

PBC Burundi Configuration: Informal/informal experts-level meeting

Speed up the process of replacement of the ERSG and discuss the issues around Government/UN relationships (look beyond the nomination and discuss how to ensure mutual understanding and sustain the confidence].

Discuss the security strategy, specific aspects of security of elections and the long term security sector reform; further discuss concerns raised by different reports on youth movements and clashes that involve some political parties.

Observation of elections: what is being done to invite more observers' missions and to facilitate/coordinate their work? In this context, the European Union will provide support through a team of observers, in addition to their financial support. The African Union is also planning to send observers to Burundi.

The visit should be linked to the biannual review of the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding with a view to agree on specific deliverables to which the different stakeholders will mutually commit over the next six months. These should consider issues beyond financing.

In discussing the socio-economic reintegration strategy, keep in mind food security as a key priority for the Government of Burundi and the role of food security in peacebuilding. FAO will provide more detailed messages on this issue.

Use the visit to further listen to Burundians and frame the dialogue on the real situation and issues beyond the elections.

3) Fourth review of the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi

The review has been initiated in Bujumbura. It will go through the following key steps:

The first draft of the report has been prepared by Bujumbura

This draft will be shared with New York for comments and inputs by members

Bujumbura will also prepare a draft of the conclusions & recommendations with inputs from New York

The report and the recommendations of the review will be discussed by Political Forum 26 February. The PBC delegation will attend this meeting.

The Chair's report of the visit will focus on the conclusions and recommendations of the review.

Participants made the following suggestions: a) the review should come up with specific recommendations (in order to ensure mutual accountability); b) the review exercise could elaborate a ma