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THE BIG PICTURE: Amanda Dushime (pictured alongside France President, Emmanuel Macron), was diagnosed with HIV at the age of 11. She is now 18 years old as an ambassador of the “Growing Together” network.

During the Global Fund conference in Lyon, she called for increased funding for the global funding for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. Amanda deplored that the lives of the HIV/AIDS infected persons are not cared for well enough and called for stepped efforts to look after this deplorable case.

“Girls particularly, are the ones to suffer the consequences, one in three girls does not get medication. Medication care is not enough. Many of the girls reach three years of age untreated”, Amanda Dushime told AFP

She also said that there should be protection of HIV infected persons’ rights. “Our life has value, you must never forget it”, Amanda said in Lyon alongside President Macron, during the conference of refinancing of the Global Fund to fight against AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in Lyon.

“We live and grow up with the feeling of an uncertain future...pediatric care is insufficient, some of us have to wait for more than three years to know if their treatment works”. Amanda called for the end of the undertreatment of the HIV/AIDS infected persons.

“"We do not want this anymore, to be undertreated, we call for respect for our rights, simply the right to live and hope for a future...We need to increase funding to improve patient care so that treatments are always available and all patients benefit from biological and psychological monitoring,” Amanda told France media.

France’s Emmanuel Macron announced a 15% increase in France’s three-year contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

Other countries, such as Uganda, DR Congo, Uganda, Kenya, etc... pledged to step up their efforts to help in fighting against HIV/AIDS. The Philanthropist, Bil, Gates announced to donate 60 million USD of contribution.
Ethiopia: Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed wins 2019 Nobel Peace Prize

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A total of 301 candidates had been nominated for the prestigious award, including 223 individuals and 78 organisations. According to BBC There had been great speculation over who would win the prize. Under the Nobel Foundation's rules, nomination shortlists are not allowed to be published for 50 years. As CNBC notes, Ahmed worked with Eritrea's President Isaias Afwerki on the peace agreement, to end the twodecade long conflict.

"An important premise for the breakthrough was Abiy Ahmed's unconditional willingness to accept the arbitration ruling of an international boundary commission in 2002," the Nobel Institute said in statement.

During Ahmed's first 100 days as prime minister he has also lifted "the country's state of emergency, granting amnesty to thousands of political prisoners, discontinuing media censorship, legalizing outlawed opposition groups, dismissing military and civilian leaders who were suspected of corruption, and significantly increasing the influence of women in Ethiopian political and community life."

A statement from the office of the Prime Minister Ahmed said since coming to power in 2018 he had made "peace, forgiveness and reconciliation key components of his administration."

Who is Abiy Ahmed

As his Unesco Profile reads, H.E. Abiy Ahmed Ali (PhD) is the fourth Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. He was born on August 15, 1976 in the small town of Beshasha, located near Agaro, Oromia. Raised by a Muslim father and a Christian mother, the values of tolerance and understanding across divides were instilled in him at an early age.

H.E. Abiy Ahmed was sworn in as the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on April 2, 2018. Inheriting a divided society, in all his speeches and actions Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has made national unity, peaceful co-existence, shared growth and regional integration a central theme of his administration. His inaugural speech inspired hope and renewed collective sense of purpose in Ethiopia.

He has rich and wideranging experiences serving government in different roles, offering a unique blend of leadership, vision and knowledge in professional and organization skills. Determined to resist the oppression of the Ethiopian people, as a young man, H.E. Abiy Ahmed first joined the armed struggle against the Dergue Socialist regime.

While serving at the Ethiopian National Defense Force, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Among his various roles in government, he has served as the Head of the OPDO Secretariat; Vice President of the Oromia Regional Government; Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology; founding Director of the Information Network Security Agency and founder and Head of the government research institute, Science and Technology Information Center.

Since being sworn into office as Prime Minister, he broke with tradition – launching deeper political and economic reforms that swept across the country. An original change agent and a blunt reformer, breaking the walls of division and building bridges of reconciliation and peace constituted the defining themes of his reform efforts. Under his leadership, thousands of prisoners were released; open discussions and consultations held with opposition political parties – some of whom were previously dubbed as “terrorists”; a historic rapprochement and peace agreement was concluded with neighboring Eritrea; a transformational agenda for legal and justice sector reform has been set in motion; and some of the largest public enterprises are to be partially privatized as part of a broader market liberalization and economic reform agenda.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed holds an MA in Transformational Leadership, a Master's in Business Administration and a PhD from the Institute for Peace and Security Studies of Addis Ababa University. He and his wife—First Lady Zinash Tayachew—are proud parents of three daughters and a recently adopted son.
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What you should know about the New Russian Federation Ambassador in Burundi

The President of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza, received in audience at the Ntare Rushatsi State House on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, the new Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Burundi, Mr. Valery Aleksandrovich Mikhaylov, who came to present him his credentials.

