protection, Lieutenant General of Police Nizigama Aloys, the Minister with security responsibilities, the Honorable Ndaruzaniye Léonidas, Mr. Arcade Bigirindavyi, Senior Procurement Specialist who had represented the Resident Representative of the World Bank Group in Burundi, the members of the social protection technical committee, the provincial and communal social protection committees as well as the Executive Permanent Secretary of the National Social Protection Commission.



In his address, Mr. Arcade Bigirindavyi of the World Bank commended the progress made by the Burundian government in implementing the National Social Protection Policy. He highlighted, in particular, efforts to strengthen child protection and well-being, youth inclusion, coverage for working-age individuals, socio-economic protection for the elderly, universal health coverage, and mechanisms for supporting vulnerable groups and responding to shocks.

He emphasized that the progress made in access to basic education, healthcare, school meals, and support for the most vulnerable households, and the promotion of youth employment through the financing of their entrepreneurial projects demonstrates the Government's commitment to empowering everyone and making youth a true driver of development. He further reaffirmed the commitment of technical and financial partners to continue their support for social protection initiatives.

Furthermore, Mr. Arcade Nimubona, Permanent Executive Secretary of the CNPS, Mr. Ndikumasabo Jean Petit, Technical Director at the INSS and Mr. Nyabenda Michel, Coordinator of the Merankabandi project, successively presented the state of implementation of the recommendations of the 8th General Assembly of the National Commission for Social Protection held in 2024 in Gitega, the progress in the protection of workers in the informal and rural sectors, as well as the state of progress of the Merankabandi project.

In his address, the Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, reaffirmed that the Burundian government is making every effort to improve the well-being of the population, even if this objective has not yet been fully achieved. He indicated, in particular, that steps are underway to identify and allocate arable land to the Batwa community, with the aim of combating social exclusion and promoting their economic integra-

tion.

The President of the Republic of Burundi recalled, among other things, several initiatives put in place by the Government, free healthcare for children under five and pregnant women, the health insurance card for the rural population, free medical care for veterans suffering from physical after-effects related to the war, as well as programs for the construction of decent housing for victims, repatriates and displaced persons of the civil war.

He further highlighted the efforts made in the agricultural sector through significant subsidies for fertilizers and seeds aimed at increasing national production. Despite limited resources, the Government is also continuing its deliberations and actions to progressively improve civil servants' salaries and retirees' pensions.

Returning to the work of the 9th General Assembly of the National Social Protection Commission, the Head of State recalled the progress made in implementing the recommendations made at the 8th General Assembly of the Social Protection Commission and the National Social Protection Week of 2026. He also highlighted the results of the study on social protection for workers in the informal and rural sectors, as well as the remarkable progress made within the framework of the Merankabandi project.

The Government reaffirmed its commitment to implementing the National Social Protection Policy 2024-2033, which is part of the vision of an "emerging Burundi by 2040 and a developed Burundi by 2060." This policy rests on seven major pillars: child protection, inclusion of working-age people and young people, care for the elderly, universal health coverage, protection of vulnerable groups, prevention and management of shocks, and strengthening the governance of the national social protection system.

The Head of State also highlighted several government achievements, including cash transfers to vulnerable households, free primary education, and free healthcare for pregnant women, women giving birth, and children under five, as well as free treatment for certain diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS. He further mentioned measures aimed at progressively improving the living conditions of the elderly, particularly with regard to healthcare and pensions.

The President of the Republic of Burundi welcomed the establishment of a national register of social protection beneficiaries and the efforts undertaken to establish health coverage accessible to the entire population. He also expressed his gratitude to the PAEEJ for its contribution to promoting youth employment and entrepreneurship.

Finally, he called on the relevant ministries, provincial and municipal authorities, technical and financial partners, cooperatives and community organizations to strengthen their contribution to the implementation of the National Social Protection Policy, so that every citizen actively participates in the development of

the country.

