

Proposal for the peaceful settlement of political conflicts in Burundi

1. Political matters

- a. Guarantee of fundamental freedoms:
 - i. Freedom of assembly
 - ii. Freedom of movement
- b. Goodwill-building measures:
 - i. Release of political prisoners
 - ii. Continuing to enact the order to release political prisoners
 - iii. Accelerate fair trials for those still being detained;
 - iv. End the hate campaign
- c. Return of exiled political figures:
 - i. Guarantees of personal security to facilitate their peaceful return to Burundi and free participation in social, political and economic activities
 - ii. Livelihoods
- d. Human rights
- e. Rule of law and good governance

2. Constitutional, legislative and electoral matters:

- a. Constitutional issues
- b. Reaffirmation of the Arusha agreement provisions;
- c. Revision of the electoral law or electoral laws
- d. Revision of the National Electoral Commission:
 - i. Mandate
 - ii. Independence
 - iii. Composition

- e. Home Office:
 - i. Respect for the principle of non-interference in party affairs (for example, procedures to allow for the registration and legal recognition of political parties);
 - ii. respect for fundamental freedoms (see section 1a);
 - iii. Reunification of political parties according to the plan of action agreed upon in 2013
 - iv. Produce a comparative analysis of good practices in the region.
- f. Status of international and domestic election monitoring:
 - i. Intergovernmental (regional, international);
 - ii. Non-governmental

3. Socio-economic situation and humanitarian issues

- a. Impact of the crisis on the socio-economic situation;
- b. Return of refugees (spontaneous and organized);
- c. Reintegration of displaced persons into the country;
- d. Repairs and restitutions:
 - i. For damages caused during the period of April 2015 (declaration of the candidacy of President Nkurunziza) until the current period;

4. Security

- a. Disarmament of armed youth groups allied to political parties;
- b. General and personal security (see section 1.c.i);
- c. Security sector reform / reform of the governance sector;
- d. Outside observers (EAC, AU, UN)

Potential mechanisms to put in place

- 1. Joint monitoring and evaluation mechanisms:

a. Mandate

b. Composition

2. Political Party Development Fund

a. Allocations subject to legislative revisions (see section 2.d.i), the necessary circumscription and election results (by Ruzuku / grants)

b. The guarantors of this Proposal agree to support a professionalization fund for political parties with the current Proposal

Implementation timeline

This proposal covers the pre-and post-election period of the 2020 general elections