

Meeting of the Steering Group of the Burundi Configuration of the PBC -
14 June 2011 - Summary

On Tuesday, 14 June, the Steering Group of the Burundi Configuration of the PBC held its first meeting at the Swiss Permanent Mission to the UN. Present were Burundi, Belgium, China, France, Kenya, Netherlands, South Africa, Uganda, European Union, DPA, PBSO and UNDP. Nigeria, Norway and Tanzania who also have indicated a readiness to be part of the group were absent.

Organization of the work:

Ambassador Paul S

issue or one particular aspect of it. South Africa indicated a willingness to lead on Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Matters. Netherlands also indicated its willingness to

PBF response to the reintegration programme proposal

The Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) presented its response to the funding request of GoB/BNUB for socio-reintegration program made in April. (note: the request – only available in French - has been circulated by the Chair of the PBC. A summary in English is in preparation). The request concerns “catalytic” funding in the amount of 24 Mio USD in the context of a larger National Action Plan (263 Mio US Dollar). The request covers reintegration activities in 5 provinces and the establishment of a coordination office. Guided by the PBF renewal policy (criteria “small” and “consolidating”), the PBSO has decided to contribute 9,2 Mio from the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) out of the 24 Mio USD requested, covering programs in the provinces of Cibitoke and Bubanza as well as the coordination office. On the basis of exchanges with BNUB, the PBF signaled flexibility regarding the geographical allocation of the funding, taking into account the particularly fragile situation in Bujumbura Rural.

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It has been agreed to hold the next meeting in the first week of July as a breakfast meeting. The thematic issues will be the mobilization of resources for funding the socio-economic reintegration request and the donor conference.