

Country/entity	Burundi
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Magaliesburg Declaration on the Burundi Peace Process
Date	10 Jun 2008
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	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Burundi: Arusha and related peace process
Parties	Delegations of the Government of Burundi and the PALIPEHUTU-FNL participated in the meeting. Chairman Agathon Rwaso headed the PALIPEHUTU-FNL delegation. The delegation of the Government of Burundi was headed by Major-General Evariste Ndayishimiye.

Third parties	-
Description	This agreements includes commitments from both the Government of Burundi and the PALIPEHUTU-FNL to respect the timelines outlined in the Revised Programme of Action to Take Further the Burundi Peace Process and to conclude all aspects of the peace process.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 2, I. Mutual commitments of the Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL: The Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL have mutually undertaken to: ... Abstain from all actions that might be perceived as fresh recruitment drives, particularly among children.
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.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	<p>Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties</p> <p>Page 2, I. Mutual commitments of the Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL: The Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL have mutually undertaken to:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Endeavour to find as soon as possible a mutually acceptable solution to the question of the registration and the name of the PALIPEHUTU-FNL as a political party</p> <p>Page 3, IV. Commitments of members of the GSEB:</p> <p>...</p> <p>The GSEB will support the transformation of the PALIPEHUTU-FNL into a political party, including the provision of training of its cadres.</p>
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	<p>Governance→Constitution→Constitution affirmation/renewal</p> <p>Page 2, I. Commitments of the Government of Burundi: The Government of Burundi undertakes within the framework of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi to demonstrate the necessary flexibility to address all issues that could hamper the full implementation of agreements reached.</p>

Power sharing

Political power sharing	<p>Power sharing→Political power sharing→General State level</p> <p>Page 2, I. Commitments of the Government of Burundi:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Once the combatants are assembled, the Government commits to accommodate and integrate Palipehutu-FNL members in the national institutions in accordance with agreements reached between the parties.</p>
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

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.

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
Media/Communication
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The Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL have mutually undertaken to:
...
Refrain from any inflammatory action or declaration

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 1, Preamble

Particularly acknowledged the financial and military support provided by the Government of South Africa as well as the financial support by the Government of Switzerland, the European Commission and the International Committee of the Red Cross to PALIPEHUTU-FNL combatants at pre-assembly process;

Pages 2-3, IV. Commitments of members of the GSEB:

In this context, the GSEB will continue to mobilise the international community to provide financial support to the Facilitation and the peace process.

As the PALIPEHUTU-FNL combatants proceed to the assembly areas, the GESB will intercede with the potential donors to continue to provide humanitarian assistance until the start of the DDR process.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

Page 3, IV. Commitments of members of the GSEB:

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The GSEB will continue to promote efforts in the field of security sector reform, including efforts to integrate the Palipehutu-FNL in the National Defence and Security Forces.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

Page 1, Preamble,

The GSEB: Congratulated the Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL on the major steps forward in the peace process in the past month and welcomed the political will shown by both sides to achieve this progress;

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the conclusion of the joint declaration on the cessation of hostilities on 26 May; and the adoption on 2 June of the Joint Operational Plan on the disarmament, demobilization, and the reintegration of PALIPEHUTU-FNL combatants;

Page 3, III. Commitments of the PALIPEHUTU-FNL:

Engage in good faith in the immediate implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Pages 2-3, IV. Commitments of members of the GSEB:

The GSEB undertakes to continue to accompany the efforts of the Facilitation and to the Political Directorate in support of the peace process.

In this context, the GSEB will continue to mobilise the international community to provide financial support to the Facilitation and the peace process.

As the PALIPEHUTU-FNL combatants proceed to the assembly areas, the GESB will intercede with the potential donors to continue to provide humanitarian assistance until the start of the DDR process.

The GSEB will pay special attention to the DDR process, in particular regarding its reintegration aspects.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

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Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
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Corruption	No specific mention.
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Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
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Drugs	No specific mention.
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Terrorism	No specific mention.
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Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
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Courts	No specific mention.
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Mechanism	No specific mention.
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Prisoner release	No specific mention.
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Vetting	No specific mention.
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Victims	No specific mention.
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Missing persons	No specific mention.
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Reparations	No specific mention.
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Reconciliation	No specific mention.
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Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
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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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