Reaffirming the Government's determination to fight poverty without leaving anyone behind, he concluded his speech by thanking the participants and partners for their commitment to universal social protection in Burundi. **(Presidency)**

Ebola: At the head of the African Union, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye calls for a general mobilization to save Africa



Bundibugyo strain of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, Burundian President Évariste Ndayishimiye, who also serves as the current Chairperson of the African Union, convened African leaders and partners for a high-level virtual meeting on June 16, 2026. The meeting aimed at accelerating resource mobilization, strengthening regional coordination, and bolstering African health capacities to address this public health emergency.

Under the chairmanship of the Burundian Head of State, the virtual meeting, held from Ntare Rushatsi Palace, brought together more than 500 participants from all continents. African Heads of State and Government, representatives of international organizations, technical and financial partners, as well as health officials, were present to express their solidarity with the countries affected by the epidemic. According to the organizers, around fifty countries and partners have sent messages of support and announced financial commitments to strengthen the response to the Bundibugyo strain of Ebola virus disease.

In his address, President Evariste Ndayishimiye made an urgent appeal for African and international

solidarity in face of what he described as a worrying situation. As of June 15, 2026, more than 800 confirmed cases and nearly 200 deaths had already been recorded in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

Believing that no state can face a health crisis of this magnitude alone, the current Chairperson of the African Union called for an urgent mobilization of the resources needed to implement the joint response plan developed by Africa CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO), valued at \$518 million.

He also stressed the importance of strengthening surveillance systems, treatment capacities and prevention measures in affected countries as well as in those at risk of spread.

In response to concerns raised by the epidemic, Evariste Ndayishimiye called on governments to prioritize decisions based on scientific data rather than fear. He specifically warned against unjustified border closures and travel restrictions, which could disrupt trade and undermine the effectiveness of the public health response.

The Chairperson of the African Union urged member states to strengthen their cross-border cooperation and provide greater support to healthcare professionals on the front lines of the fight against the virus. He affirmed that Africa is united, ready to act, and determined to protect its people, while calling for immediate action to contain the epidemic.

Speaking in turn, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mr. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf, commended the leadership of the Burundian President and stressed the urgent need for a rapid response. He emphasized the necessity of immediately funding response teams, ensuring access to vaccines, treatments, and diagnostic tools, while simultaneously strengthening epidemiological surveillance.

Beyond managing the current emergency, participants

also emphasized building sustainable African capacity. Investments in scientific research, innovation, regional production of vaccines and diagnostics, strengthening laboratories, and training medical personnel were among the priorities identified.

In closing the proceedings, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye hailed a historic moment of solidarity and collective responsibility. He called on states and partners to swiftly translate their promises into concrete actions on the ground, reiterating that the common goal remains the interruption of all further transmission of the virus and the prevention of any regional spread. **(RTNB)**

Buhumuza: President Ndayishimiye participates in the opening Mass of the national thanksgiving prayer celebrating six years in power



On Thursday, June 18, 2026, Notre-Dame de Lourdes Cathedral in Muyinga hosted the official launch of the national prayer of thanksgiving organized in Buhumuza province on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the inauguration of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye.

The Burundian Head of State, accompanied by the First Lady, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, took part in this solemn Eucharistic celebration which marked the official opening of three days devoted to prayer, recognition and thanksgiving for the benefits

granted to Burundi throughout these six years of governance.

The opening Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Bishop Joachim Ntahondereye, Bishop of Muyinga and President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Burundi, assisted by Bishop Blaise Nzeyimana, Bishop of Ruyigi, in the presence of numerous priests, religious, national authorities and a large crowd from different regions of the country.

Drawing on the Gospel of Matthew, the homily emphasized humility in service, justice, the pursuit of the common good, and fidelity to God. Bishop Ntahondereye urged leaders to exercise power with responsibility and transparency, while also calling for unity. These moments of prayer were marked by different intentions, notably that of the Burundian Head of State who expressed his gratitude to God, asked for forgiveness for the mistakes made and implored his blessings on Burundi.

