Journées sur l'Accès à l'Energie Renouvelable au Burundi

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PROGRAMME

5 – 6 November 2026 | Donatus Conference Centre, Bujumbura

Time	Thursday 5 November 2026
08:00 – 09:00	**Arrival & Registration**
09:00 – 10:00	**Opening Ceremony** **Master of ceremonies: Claudine Shurweryimana**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Industry, Trade and Tourism **Opening remarks:** • **Dr Hassan Kibeya**, Minister, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Industry, Trade and Tourism • **Erik Magnus Fernstrom,** Regional Practice Director, World Bank Group
10:00 – 11:00	**Session 1 | High-Level Plenary: One Year After the Energy Compact – From Commitment to Implementation** **Moderator: Babacar S. Faye**, Resident Representative, World Bank Group **Presentations:** • **Dr Ir Martin Ndayizeye**, Inspector General, Ministry of Mining and Energy Resources, Industry, Trade and Tourism • **Juliette Besnard**, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank Group • **David Majambere**, Energy Specialist, World Bank Group **Panellists:** • **Dr Alain Ndikumana**, Minister, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Digital Economy • **Mouna Diawara**, Country Manager, African Development Bank (AfDB) • **Yadviga Viktorina Semikolenova**, Practice Manager, World Bank Group • **Andrew Herscowitz, CEO**, Mission 300 Accelerator, RF Catalytic Capital, The Rockefeller Foundation • **Timothy Sikes**, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the United States in Burundi • **Alessandro Villa**, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union • **Céline Demagny,** Country Representative, French Development Agency (AFD)
11:00 – 12:30	**Session 2 | From Investment to Employment — What Jobs Will Burundi's Energy Transition Create?** **Moderator: Inès van Oldeneel**, Senior Officer, Business & Market Development, Alliance for Renewable Electrification (ARE) **Presentations:** • **Michael Fichtenberg**, Managing Director, PURE Power Africa, Gigawatt Global Burundi SA • **Mohsin Tahir**, Project Director, Ruzizi III Energy Limited • **Dana Rysankova**, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank Group

	Panellists: • **Christine Niragira**, Permanent Secretary for Industry, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Industry, Trade and Tourism • **Dr Salomon Mugisha,** Director of Energy, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Industry, Trade and Tourism • **Juliette Besnard**, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank Group • **Aleem Karmali**, Head of Infrastructure, IPS Kenya • **William Madara**, Director, Government Engagement, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) • **Myrtille Neimann**, Lawyer, Weza Power
12:30 – 13:00	**Official Opening of the Renewable Energy Expo and Green Jobs Fair**
13:00 – 14:00	**Networking Lunch**
14:00 – 15:00	**Session 3 | Building the Workforce — Skills Development for Burundi's Energy Future** **Moderator: Irvine Floréale Murame**, CEO, Infinity Group **Presentations:** • **Désiré Manirakiza**, Coordinator, PAEEJ • **Abraham Niyongere**, Dean, University of Burundi • **Brian Kelly**, CEO, Anzana Electric Group **Panellists:** • **Prudence Bararunyeretse**, Rector, University of Burundi • **Dr Ir Lieutenant Colonel Jean Albert Manigomba,** CEO, REGIDESO • **Nicolas Rousseau**, Technical Director, Tembo Power • **Aissatou Eugenie Sow**, Country Manager, World Bank Group • **Pierre-Yves Renaud**, Programme Officer, Energy and Lake Tanganyika Protection, Delegation of the European Union • **Jonas Mfouatie**, Deputy Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
15:00 – 16:00	**Session 4 | Powering the Digital Economy: E-Mobility, Digital and Youth Innovation** **Moderator: Daniel Streitfeld**, Economic Adviser, Embassy of the United States **Presentations:** • **Evrard Havyarimana**, CEO, GEM E-Mobility • **Donatien Ndayishimiye**, CEO, Media Box • **Anya Berezhna**, Project Director, Bamboo Capital **Panellists:** • **Hidoine Mwuhiro, CEO**, Ihela • **Aleonard Garance**, Head of Sales and Marketing, Skyline Burundi • **Alain José Ciza**, Deputy Managing Director, KCB Burundi • **Mediateur Muhire**, Deputy Managing Director, CRDB Burundi • **Dr Frédéric Ntimarubusa**, Deputy Managing Director, Bancobu Burundi • **Glorieuse Ntawe,** CEO, Mukaza Engineering Company
16:00 – 16:20	**Special Segment: Launch of the Burundi Renewable Energy Innovation Initiative** **Announcements:** • PPP Agreement between Weza Power and the Government of Burundi • Joint Vision and PURE Partnership Declaration between Gigawatt Burundi and the Government of Burundi • Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CRDB, Bancobu, KCB and the Government of Burundi
16:20 – 17:00	**Closing & Summary of Key Takeaways** **Speakers:** • **Erik Magnus Fernstrom,** Regional Practice Director, World Bank Group • **Babacar S. Faye**, Resident Representative, World Bank Group • **Dr Hassan Kibeya**, Minister, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Industry, Trade and Tourism
Time	**Friday 6 November 2026**
09:00 – 12:00	**Site Visit (by invitation only)** • ETS Kamenge and RN1 substation, with students from the Master's programme in Renewable Energy