

**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>	Contract of peaceful cohabitation (neighbourhood Teza ii of Kamenge), Burundi
<b>Date</b>	30 Jun 2004
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/local conflict ()
<b>Stage</b>	Implementation/renegotiation
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	Burundi: Local Process
<b>Parties</b>	Approved by 150 people living in the neighbourhood of Teza II, representing all segments of the population.  On behalf of the inhabitants of Teza II, the Committee elected: [Name & Signature]  The representative of young people living in Kamenge : [Name & Signature] [Signature] The representative of young people displaced: [Signature] [Name & Signature] The representative men living in Kamenge: [Signature] [Name & Signature] The representative of internally displaced men: [Signature] [Name & Signature] The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature] [Signature] The representative of displaced women: [Signature] [Name & Signature]
<b>Third parties</b>	Bishop Dacillia Joseph, alias Buyengero
<b>Description</b>	The Hutu and Tutsi in the neighbourhood of Teza II agree not to kill or persecute members of each others' communities, and agree to reconcile and live in peace.

## Groups

Children/ youth	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 3:</p> <p>We call on ACORD, CADEKA and all other benefactors to support us in the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>- To prepare a meeting of young people so that they too undertake to meet these commitments because they constitute a group easily manipulated</p> <p>Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 2-3, - We the Hutu and Tutsi, we agree as follows: ...Restore the confidence between us by visits or meetings To ensure our commitments stand, we elect a committee, which will be responsible for enforcing them. The Committee is composed of six persons: Two representatives of young people: 1 living in the neighbourhood Two representatives of men: 1 living in the neighbourhood Two representatives of women: 1 living in the neighbourhood</p>
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.

Racial/  
ethnic/  
national  
group

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

Summary: The agreement in its entirety provides for steps to reconcile two ethnic groups residing in the same neighbourhood.

Page 2,

We the Hutu and Tutsi, we agree as follows:

- No Hutu shall kill or persecute a Tutsi for ethnic, political or other reasons.
- No Tutsi shall persecute or kill a Hutu for ethnic, political or other reasons.
- We will be always united in order to withstand any political or other onslaught. We commit ourselves to the following:
  - Live together in peace
  - Mutually forgive
  - Begin a new life devoid of mistrust, contempt, and of hatred
  - Forming a united front while we supporting each other
  - Combat all destructive messages, be it political or otherwise
  - We assist each other to rebuild the houses destroyed
  - To make a peaceful cohabitation devoid of injustice

Religious  
groups

No specific mention.

Indigenous  
people

No specific mention.

Other  
groups

No specific mention.

Refugees/  
displaced  
persons

Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical

Page 1,

We, the inhabitants of Kamenge, neighbourhood Teza II, the Hutu and Tutsi, displaced persons, returnees and receiving communities living in the neighbourhood:

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- While the war has largely destroyed Kamenge, where the Tutsi were driven from their homes, and thereafter the Hutu have been driven off their homes, and where populations have been victims of looting, killings, rape and many other crimes that were committed in time of war. We affirm that:

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- During the war, the Tutsi have left their households and have become refugees, driven away particularly by fear

- The Hutu were also expelled and persecuted with such gravity that some have found themselves with the Tutsi in camps for displaced or elsewhere. As the saying goes in Kirundi: “Nta mwonga ubura isato iba idahizwe” (there is no blood without thorns). Wrongdoers especially among young people have committed crimes to those who are not of their ethnic group, have persecuted them, looted their property and even killed.

Page 1,

We Hutu affirm that:

- We, who have already returned home, hope that our neighbours also return to their homes so that we live may together. 28

- We are sincerely preparing to welcome them. They must occupy their original plots of land. 28

- We will help them to rebuild their homes, and they will also help us to rebuild ours. 28

- We will fight together against any perpetrator or enemy who seeks to destroy our neighbourhood. 28

Page 1-2,

We Tutsi affirm that:

- We are very pleased to see our neighbours again. We all want regain our homes to join our neighbours who are already returned. We know that in large part what happened to our country was a consequence of an unhealthy politics of the country, which takes advantage of the ignorance of small people, which manipulated us and caused thousands of deaths.

Social class No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender	<p>Page 2-3, - We the Hutu and Tutsi, we agree as follows: ...Restore the confidence between us by visits or meetings To ensure our commitments stand, we elect a committee, which will be responsible for enforcing them. The Committee is composed of six persons: Two representatives of young people: 1 living in the neighbourhood Two representatives of men: 1 living in the neighbourhood Two representatives of women: 1 living in the neighbourhood</p> <p>Page 3, Approved by 150 people living in the neighbourhood of Teza II, representing all segments of the population. On behalf of the inhabitants of Teza II, the Committee elected: [Name &amp; Signature] ... The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name &amp; Signature]</p>
Men and boys	<p>Gender→Men and boys→Other Page 2-3, - We the Hutu and Tutsi, we agree as follows: ...Restore the confidence between us by visits or meetings To ensure our commitments stand, we elect a committee, which will be responsible for enforcing them. The Committee is composed of six persons: Two representatives of young people: 1 living in the neighbourhood Two representatives of men: 1 living in the neighbourhood Two representatives of women: 1 living in the neighbourhood</p>
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 No specific mention.

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.

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      No specific mention.

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.
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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.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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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 1:  
We Hutu affirm that: 20  
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- We will fight together against any perpetrator or enemy who seeks to destroy our neighbourhood. 20  
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Page 2:  
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- No Hutu shall kill or persecute a Tutsi for ethnic, political or other reasons. 20  
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- No Tutsi shall persecute or kill a Hutu for ethnic, political or other reasons.

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 No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional justice general Page 2:  
All of us Hutu and Tutsi, aware that some very serious crimes have been committed by the people of our neighbourhood themselves, from now on refrain from pointing the finger of blame to avoid the risk of going back to conflict. However we hope that the guilty ask forgiveness and pardon is already granted automatically.

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 Page 2-3

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- Mutually forgive

- Begin a new life devoid of mistrust, contempt, and of hatred

- Forming a united front while we supporting each other

- Combat all destructive messages, be it political or otherwise

- We assist each other to rebuild the houses destroyed

- To make a peaceful cohabitation devoid of injustice

- Restore the confidence between us by visits or meetings

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On behalf of the inhabitants of Teza II, the Committee elected: [Name & Signature]

The representative of young people living in Kamenge : [Name & Signature]

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The representative of young people displaced:

[Name & Signature]

The representative men living in Kamenge:

[Name & Signature]

The representative of internally displaced men:

[Name & Signature]

The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature]

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The representative of displaced women:

[Name & Signature]

We call on ACORD, CADEKA and all other benefactors to support us in the following:

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**Implementation**

UN            No specific mention.  
signatory

Other        No specific mention.  
international  
signatory

Referendum No specific mention.  
for  
agreement

International No specific mention.  
mission/  
force/similar

Enforcement Page 2-3

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[Name & Signature]

The representative of internally displaced men: [Name & Signature]

[Name & Signature]

The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature]

The representative of displaced women: [Name & Signature]

[Name & Signature]

We call on ACORD, CADEKA and all other benefactors to support us in the following:

- Maintain meetings and other collective work to strengthen the trust between us.

- Rebuild and especially in offering us iron sheets.

- To prepare a meeting of young people so that they too undertake to meet these commitments because they constitute a group easily manipulated

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. 57-59

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