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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Burundi
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Resolution Atelier Gitega
<b>Date</b>	11 Oct 2016
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Burundian Civil War (1993-2005) )
<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Burundi: 2015 onwards process
<b>Parties</b>	Leaders of Burundian political parties
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	Burundian political parties met to discuss the role of political leaders in building peace, and agreed on a set of actions to foster peace, primarily related to political parties, constitutional reform.

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### Groups

Children/  
youth No specific mention.

Disabled  
persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 2: 20. The Government of the Republic of Burundi must be concerned about the security of all Burundians who are refugees abroad and who have decided to return to the country; ... 23. The Government of the Republic of Burundi should accelerate the process of repatriation of Burundian refugees through targeted sensitization actions and find effective mechanisms to reassure Burundian politicians in exile so that they may return to the country and continue the inter- Burundian dialogue together;
Social class	No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## State definition

Nature of state (general) Page 1:  
Given the democratic culture of Burundi in general, and in order to create a peaceful environment for the 2020 (and future) elections, whilst taking into account the past and ongoing inter-Burundian dialogues, the Ministry of the Interior and Patriotic Education arranged a meeting with political leaders and parties on the following theme: The Role of Political Leaders in Building Peace Through Dialogue, in Gitega on 11/10/2016.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision      No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

Political institutions (new or reformed)      No specific mention.

Elections      Page 1:  
...participants agreed on the following:  
...  
3. The leaders of the political parties will prepare for the democratic elections of 2020 by releasing in the following days an agreement for these elections;  
  
4. The government of the Republic of Burundi must apply the laws governing both political parties and the civil society for everyone, without any bias;  
  
5. The Ministry of the Interior and Patriotic Education, as well as the leaders of the political parties each commit themselves to respecting the law governing political parties in Burundi;  
  
6. Evaluation of the events and plan of action leading up to the 2015 elections

Electoral commission      No specific mention.

Political parties reform

Governance→Political parties reform→Other political parties reform

Page 1:

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4. The government of the Republic of Burundi must apply the laws governing both political parties and the civil society for everyone, without any bias;

5. The Ministry of the Interior and Patriotic Education, as well as the leaders of the political parties each commit themselves to respecting the law governing political parties in Burundi;

...

9. The Ministry of the Interior and Patriotic Education is requested to strictly enforce the law governing political parties. Political parties undertake to scrupulously respect their statutes;

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24. Establishment of an Arbitration Board within the Ministry of the Interior and Patriotic Education to amicably resolve, in collaboration with the Permanent Dialogue Forum for Political Parties, the problems that arise between political parties;

25. The Government of the Republic of Burundi undertakes to further strengthen the political landscape;

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making

Page 1:

...participants agreed on the following:

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8. Revision of the Constitution of the Republic, taking into account the outcome of the ongoing inter-Burundian dialogue;

Page 2:

11. Implement the recommendations of the National Commission for the Inter-Burundian Dialogue (CNDI), including the revision of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi;

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21. Establishment of a National Commission to propose any amendments to the Constitution, taking into account the outcome of the ongoing Inter-Burundian dialogue;

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## Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	Page 2: 12. Strengthen the mechanism for monitoring, control and regulation of non-governmental organizations abroad (ENGOS) and non-profit associations (NPOs) working in the field of human rights; ... 15. Periodic publishing of a report on the human rights situation in Burundi by the CNIDH;  16. Translation and distribution in the national language of the Government's counter-report on the human rights situation in Burundi;
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.

Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 2: 22.The media must stop giving a voice to anyone who self-declares as the president of a political party when he or she is not one at all. On this issue, the National Communication Council (CNC) must ensure compliance with the law relating thereto;
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Mobility/ access	No specific mention.
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Protection measures	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI	No specific mention.
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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

Land reform/ rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/  
nomadism  
rights No specific mention.

Cultural  
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or  
riparian  
rights or  
access No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

Security Guarantees Page 2:  
13. Reinforcement of legal entities within the defence and security forces;  
14. Awareness-raising of civilians on the safeguarding mechanisms of security agencies: Quadrilogy and Mixed Committee for Human Safety;

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed  
forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence  
services No specific mention.

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	Page 2: 17. Call for everyone to fight cybercrime
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/ pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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