The new Russian ambassador to Burundi has presented his credentials to the Head of State at the end of the audience, the deputy spokesman of the Burundi President, Mr. Alain Diomede Nzeyimana, said that in addition to his credentials, Mr. Mikhaylov had an invitation to the Burundi government to participate in the Russia-Africa summit. Russia wants to reintroduce itself into the economic life of Africa, he said.

Mr. Nzeyimana said the ambassador is the first to be received in the newly inaugurated Ntare Rushatsi Presidential Palace.

According to the deputy spokesman of the President of the Republic, that new ambassador knows that his predecessor has worked hard to strengthen the political and socio-economic relations between Burundi and Russia. He also knows that his country has done everything to support Burundi during the hard times.

The Burundi President congratulated the new Russian ambassador to Burundi for being the first ambassador to be received in the new State House, said Nzeyimana, noting that he comes while there are two construction sites of the Houses, the one of the National Assembly and the other of the Senate in Gitega, Burundi's political capital.

He wished that those Houses be inaugurated before the end of the term of that ambassador.

Regarding Burundi’s participation in the Russia-Africa summit, he promised that a Burundian delegation will participate in the summit, according to Nzeyimana, who said that this new ambassador will accompany the Burundian team that will go to the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Ambassador Mikhaylov informed that the birthday of Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, who reached on Monday, October 7, 2019 his 67 years old, will mark the new beginning of friendly relations between the two countries.
Burundi: MPs call on government to review coffee policy

It was during the presentation, by the Standing Parliamentary Committee responsible for agriculture in its attributions, of the report of its trips into 11 provinces of the country, namely Bubanza, Kayanza, Ngozi, Muyinga, Kirundo, the Bujumbura City Council, Rumonge, Makamba, Rutana, Gitega and Mwaro. That trip was intended to inquire about the coffee situation for the 2018-2019 coffee campaign.

The commission met with the provincial and communal administration, the representatives of the coffee growers and those of the coffee washing stations management companies (SOGESTAL).

The Commission noted that coffee growers have many difficulties, including late payment following the coffee season while the price per kilogram of cherry coffee is very low given the efforts made to maintain that crop. Some coffee growers are abandoning that crop, according to the members of that commission. In addition, SOGESTALs find it very difficult to pay the salaries of their employees.

MPs recommended on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 that the government review the coffee sector’s policy, take over some of the activities of the coffee sector, and pay particular attention to quality and quantity while reviewing the rise in the price per kilogram of cherry coffee.

The Plenary Assembly proposed that this price should be fixed at 1000 BIF per kilogram. They deplored that the privatization goals of that sector are not being achieved. It was the increase in production, quality and price for the farmer to breathe a sigh of relief.

According to Minister Rurema, the government has made the same observation, but the companies working in that sector have complained that they are working at a loss.

In any case, the coffee grower must have a slight improvement, noted Minister Rurema, promising that a commission will soon be set up to analyze the results recorded since the privatization of that sector. Its report must reach the government within a month, he said.

A roadmap to improve the coffee sector will help to make every effort to revitalize this resource that brings a lot of currency, he added.
EAC Secretary General receives credentials from IOM Regional Director for East and Horn of Africa

The delegation from the IOM regional officer comprised Mr. Abdiker, Dr. Sufi Qasim, Director IOM, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania office, and Mr. Nelson Goncalves, the Senior IBM Training Specialist at the African Capacity Building Center (ACBC) on migration management.

Amb. Mfumukeko briefed the Regional Director on the current achievements on the initiatives being undertaken in the EAC to support the Free Movement of Persons as provided for under the EAC Common Market Protocol.

Amb. Mfumukeko informed the IOM delegation that the free movement of persons/migration was being facilitated by the commitment of Partner States in the implementation of the EAC Common Market Protocol provisions. He singled out the development of a regional policy on e-immigration; progressive implementation of integrated border management; initiatives to build the capacity of immigration officials and other border management authorities; implementation of the monitoring and evaluation framework and data collection of migration movement in the Community.

