

**PBC Burundi Configuration: Informal/informal experts-level meeting
Thursday 19 March, 1.15 to 2.45pm in Room E**

Summary of discussions and action points

1. Positive and encouraging developments are taking place, particularly with regards to the DDR process and the electoral process. Despite the effects of the financial crisis, the overall economic outlook in Burundi is generally positive, but subject to downside risks from the security situation and the external environment.
 2. The DDR is still facing important technical and operational issues that need to be addressed urgently given the various deadlines. PBSO will summarize the bottlenecks to the process and suggest possible immediate actions by the Chair and the PBC. The Chair will use this input to facilitate further engagement of the PBC, including mobilization of any additional assistance required.
 3. The PBC stands ready to support the Government strategy for durable social-economic reintegration when such a strategy has been finalized in consultation with partners in Burundi.
 4. Members of the National Independent Electoral Commission have been appointed. The Commission, through the Burundian Mission in NY, will alert the PBC as soon as they are ready for the thematic meeting. To facilitate the discussions, CENI would share its strategy, challenges and areas in which they need support. It was reiterated that sufficient preparation time should be given in order to allow full engagement of capitals and relevant expertise.
 5. PBC, with support from the PBSO, will explore ways to channel (technical) support from countries, including non traditional donor countries.
 6. As for the engagement of the PBC at the country level, the Partners Coordination Group will be used as the key mechanism to mobilize donor and non donor partners. A more systematic interaction between the Missions in NY, their colleagues in Bujumbura and their counterparts in respective capital cities should be promoted, in order to ensure consistency on the policy regarding the use of the Strategic Framework as a strategic tool that complements the PRSP on political issues.
 7. With regards to the review of the Monitoring and Tracking Mechanism, PBSO will work with the Partners Coordination Group in developing a simpler and more practical tool that will support dialogue among the stakeholders of the Strategic Framework. A revised version of the MTM should be agreed upon well in advance of the third biannual review.
 8. In future meetings, participants will be invited to share information on their countries' initiatives and actions taken in response to the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission. This information will be systematically tracked and used to demonstrate the value-added of the PBC and provide key inputs for the next biannual review exercise.
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