This sequence was followed by the presentation of offerings from the presidential family, consisting mainly of agricultural products from their own harvests, as a sign of gratitude and thanksgiving. The celebration ended with singing. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye concludes the national thanksgiving prayer in Muyinga



Saturday, June 20, 2026 was the last day of the national thanksgiving prayer organized in Buhumuza province, on

the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the inauguration of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye.

The morning of this final day was dedicated to Burundian youth, honored by the Father of the Nation as an essential lever for the country's development.

Addressing the large number of young people in attendance, the President of the Republic, who is also the current Chairman of the African Union and the African Union Champion for the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda,

highlighted the many potentialities that Burundi, often described as a "land of milk and honey", possesses. He stressed that these resources represent a major opportunity that young people are called upon to exploit to build their future and contribute to national development.

Drawing on biblical teachings, the Burundian Head of State recalled that each person is endowed by God with talents and a particular mission. Referring to his personal journey, he encouraged young people to identify their skills, develop them and avoid imitation, instead favoring initiative and innovation.

President Ndayishimiye urged them to engage in entrepreneurship and income-generating activities in order to strengthen their autonomy and actively participate in wealth creation.

Recalling that success is based first and foremost on personal effort, the Father of the Burundian Nation and African Union Champion for the Youth, Peace and Security agenda urged young people not to link their destiny to external dependence.

At Umuco stadium, during the closing ceremonies, Buhumuza Province expressed its gratitude to the

Burundian Head of State through an offering of agricultural products from local and pastoral harvests.

In his closing speech, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, gave thanks to God for the smooth running of the three days of national prayer of thanksgiving while expressing his gratitude to the organizing committee, the speakers as well as all the participants for their commitment and contribution to the success of this national meeting.

He also invited Burundians to continue their prayers and remain united, while requesting their spiritual support in the exercise of his responsibilities and in the implementation of development actions for the country. A highlight of the ceremony was when the Burundian Head of State, holding the national flag, offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Burundi. He thanked God for the blessings bestowed upon the country, asked forgiveness for its shortcomings, and implored his blessing for the nation's future.

Specific intentions were expressed in support of peace, national unity, protection against epidemics, particularly Ebola, as well as for the success of Burundi's development projects and the progress of the African continent. **(Presidency)**

Mulembwe enters service: Burundi reaches a new milestone in its energy revolution



Burundian Prime Minister Nestor Ntahontuye inaugurated the Mulembwe hydroelectric dam in Burunga province. The result of a partnership between Burundi and several international donors, this strategic infrastructure is expected to strengthen access to electricity, support major economic projects in the country, and accelerate the achievement of Burundi's Vision " an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060."

Karambi Hill, in Mwakaka zone of Rumonge Commune, experienced a historic moment with the official inauguration of the Mulembwe hydroelectric dam by Prime Minister Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye.

The ceremonies began with a guided tour of the facilities led by the Director General of REGIDESO, Mr. Jean Albert Manigomba. The Prime Minister explored the various components of the project, from the water intake and filtration dam to the hydroelectric power plant where the energy is generated. Following the tour, he officially inaugurated the infrastructure and signed the guestbook.

The Prime Minister then visited the beneficiaries of the project, including the Catholic branch in Horezo and the local health center, which is now supplied with electricity thanks to this new power plant.

In his welcoming address, the Governor of Burunga Province, Mr. Parfait Mboninyibuka, praised a project

destined to play a decisive role in the region's economic and social development. According to him, the Mulembwe Dam is a key to the province's development and will help bring the population closer to the goals of the national vision.

The Governor of Burunga indicated that the project's benefits extend beyond electricity production alone. The construction of modern road infrastructure around the site is already facilitating travel and opening up new economic opportunities for local communities.

Mr. Parfait Mboninyibuka also invited investors and economic operators to seize the opportunities offered by this new infrastructure. He advocated for the continuation of roadworks beyond the project's perimeter, in order to facilitate the transport of equipment, the movement of workers, and the economic integration of the surrounding areas.

