

**Peacebuilding Commission
Ambassadorial-Level Meeting on Burundi
17 March 2021
Chair's Summary**

On 17 March, the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) held an ambassadorial-level meeting on Burundi under the chairmanship of HE Ms Pascale Baeriswyl, Chair of the PBC Burundi Configuration to provide member states with the opportunity to learn about the priorities of Burundi's new government and to consider related bilateral and multilateral partners' engagement in support of these priorities

- 2 The Chair welcomed participants to the first meeting of the year on Burundi and noted that it was also her first meeting as Chair. She recalled recent developments, including the 4 December 2020 Security Council Presidential Statement, as well as exchanges with Burundi's Minister of Foreign Affairs HE Mr. Albat Shingiro who had underscored the government's openness to international cooperation and its willingness to increase Af&S** h

Development Plan 2018-2027 and the government's commitment to good governance, public health, agriculture, addressing youth unemployment, social protection for pensioners, and peace and reconciliation. He noted the government's efforts to address unemployment including the creation of investment banks for both youth and women and highlighted community-based cooperatives and associations to promote local agriculture production. He called on all bilateral and multilateral partners to assist Burundi and focus support on the National Development Plan. He closed by emphasizing the importance of coherent and consistent approaches to socio-economic development and informed that the

conflict affected countries, Ms Kabogo informed that Burundi is eligible for the IDA 19 Prevention and Resilience Allocation (PRA) that would increase its current envelope from USD 343 million to USD 600 million for the next two to three years. She referred to the National Program for Peacebuilding, Social Stability, and the Promotion of Economic Growth, informing that the program, once approved by the Government, will serve as a basis for the PRA. She underlined the World Bank's readiness to work in coordination with partners based on comparative advantages. She closed by welcoming President Ndayishimiye's focus on macroeconomic stability and good governance and informed that the Bank and UNDP will support the set up of an economic governance unit in the