He added that refugees are a special category of migrants that needed collaborative support from EAC Partner States as well as specialized UN agencies handling refugee matters such as IOM and UNHCR. The Secretary General requested IOM to especially support the EAC Secretariat to develop and implement capacity building initiatives in the region, so that a critical mass is developed with adequate skills and knowledge to implement immigration functions that promote safe, orderly and regular migration of persons in the EAC Partner States.

The Secretary-General of the East African Community, Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko, received credentials from Mr. Muhammed Abdiker, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Regional Director for the East and Horn of Africa.

On his part, Mr. Abdiker, informed the Secretary General that, the IOM was ready to enhance further cooperation to promote the mutual relationship of IOM and EAC. Mr. Abdiker said that the IOM was ready to partner with the EAC to promote safe, orderly and regular migration in the EAC through training and building capacity of border management officials to fight crossborder crime especially human smuggling and trafficking.

Mr. Abdiker further said that the IOM was in the process of ensuring that the EAC Secretariat, through focal point offices, is included in the coordination of the implementation of the recommendations of the Global Compact for Migration.

The IOM official observed that the issue of refugees had become topical in region and called for top political commitment to resolve the crisis. He pledged that IOM will ensure that the EAC Secretariat gets regular updates on statistics of the movement of migrants and refugee populations in the EAC region to inform the regional policy development and implementation.

He urged EAC Partner States to ratify the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right to Residence, and Right to Establishment of the agreement towards an African Continental Free Trade Area.

The meeting agreed on a convenient date of 25 November 2019 for the technical teams of the EAC Secretariat and IOM to deliberate on the areas of cooperation between EAC and IOM and develop capacity building programme to be implemented in the EAC Partner States to enhance immigration management in the context of the EAC Common Market Protocol.
Rwanda launches ‘entirely homemade’ smartphones factory

Rwanda opened on Monday, October 7, 2019, the first ‘homemade smartphones’ factory, called ‘Mara Phones’ of its kind which will be locally manufacturing smartphones and sell them to local people and abroad.

The BIG PICTURE: Rwanda is registering its steady increase in the developmental projects despite the criticism from some of the economic experts that it ‘bury its head in the sand’ while its citizens are languishing and dying of hunger.

The launch of these ‘Made-in-Rwanda’ smartphones factory was officiated by Rwanda head of State, Paul Kagame on Monday. The factory will be operating on the outskirts of Kigali town.

As CNN reported, President Kagame hailed the launch as another breakthrough for development in Rwanda, which has enjoyed rapid economic growth in recent years and gained a reputation as a hub of innovation.

“‘The Mara Phone joins a growing list of high-quality products that are made in our country,” the president, Paul Kagame, said at the Mara Phones Factory on Monday. The Mara Group, a pan-African business headquartered in Dubai, says the factory will deliver “high-quality smartphones at an affordable price.”

CNN adds that Mara produces two types of the smartphone in Rwanda: The Mara X with 16GB storage space will retail for 120,250 francs Rwanda ($130), while the more advanced Mara Z model with 32GB storage is on sale for around 175,750 francs Rwanda ($190), the company said.

Paul Kagame described this step reached by Rwanda as a significant milestone for Rwanda’s development. Kagame described the factory as a “complex manufacturing operation requiring significant technical skill and expertise. It is another milestone on our journey to a high tech ‘Made in Rwanda’ industry.” ‘Entirely home-made’ Mara Phones factory said that the manufactured smartphones will be ‘entirely homemade’ without the need of importing some electronics parts from outside the country; thus produced and assembled in Rwanda.

“‘The entire manufacturing process, from the motherboard all the way to the packaging of the phone is done in our newly-opened factory,” Eddy Sebera, Mara’s country manager for Rwanda, said.
DR Congo President says to be ‘ready to die’ for peace in the Eastern part of the country

The news according to local media reported that Felix Tshisekedi said that he is ‘ready to die’ till the peace in the restive eastern part of the Congo is regained.

"Our fight will bring you peace, a definitive peace, necessary for the stability of our country. During my campaign in the countryside, I put forward as a priority, the well-being of the Congolese man which begins with the challenge of peace first", Tshisekedi said.

Tshisekedi said that he sympathizes with the plight of his eastern country’s people facing the resurgence of the armed group.

"I am aware of your suffering and I have spared no effort since I was in power to maintain our armed forces and do everything to ensure that they are at the top level and can do their duty to impose the peace throughout the entire national territory. And this peace, believe me, I’m ready to die for it to be a reality. I want peace and final peace and security in our country", Tshisekedi told the people listening to him during his visit to South Kivu, Bukavu.