Representatives from the African Development Bank (AfDB), the World Bank Group, and the European Union unanimously welcomed the completion of the project. They indicated that this inauguration concretely illustrates the quality of cooperation between Burundi and its technical and financial partners.

Reaffirming their commitment to supporting the country in its development ambitions, they assured that their support will continue in strategic sectors contributing to Burundi's economic transformation.

Speaking at the event, Prime Minister Nestor Ntahontuye

noted that the Mulembwe Dam, like the Jiji Dam previously inaugurated by the President of the Republic of Burundi, represents a major step in the country's journey towards development. He emphasized the central role of electricity as a driver of industrial development, mining, and the future national railway infrastructure.

The Head of the Burundian Government welcomed the support of the World Bank since the launch of the project, and called on the institutions concerned, in particular REGIDESO, to improve the marketing of electricity in order to strengthen the financial viability of the sector, support new investments and contribute to the repayment of the financing contracted.

He also expressed optimism regarding the achievement of the government's goal of universal access to electricity within five years. In this regard, he urged REGIDESO officials to ensure rigorous management of the facilities, guarantee their maintenance, and expedite the connection of new subscribers.

Finally, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye called on administrative authorities and populations to protect the environment through the fight against erosion and the planting of trees, essential conditions for the sustainable preservation of hydroelectric infrastructure. The commissioning of the Mulembwe dam marks a new stage in strengthening Burundi's energy capacity. Beyond the electricity it already produces for several localities in the country, the dam symbolizes the ambition of a Burundi resolutely committed to modernization, industrialization, and sustainable development. (RTNB)

The Prime Minister calls on public companies to combine profitability and public service



The Prime Minister of Burundi, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, called on Monday, June 15, 2026, for the heads of public companies and corpo-

rations to adopt a management style that reconciles economic profitability and the quality of public service. He was speaking at a capacity-building and feedback workshop on the governance and performance of public enterprises and companies with public participation, organized for their managers.

In his address, Prime Minister Nestor Ntahontuye emphasized that managing a public enterprise requires a delicate balance between seeking economic profitability and fulfilling its public service mission. He stated that this management also involves adhering to government guidelines while integrating modern management practices to ensure efficiency, transparency, and sustainable development.

Mr. Ntahontuye emphasized that the performance of each public enterprise depends on several key factors. He specifically cited the existence of a suitable and regularly updated legal and regulatory framework that fosters business development, sound asset management, and the implementation of investments likely to improve results. He also stressed the importance of rigorous financial management, through the regular preparation of financial statements, balance sheets, and income statements, and the allocation of profits to investments aimed at increasing the profitability of businesses.

The Prime Minister also emphasized the social responsibility of public enterprises, which must provide quality services to the population. In this regard, he cited the drinking water and electricity supply services provided by REGIDESO, sanitation infrastructure, and the improvement of port services at the Port of Bujumbura and airport services.

Through the reports presented and the performance evaluations of public enterprises, several challenges were identified, including a legal framework that is sometimes inadequate or outdated, outdated finan-

cial statements, and expenses deemed excessive. According to the Prime Minister, these expenditures must be analyzed and reduced in order to improve the companies' results and profitability.

During the discussions, Prime Minister Ntahontuye granted the heads of state-owned enterprises and companies until June 30th to submit their governance reports. These reports will then be consolidated before being sent to Parliament. He also recommended that the inspectors general of the relevant ministries fully play their role in strengthening good governance within state-owned enterprises and companies.

The Head of Government also stressed the need for rigorous quality control in the preparation of reports, in order to guarantee the reliability of information and to promote the sharing of experiences and good practices.

Addressing the newly appointed heads of state-owned enterprises and companies, he recommended that they first familiarize themselves with the legal texts governing their institutions and review previous reports in order to better understand the situation of their structures and effectively guide their actions. **(ABP)**

Burundi and Turkey are strengthening their cooperation in various fields



The Joint Economic Commission, established by Article 6 of the Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement signed in Ankara on August 27, 2015 between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the Government of the Republic of Turkey, held its first session in Ankara on June 16 and 17, 2026.

