

Country/entity	Burundi
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Contract of peaceful cohabitation (neighbourhood Teza ii of Kamenge), Burundi
Date	30 Jun 2004
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Burundi: Local Process
Parties	<p>Approved by 150 people living in the neighbourhood of Teza II, representing all segments of the population.</p> <p>On behalf of the inhabitants of Teza II, the Committee elected: [Name & Signature]</p> <p>The representative of young people living in Kamenge : [Name & Signature]</p> <p>☒</p> <p>The representative of young people displaced: ☒</p> <p>[Name & Signature]</p> <p>The representative men living in Kamenge: ☒</p> <p>[Name & Signature]</p> <p>The representative of internally displaced men: ☒</p> <p>[Name & Signature]</p> <p>The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature]</p> <p>☒</p> <p>The representative of displaced women: ☒</p> <p>[Name & Signature]</p>
Third parties	Bishop Dacillia Joseph, alias Buyengero
Description	The Hutu and Tutsi in the neighbourhood of Teza II agree not to kill or persecute members of each others' communities, and agree to reconcile and live in peace.

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Groups

Children/youth	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 3:</p> <p>We call on ACORD, CADEKA and all other benefactors to support us in the following:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To prepare a meeting of young people so that they too undertake to meet these commitments because they constitute a group easily manipulated <p>Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 2-3,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- We the Hutu and Tutsi, we agree as follows: ...Restore the confidence between us by visits or meetings To ensure our commitments stand, we elect a committee, which will be responsible for enforcing them. The Committee is composed of six persons: Two representatives of young people: 1 living in the neighbourhood Two representatives of men: 1 living in the neighbourhood Two representatives of women: 1 living in the neighbourhood
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Summary: The agreement in its entirety provides for steps to reconcile two ethnic groups residing in the same neighbourhood.</p> <p>Page 2, We the Hutu and Tutsi, we agree as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No Hutu shall kill or persecute a Tutsi for ethnic, political or other reasons.- No Tutsi shall persecute or kill a Hutu for ethnic, political or other reasons.- We will be always united in order to withstand any political or other onslaught. We commit ourselves to the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Live together in peace- Mutually forgive- Begin a new life devoid of mistrust, contempt, and of hatred- Forming a united front while we supporting each other- Combat all destructive messages, be it political or otherwise- We assist each other to rebuild the houses destroyed- To make a peaceful cohabitation devoid of injustice
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical
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We, the inhabitants of Kamenge, neighbourhood Teza II, the Hutu and Tutsi, displaced persons, returnees and receiving communities living in the neighbourhood:

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- While the war has largely destroyed Kamenge, where the Tutsi were driven from their homes, and thereafter the Hutu have been driven off their homes, and where populations have been victims of looting, killings, rape and many other crimes that were committed in time of war. We affirm that:

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- During the war, the Tutsi have left their households and have become refugees, driven away particularly by fear

- The Hutu were also expelled and persecuted with such gravity that some have found themselves with the Tutsi in camps for displaced or elsewhere. As the saying goes in Kirundi: “Nta mwonga ubura isato iba idahizwe” (there is no blood without thorns).

Wrongdoers especially among young people have committed crimes to those who are not of their ethnic group, have persecuted them, looted their property and even killed.

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We Hutu affirm that:

- We, who have already returned home, hope that our neighbours also return to their homes so that we live may together. ☹☹

- We are sincerely preparing to welcome them. They must occupy their original plots of land. ☹☹

- We will help them to rebuild their homes, and they will also help us to rebuild ours. ☹☹

- We will fight together against any perpetrator or enemy who seeks to destroy our neighbourhood. ☹☹

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We Tutsi affirm that:

- We are very pleased to see our neighbours again. We all want regain our homes to join our neighbours who are already returned. We know that in large part what happened to our country was a consequence of an unhealthy politics of the country, which takes advantage of the ignorance of small people, which manipulated us and caused thousands of deaths.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender Page 2-3,
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...
The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature]

Men and boys Gender→Men and boys→Other
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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** No specific mention.

**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 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

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We Hutu affirm that: 20
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Page 2:
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- No Tutsi shall persecute or kill a Hutu for ethnic, political or other reasons.

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

No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime

No specific mention.

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism

No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	Page 2: All of us Hutu and Tutsi, aware that some very serious crimes have been committed by the people of our neighbourhood themselves, from now on refrain from pointing the finger of blame to avoid the risk of going back to conflict. However we hope that the guilty ask forgiveness and pardon is already granted automatically.
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

No specific mention.

Reconciliation

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The representative of young people displaced: [Name & Signature]

[Name & Signature]

The representative men living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature]

[Name & Signature]

The representative of internally displaced men: [Name & Signature]

[Name & Signature]

The representative of women living in Kamenge: [Name & Signature]

The representative of displaced women: [Name & Signature]

[Name & Signature]

We call on ACORD, CADEKA and all other benefactors to support us in the following:

- Maintain meetings and other collective work to strengthen the trust between us.
- Rebuild and especially in offering iron sheets.

To prepare a meeting of young people so that they too undertake to meet these

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

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Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

Community Peace Recovery and Reconciliation: A Handbook for Generating Leadership for Sustainable Peace and Recovery among Divided Communities (Nairobi, The National Steering Committee on Peacebuilding and Conflict Management (NSC), Ministry of Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Office of the President; Agency for Co-operation & Research in Development (ACORD) and United Nations Development Programme, 2011), pp. 57-59