It should be noted that his visit to South Kivu was accompanied by several other authorities including his brasdroit, Vital kamerhe, and other local administration officials.

As Actualite.cd reported, Felix Tshisekedi is expected to inaugurate the processing laboratory in Kalambo, Bukavu, South Kivu. This inauguration is also expected to be attended by several officials including the president of the African Development Bank(AfDB) and other regional leaders such as Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda.
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Burundi: “Bumenyi” a new project to teach 10k young people how to use social media responsibly

This Monday in Makamba, the northern province of Burundi, a new project called “Bumenyi” was officially launched by the minister of Youth and ICT. This project targets the officials and nearly 10,000 young people. The goal of this project is to empower officials at the grassroots level and young social network users.

This project is funded by Universal Service Fund created by the government of Burundi to help the rural population to have access to the internet.

Bumenyi Project will allow each province to have two facilitators to be trained for a week. The project targets at least 3 youth on each hill in Burundi. They will be trained on the benefits and of social networking, and respect for privacy.

The penetration rate of internet usage in Burundi is currently inferior to 10%, there are still several challenges regarding the evolution of internet usage in Burundi. Especially challenges over regulatory texts regarding the evolution of information and communication technology.

Internet Speed in Burundi increased to 2706.62 KBps in the first quarter of 2017 from 2269.80 KBps in the fourth quarter of 2016. Internet Speed in Burundi averaged 1041.15 KBps from 2007 until 2017, reaching an all time high of 3556.14 KBps in the fourth quarter of 2015 and a record low of 82.78 KBps in the third quarter of 2007.
Rwanda: Former Amazing Grace Radio manager arrested over public order disturbance

According to John Bosco Kabera, Rwanda Police Spokesperson, Schoof, the American proprietor, and directorgeneral of the defunct Christian Amazing Grace radio station has been arrested following an illegal meeting he convened on Monday, October 7, 2019, outside Amahoro National Stadium on Monday morning.

“The Police have handed him to Rwanda Investigation Bureau for further investigations,” John Bosco Kabera, Rwanda Police Spokesperson said.

Greff Schoof is reported to have been arrested together with his son.

Greff Schoof’s Amazing Grace Radio station’s license was revoked by Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA) in April last year after Boss Greff Schoof failed to comply with the regulator’s sanctions arising from a controversial sermon that denigrated women.

The show, in which a radio presenter and evangelist Nicolas Niyibikora denigrated women referring to them as evil, was aired on January 29, 2018.

In the lead-up to his arrest, Schoof had invited the media to a news conference at Frontline Bar near the Amahoro National Stadium, which was supposed to take place Monday, October 7, at 10 a.m.

“Pastor Gregg Schoof will have a final press conference to update all about the radio being closed, court cases, and other things,” reads part of a circular, which also indicated that each journalist would receive Rwf4,000 for “transport”.

However, when the time for the news briefing came, the management of Frontline Bar asked Schoof to present permission from authorities allowing him to hold the gathering, which he failed to provide, Kabera said.

“When he was denied access he chose to convene an illegal gathering in the road, attracting many onlookers, which is unacceptable and punishable under the law,” he added.

Contacted for comment, RIB Spokesperson Modest Mbabazi, confirmed they were investigating Schoof in line with the provisions of article 225 of the law determining offenses and penalties in general.

“We have him in custody and investigations are underway,” he said.
Uganda wins East Africa’s Got Talent with $50,000 cash prize

The singing duo walked home with a cash prize of $50,000 (£40,000) after knocking down five contestants in the final. The other finalists were Comedic Dance Group (Uganda), Dance Alliance Network (Uganda), Jehovah Shalom Acapella (Uganda), Janella Tamara (Kenya), Spellcast (Kenya) and Inteyoberana cultural troupe (Rwanda).

Esther and Ezekiel’s won the competition that featured Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania, after their performance of “When You Believe” by Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey. Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni sent his congratulation to the duo in a tweet soon after they were announced winners.

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Moreover, Intayoberana, Rwandan children traditional dance troupe left the contest as second while Kenya’s 9year-old singer Janella Tamara managed to come third, with Jehovah Shalom Acapella (Uganda), Spellcast Media (Kenya), and comedy-dance outfit D.N.A (Uganda) following in that order.

The competition is part of the Got Talent franchise owned by Simon Cowell. It drew participation from East Africa nations such as Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania and hosts Kenya. Burundi was not part of the competition due to unknown reasons.

