



REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI



UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATE VISIT TO THE  
REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI BY HER EXCELLENCY SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN,  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA FROM 16<sup>th</sup> TO 17<sup>th</sup>  
JULY 2021**

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1. At the invitation of **His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye**, President of the Republic of Burundi, **Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan**, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, undertook a State Visit to the Republic of Burundi from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
2. **Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan** led a high-level delegation including Ministers and other senior governmental officials of the United Republic of Tanzania.
3. **The President of the United Republic of Tanzania** expressed her gratitude to **His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE**, President of the Republic of Burundi, the Government and the people of Burundi for the warm welcome extended to her and her delegation during her first and historic State visit to Burundi.
4. **The two Heads of State** noted with satisfaction and commended the existing excellent bilateral ties between the two countries that have a historic, solid foundation.
5. **The two Leaders** reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthen the spirit of solidarity and cooperation in various sectors of common interest between the two Governments and peoples.

6. During her State visit, **Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan** visited FOMI, an organic fertilizer industry in Burundi and the CRDB Bank on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
7. At the beginning of the bilateral talks, the two Heads of State **paid tribute to the Late Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, former President of the Republic of Burundi, the Late Excellency Benjamin William Mkapa, the third President of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Late Excellency John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, the fifth President of the United Republic of Tanzania.** Therefore, both leaders recognized the huge contributions of the Late Presidents towards social and economic transformation of their respective countries and their contribution towards fostering good relations between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Burundi.
8. **Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan** congratulated **His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye** for his deserved victory at the presidential elections, a testimony of the confidence that Burundian people placed in him. She also congratulated him for his strong leadership since being sworn in as the President of the Republic of Burundi on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
9. **Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan** recognized the great achievements made by **His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye** to rebuild peace, stability and self-confidence in the Republic of Burundi and commended his tireless efforts towards economic recovery, national reconciliation, promotion of the rule of law, democracy and good governance in the country.
10. **His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye**, President of the Republic of Burundi expressed his gratitude to the United Republic of Tanzania for having hosted Burundian refugees from the 1972s till now and the unwavering solidarity extended to them over the years. They also welcomed the ongoing voluntary return of many Burundian refugees to their country to enjoy the dividend of peace, security, stability and reconciliation in Burundi.
11. **His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye**, President of the Republic of Burundi reiterated his gratitude to the United Republic of Tanzania for the major role played in reaching the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement and in the reconciliation process in Burundi through the strong

and inspiring leadership of **H.E Julius Kambarage Nyerere**, first President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Baba wa Taifa.

12. **Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan** commended Burundi for the important role it has been playing in the promotion of peace and security in the region and contribution in the UN and AU peacekeeping operations by sending thousands of troops to Somalia and to Central African Republic (CAR).
13. **The two Heads of State** welcomed the holding of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Permanent Commission for Cooperation (JPC) between Burundi and Tanzania held in Kigoma, Tanzania from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 that traced the layout of a framework on bilateral cooperation between the two countries in areas of trade and investment, agriculture, education; health, justice; defense and security, development as well as political and diplomatic consultations and others.
14. Recalling that the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania had allocated an Inland Container Depot in Kwala, Pwani Region to the Government of the Republic of Burundi to further facilitate the movement of goods for Burundi, **the two Heads of State** encouraged the organization of a technical visit to the site of the Kwala dry port immediately after the State visit.
15. **The two Heads of State** equally took note of progress of the ongoing cooperation between the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the United Republic of Tanzania on the joint construction of the Uvinza-Musongati-Gitega-Uvira-Kindu Railway.
16. **The two Heads of State** held a tête-a-tête talks followed by bilateral talks and successful signing of eight bilateral Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation:
  - on holding political and diplomatic consultations;
  - in the mining sector;
  - in the energy sector;
  - on teaching Kiswahili in Burundi and French in Tanzania;
  - in the field of health;
  - on transfer of prisoners;
  - in the field of agriculture;
  - in the field of fisheries;
17. **The two Heads of State** welcomed the withdrawal of Burundi from the agenda of the United Nations Security Council and the African Union

Peace and Security Council, as well as the lifting of the sanctions against Burundi by other partners.

They therefore called on Burundi's partners that have not yet lifted the remaining sanctions imposed in 2015 to lift them immediately in order to boost the socio-economic development of Burundi.

18. **On regional cooperation**, the two Heads of State exchanged views on various development sectors in the East African community (EAC) and reaffirmed the commitment to continue working closely together in championing the EAC integration and other regional organizations.
19. **At International level**, the two Heads of State reiterated their commitment to continue working closely at the United Nations (UN) and other regional and international bodies with a view to build peace, security and stability; fight against terrorism; climate change and Sustainable Development. They highlighted their attachment to the principles of the United Nations Charter and the rules based international order.
20. **The two Heads of State** noted the negative impacts of the current global Covid-19 pandemic and reaffirmed their commitment to continue working with the African Union and other global partners in mitigating the effects of the pandemic to safeguard the socio-economic development of the two respective countries.
21. **His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye** thanked **Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan** for her successful State Visit to Burundi and for her firm commitment to continue working closely with him to strengthen bilateral relations between the Republic of Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania in order to put them at the highest historic level possible.
22. A business forum between Tanzanian and Burundian business communities is also organized as part of the State visit side events.
23. At the end of her visit, **Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan** extended an invitation to **His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye**, to undertake a State Visit to the United Republic of Tanzania in a near future at the dates to be agreed by the two parties through diplomatic channels.

24. **His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye** accepted with a great pleasure the invitation extended to him and wished **Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan** good health and long life; and best wishes of peace, stability and development of the people of the United Republic of Tanzania.

**Done in BUJUMBURA, JULY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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Republic of Burundi**

**For the Government of the  
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