The Burundian delegation was led by H.E. Edouard BIZIMANA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, and the Turkish delegation was led by H.E. Yasar GÜLER,

Minister of National Defence.

The Parties noted with satisfaction the first visit to Turkey by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, H.E. Edouard Bizimana, as Head of the Burundian delegation. The Turkish side congratulated Burundi on assuming the chairmanship of the African Union.

The Heads of Delegations stressed that cooperation between Turkey and Burundi needs to be further developed in various fields: trade, investment, tourism, agriculture, education, transport, health, communication and media, etc., in order to fully reflect the existing potential between the two countries.

The Heads of Delegations stressed the importance of working together to diversify and develop areas of cooperation between the two countries on the basis of mutual benefit.

The discussions between the two delegations took place in a sincere atmosphere reflecting the desire to further develop existing friendly relations and trade,

economic and cultural ties.

Alongside the work of the joint commission, the Burundian delegation had the opportunity to visit several Turkish companies to witness their dynamism firsthand. To symbolize the enduring and vibrant rela-

tionship between Burundi and Turkey, Minister Bizimana planted a tree in the garden of one of the visited companies. Like a plant, relations between states must be nurtured and cared for daily to grow, strengthen, and produce results beneficial to all parties. The Minister Bizimana has committed to ensuring this. **(MFARIDC)**

Enhanced cooperation between Morocco and Burundi



On an official visit to Morocco, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation of Burundi, His Excellency Edouard Bizimana, met with his Moroccan counterpart on Friday, June 19, 2026, to exchange views on matters of common interest at the bilateral, regional and international levels.

Following a private meeting, the two ministers were joined by their respective delegations. Discussions focused on the numerous agreements already signed

in various sectors, including education, health, infrastructure, tourism, and agriculture. Both parties agreed to strengthen the implementation of these agreements to maximize their benefits for their people.

A key outcome of this meeting was the decision to organize an economic forum in Bujumbura before the end of the year. The ministers encouraged the Burundian and Moroccan private sectors to seize the opportunities presented by the strong political will of His Excellency President Évariste Ndayishimiye and His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

Discussions also focused on the challenges related to conflicts in different regions of the world. Both countries reaffirmed their commitment to the peaceful resolution of disputes and noted a convergence of their positions on this fundamental principle.

Minister Bizimana welcomed Morocco's initiative to provide Sahel countries with access to its coastline. This move is seen as a major lever for regional integration and the realization of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), a priority of the African Union. **(MFARIDC)**

Burundi chosen to host the 11th International Conference on Agro-Industrial Incubation



The Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Mrs. Lydia Nsekera, held a press conference on Tuesday, June 16,

2026 in Bujumbura, to officially announce that Burundi has been chosen to host the 11th International Conference on Agro-industrial Incubation.

Scheduled to take place in Bujumbura from August 4 to 7, 2026 under the theme: "Promoting incubation and acceleration ecosystems for employment opportunities in Africa", this international meeting will bring together African and international actors committed to promoting entrepreneurship, innovation and the empowerment of African youth.

Mrs. Nsekera indicated that the choice of Burundi reflects the confidence of African and international partners in the country's stability, organizational capacity, and commit-

ment to socio-economic development. She emphasized that this conference recognizes the efforts undertaken under the leadership of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, to strengthen innovation ecosystems and empower young people.

Minister Nsekera also specified that this conference is organized in partnership with several institutions, including the African Union Commission (AU), the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, the African Development Bank (AfDB), and national business incubators. She reiterated that Africa's future de-

pends on its ability to support youth entrepreneurship and promote sustainable employment.

According to Mrs. Nsekera, hosting this conference will offer Burundi an opportunity to showcase its investment potential, its cultural wealth, and the legendary hospitality of its people.

To that end, she invited the media and all Burundians to contribute to the success of this major event, which will bring together participants from several African countries and other continents. **(ABP)**

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