In August, the show became the topic of a heated debate after the Burundi government accused a group of Burundian refugees of illegally playing the country’s famous traditional drums on the show.

The law in Burundi prohibits people from playing the national drums without the government’s authorization.

Burundi’s ritual royal drum playing was recognized as a protected cultural activity by Unesco in 2014. The drummers who took part in the talent show had sought refuge in neighboring Rwanda, a regional nemesis of Burundi.
Burundi: ARCT strengthens restrictive measures against illegal and counterfeit cellphones

It was agreed to establish a permanent border post office, enhance collaboration with the police, the Burundi Revenue Authority, and list all prohibited communication materials in Burundi.

Counterfeit phones are copies of devices from major telephone companies. If they seem identical to the original devices by name, a big difference remains on the standards.

According to the regulations in force, any importer of mobile phones must obtain a certificate of approval from the ARCT to introduce them into the country.

This certificate guarantees that the telecoms regulator has made sure of the quality of the devices sold to the population. But, more concerned about their turnover, many traders often choose to ignore the law without worrying about the negative impact on the market.

According to Donatien Manirampa (photo), the ARCT’s chief executive, many illegal cellphones are still sold in the market despite previous efforts to ban them. As a result, the quality of telecom services is bad and harms the consumer experience.

This bad experience reduces consumption, which in turn harms the revenues of telecom companies. With poor financial performance, the value of royalties paid to the state also falls.
Mbwana Samatta excluded from Tanzania squad to face Rwanda

Mbwana Samatta was included in the previous 28-man squad revealed on October 4 in preparations for their international friendly match against Rwanda. However, change was noticed after Taifa Stars’ head coach Ndayiragije called up Ditram Nchimbi to replace Mbwana Samatta.

“One reason is [Mbwana] Samatta sustained an injury during our match against Burundi in the World Cup preliminary round of qualification and with my technical bench we thought it is good to leave him as he fights to regain 100% fitness,” Ndayiragije told Daily News.

“He also asked to be omitted from the squad owing to the aforementioned injury.

“Secondly, he is also featuring in the Champions League for his club KRC Genk and it is, in our wisdom, good to let him play for his club in the world’s most popular competition as this also promotes the nation.”

Nchimbi’s hat-trick against Yanga SC in a Vodacom Premier League (VPL) tie on Thursday further convinced Ndayiragije of the capability the Polisi Tanzania striker has.

“We have been attracted by Nchimbi’s performance and this is why we have decided to bring him on board and be part of our plans. We are sure he will strengthen our team’s attacking department against Sudan,” the Burundian tactician added.

The friendly tie will be played in Kigali on October 14 during the upcoming international break as the Taifa Stars prepare to face Sudan in the African Nations Championship (Chan) qualifier.

Tanzania Full Squad to face Rwanda:
TÉLÉCHARGER Wasili Driver

POUR CEUX QUI VEULENT INSCRIRE LEURS VÉHICULES SUR LE RÉSEAU, TÉLÉCHARGER WASILI DRIVER
CNC President warns media operating illegally in Burundi

The President of the National Council of Communication (CNC), Nestor Bankumukunzi released a statement Saturday, October 05, 2019 from this regulatory body. In this statement published on Burundi National Television, Nestor Bankumukunzi called on the online media to uphold the law, saying that failure to comply with the law can undermine good morals.

According to Nestor Bankumunzi, the CNC has for some time noticed the creation of online media outlets and the making of films without permission. The CNC’s president says that these illegally exploited media and films do not take into account any rules of art in journalism.
7 Burundian Songs You Need To Hear This Week: Tetero, Arselo Twins, MB DATA

The Burundian music industry is moving, there are new songs released each day and new artists working hard to reach a wide audience. This week we compiled a list of new songs that you may like to listen to.

1. Hari Ubushobozi By Arselo Twins
   As they posted this song they wrote” “There are some songs you write because you want others to hear them but there are some you write because you need to hear them this song is a testimony of one of the twins. “

2. Nyemerera by Laurette Tetero
   Last week she dropped her first song called “Au bout des reves” and this week she published this Kirundi Love song Produced and mixed by Jigger Beat at Under Rockstone Kingdom

3. Focus by MB Data
   In this song, M.A Production presents MB DATA in a brand new audio he titles “FOCUS”. A classic Afropop tune with a gentle mix of R&B tempo. Produced by MADRED Master, Mixed and Mastered by Amir Pro

4. KWETU – Elly’s Bwoy ft Kirikou Akili X Channy Queen
   This is a new video of the song ” Kwetu” :directed by John Elarts Under Bantubwoy Entertainment Produced by Endo Mike

5. Ikirara by Arnovic
   Produced by X-FECTA at NEW ERA ENTER-TAINMENT

6. Ibyiza by Akes Don x T&T
   Watch to this Music Video where Akes Don and T&T collaborate on an Afro dancehall record called “Ibyiza”. The song is produced by Akes Don and mixed/mastered by T-Time. Video shot and directed by Brian Smith.

