

Country/entity	Burundi
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Social contract between farmers and pastoralists in the commune Rugombo, Cibitoke province, Burundi
Date	23 Mar 2006
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Burundi: Local Process
Parties	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.
Third parties	These meetings have been supported by the presence of representatives of the Administration, Justice and the D. P. A. E. and were held in CIBITOKÉ of 22 to 23 March 2006
Description	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.

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 No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders Page 2:
1.2. Claims²⁸

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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.

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.

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	No specific mention.
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 No specific mention.

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**

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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;
- the plethora of herds;
- the shortage of pastures available for the grazing of cows;
- the notorious impunity benefiting herders responsible for damage;
- the nuisance attached to the attitudes of contempt shown by herders;
- the vagrancy of uncontrolled cattle;
- a galloping demography;
- a rapid expansion of herds in the areas of grazing;
- The free entry of cows across national borders;
- a great concentration of herds from the communes nearby and neighbouring countries;
- pathways obstructed for the passage of cows and transformed into fields.

After having made a broad overview of these various problems, farmers and breeders have agreed as follows:

1. Commitments and claims of pastoralists

1.1. Commitments

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- Seek to rapidly ascertain the damage caused by cows, before the herd has left;
- To avoid hurtful words uttered against the farmer.

1.2. Claims

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

- Not poison our cows, nor their inflict of injuries or beating;
- Not intimidate herders with the objective of scaring them away so that the cows left to themselves can wander in the fields and devastate large areas;
- Not to imprison cows, in particular those who have to breast-feed calves;

Not criminalise cows when the latter have not been taken in the fields;

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 ☒
- Support the efforts for strengthening and the dissemination of commitments of parties throughout neighbourhood, and on all the hills of the Commune. ☒
- To help farmers in the granting of equipment watering and support the work of maintaining and maintenance of irrigation channels. ☒
- To assist in the production of reports of the workshop.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	Page 3: We, farmers, ask of the pastoralists and their livestock as follows: 28 - To avoid to carry weapons of war such as the rifles, grenades and lances during the custody of cows; 28 - 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.

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.

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 Page 4-5
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.