

Country/entity	Burundi
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Ceasefire Agreement between the Transitional Government of Burundi and the Conseil National pour la Defence de la Democratie-Forces pour la Defense de la Democratie
Date	2 Dec 2002
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Burundian Civil War (1993-2005)

The conflict had an ethnic base between Hutu and Tutsi populations, and is one of a set of regionally connected conflicts also addressed in the Great Lakes process. Since independence in 1972, the Burundian political landscape has been polarised and marked by ethnic-based tensions, political assassinations and large-scale violence. For the following two decades, three Tutsi military regimes associated with the Union for National Progress (UPRONA) ruled the country. During these military dictatorships, numerous waves of mass violence resulted from the attempts of various opposition rebels groups to destabilise the three regimes, and the regimes' use of violence to repress these attempts. Despite a wave of hope in the early 1990's, Burundi entered a decade-long civil war in 1993 following the assassination of Burundi's first democratically elected president, Melchior Ndadaye, from the ethnically-Hutu Front for Democracy in Burundi (FRODEBU) by Tutsi opposition in the military.

In 1998 the Arusha Peace Talks commenced and in August 2000, international pressure resulted in the signing of the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi. However, the National Council for the Defense of Democracy (CNND) did not sign. Additionally, and Party for the Liberation of Hutu People (Palipehutu) did not participate in negotiations. These outsiders continued sporadic violence until 2008. In 2015, a new wave of political violence is taking place after President Nkurunziza, from the CNDD-FDD which has been in power since 2005, won a contested third-mandate.

Close

Burundian Civil War (1993-2005)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Burundi: Arusha and related peace process

Parties	<p>Signatories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the Transitional Government of Burundi: (Signed) Pierre Buyoya President of the Republic of Burundi - For CNDD-FDD: (Signed) Pierre Nkurunziza Legal representative
Third parties	<p>Guarantors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda (Chairman of the Regional Initiative) <p>Witnesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benjamin Mkapa, President of the United Republic of Tanzania (Vice-Chairman of the Regional Initiative) - Ambassador Bah, Special Representative of the African Union in Burundi - Ambassador Dinka, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Burundi - Deputy President Zuma Facilitator of the Burundi peace process
Description	The Agreement delineates the different stages of the ceasefire including disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration, restructuring of the security sector and establishing a new defence and security force for Burundi.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation No specific mention.

Equality No specific mention.

Particular groups of women No specific mention.

International law No specific mention.

New institutions No specific mention.

Violence against women

Violence against women→Sexual violence

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Transitional justice No specific mention.

Institutional reform No specific mention.

Development No specific mention.

Implementation No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.