7. Tsagatsa – DJ Israel ft Preeze 36
   Can you share with us in the comment section, Burundian songs you are listening to right now?
An E-Commerce platform promoting Burundian artisan to be launched soon

With funding from the German cooperation agency GIZ, a group of associations made up with DHL-Burundi, the Media box company, and the association Come and See Burundi will launch soon a platform that will allow buying online items directly from Burundian Artisan-producers. This platform, which will connect the Burundian artisan and the buyer wherever he is in the world, is in its final stage of development by the engineers of the company specializing in the intelligence business affairs, Media box, Burundi.

This E-Commerce initiative comes from the DHL Company specializing in transport and logistics. The DHL Company, which is present in almost every country of the world, will take care of freight and its delivery after the buyer has paid the artisan or craftsman's product.

As far as Come and See Burundi is concerned, an association busying itself with the promotion of Burundi tourism, the company will connect artisans and buyers on this virtual or online trading space, Come and See Burundi also undertakes in reassuring the artisans about payment methods.

Timely and much-awaited initiative
Indeed, some well-meaning re-sellers who sell their products overseas and keep the money from the transaction rip off many artisans, or if they choose to pay back the money, they do so sparingly. Artisans add that they are offended by their ‘sellers’ dishonesty; often called re-sellers. These ‘re-sellers’ allege to be the ‘real producers’ of these objects of arts; thus anonymously shadowing the real artisan.

If the platform promises to boost the arts and crafts in Burundi, especially for the first and real producer, it remains open to re-sellers and all stakeholders involved. It will be a form of exhibition or showcase where Burundians in the diaspora will appreciate products made by local artisans, their neighbors or relatives.

Hence, there will be a flow of emotional exchanges behind the art objects that will be exhibited, which will also be a motivation for the online buyer, who will ultimately be displaying solidarity with the craftsman or artisan by paying an item of his/her choice, alongside a small bonus for the producer.
PayPal pull out of an alliance that is trying to launch Facebook’s digital currency Libra

PayPal made the announcement in a statement on Friday but did not specify what had prompted the decision, reports BBC. Libra, and its digital wallet Calibra were revealed by Facebook in June. But the cryptocurrency has been criticized by regulators, and both France and Germany have pledged to block it from Europe.

PayPal said it "[remained] supportive of Libra’s aspirations" but had chosen to focus on its own core businesses. The firm was one of the original members of the Libra Association, a group of 28 companies and non-profits helping to develop Libra. Its other members include payments company Visa, ride-hailing app Uber and humanitarian charity Mercy Corps.

The company doesn’t cite a specific reason, saying only in a statement to The Verge that it decided “to forgo further participation in the Libra Association at this time and to continue to focus on advancing our existing mission and business priorities as we strive to democratize access to financial services for underserved populations.”

"We remain supportive of Libra’s aspirations and look forward to continued dialogue on ways to work together in the future," the statement continues. "Facebook has been a longstanding and valued strategic partner to PayPal, and we will continue to partner with and support Facebook in various capacities."

Coindesk notes that Friday’s revelation follows a Wall Street Journal report that Visa and Mastercard are also considering withdrawing from the project. Like PayPal, it is possible that these companies are concerned that the regulatory backlash and scrutiny to Libra will extend to their current businesses as well.

Calibra CEO David Marcus, himself the former president of PayPal, addressed the Journal’s report on Twitter, writing that he had “no knowledge of specific organizations’ plans to not step up.”

Wired reveals that, for Facebook, losing PayPal could spell trouble for its argument that Libra is a decentralized system that Facebook does not intend to dominate. That vision rests on other companies building wallets and services that compete with Facebook, which has the built-in advantage of its 2.4 billion users.

The company has set up a division run by Marcus, called Calibra, that oversees a Libra wallet that will let users hold and spend the currency. With PayPal’s departure, the association loses a critical partner with a broad network of vendors and the expertise to design a competitive Libra wallet. PayPal has its own ecosystem of payment apps, including Venmo.