

## Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

<b>Country/ entity</b>	Burundi
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Social contract between farmers and pastoralists in the commune Rugombo, Cibitoke province, Burundi
<b>Date</b>	23 Mar 2006
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict ()
<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	Burundi: Local Process
<b>Parties</b>	This contract, although signed by the members of monitoring committee, was adopted by sixty thirteen men and women representing farmers and ranchers. They came from all the hills of the Commune RUGOMBO.
<b>Third parties</b>	These meetings have been supported by the presence of representatives of the Administration, Justice and the D. P. A. E. and were held in CIBITOKE of 22 to 23 March 2006
<b>Description</b>	In this agreement, the pastoralists and the farmers in the commune of Rugombo set out rules for peaceful coexistence

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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	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

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

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## State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders Page 2:  
1.2. Claims<sup>29</sup><sub>28</sub>

We, breeders, call on the farmers to do as follows:

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- Do not come rushing to lead the cows to the Municipality before having warned the owner and have shown to the elders.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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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	No specific mention.
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Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
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Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
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Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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## **Rights related issues**

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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Media and communication	No specific mention.
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Mobility/  
access      No specific mention.

Protection  
measures      No specific mention.

Other      No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI      No specific mention.

Regional or  
international  
human  
rights  
institutions      No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal  
justice and  
emergency  
law      No specific mention.

State of  
emergency  
provisions      No specific mention.

Judiciary  
and courts      No specific mention.

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

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After several exchanges with each other, the participants in the workshop have come to the conclusion that these attitudes derive from the following causes:

- the laxity of the cow herders; 20 28
  - the plethora of herds; 20 28
  - the shortage of pastures available for the grazing of cows; 20 28
  - the notorious impunity benefiting herders responsible for damage; 20 28
  - the nuisance attached to the attitudes of contempt shown by herders; 20 28
  - the vagrancy of uncontrolled cattle; 20 28
  - a galloping demography; 20 28
  - a rapid expansion of herds in the areas of grazing; 20 28
  - The free entry of cows across national borders; 20 28
  - a great concentration of herds from the communes nearby and neighbouring countries; 20 28
  - pathways obstructed for the passage of cows and transformed into fields. 20 28
- After having made a broad overview of these various problems, farmers and breeders have agreed as follows: 20 28

## 1. Commitments and claims of pastoralists 20 28

### 1.1. Commitments 20 28

20 28

We, breeders, commit ourselves to the following in relations with farmers:

- Prohibit firmly to our shepherds from letting the cows invade the fields and, if that ever happens, seek the forgiveness and discuss with the farmers affected so that there is agreement with them for reparation of damages; 20 28
- Seek to rapidly ascertain the damage caused by cows, before the herd has left; 20 28
- To avoid hurtful words uttered against the farmer. 20 28

### 1.2. Claims 20 28

We, breeders, call on the farmers to do as follows:

- Not poison our cows, nor their inflict of injuries or beating; 20 28
- Not intimidate herders with the objective of scaring them away so that the cows left to themselves 20 28  
can wander in the fields and devastate large areas; 20 28



Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access 3.4. Directed at the NGOs and other stakeholders / donors<sup>28</sup>  
- Support the efforts for strengthening and the dissemination of commitments of parties throughout neighbourhood, and on all the hills of the Commune.<sup>28</sup>  
- To help farmers in the granting of equipment watering and support the work of maintaining and maintenance of irrigation channels.<sup>28</sup>  
- To assist in the production of reports of the workshop.

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## Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 3:  
We, farmers, ask of the pastoralists and their livestock as follows:<sup>28</sup>  
- To avoid to carry weapons of war such as the rifles, grenades and lances during the custody of cows;<sup>28</sup>  
- Not to be physically violent to farmers;

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	Page 3: 3.2. Directed at the legal authorities:  - Do not request pots of wines, because they are in fact of corrupt practices ;
Crime/ organised crime	No specific mention.
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 Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations

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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 Page 4-5

mechanism 3.5. Directed at the Monitoring committee

A monitoring committee shall be set up to ensure respect of the commitments of parties and execute the following mandate defined.

What is the mandate of committees?

Take part in, to the administrative authorities and judicial had not participated, the commitments and conclusions from the dialog between two days of trade between farmers and ranchers.

Monitor the incidents of invasion of cows in the cultures (ubwone).

Facilitate dialog between the parties in the case of ubwone.

Work with the agronomists to establish the estimate damaged areas in the case of ubwone.

Ensure respect of the contract between the parties.

Ensure the monitoring of meetings during which:

a. advice and information can be exchanged

b. arrangements may be negotiated on the non-consensual solutions but rows in the possible solutions

The members of the committee are elected by area and represent all the hills of the Commune RUGOMBO.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Community Peace Recovery and Reconciliation: A Handbook for Generating Leadership for Sustainable Peace and Recovery among Divided Communities (Nairobi, The National Steering Committee on Peacebuilding and Conflict Management (NSC), Ministry of Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Office of the President; Agency for Co-operation & Research in Development (ACORD) and United Nations Development Programme, 2011), pp. 59-62

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