



Press Release

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Burundi accelerates the implementation of the National Energy Compact during the 4th edition of the Renewable Energy Access Day

In the presence of His Excellency the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Mineral, Energy, Industry, Trade and Tourism Resources (MRMEICT), in collaboration with the World Bank and the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE), organised the fourth edition of the **Renewable Energy Access Day in Burundi (BREAD)** on 27 November 2025 in Bujumbura.

The event brought together key public and private stakeholders from the energy sector to exchange on the actions and strategies needed to advance the universal energy access agenda for 2030 and the Mission 300.

On this occasion, **Dr Hassan Kibeya, Minister of Mineral, Energy, Industry, Trade and Tourism Resources, stated:** *“The National Energy Compact of Burundi is our compass in the Mission 300 Programme. It charts the path towards universal energy access by 2030, bringing together public, private and international partners around a clear, ambitious and inclusive roadmap for the comprehensive development of our country.”*

A major event in Burundi’s energy sector, BREAD once again provided a platform for discussion, helping mobilise actors, resources and initiatives to accelerate access to electricity and clean cooking solutions in the country. Participants explored innovative strategies to stimulate the implementation of the National Energy Compact (COMPACT), officially launched in September 2025 during the United Nations General Assembly. The COMPACT energy roadmap aims to achieve 70% access to electricity and 40% access to clean cooking solutions by 2030, built on principles of sustainability, affordability, reliability and inclusiveness.

“The World Bank Group supports the Government of Burundi in achieving its energy access objectives, notably through the implementation of the National Energy Compact. This support includes the Jiji & Mulembwe project, providing 49.5 MW, as well



as the Soleil Nyakiriza project, which aims to electrify 400 hospitals, 400 schools and 65,000 households, and provide efficient, clean cooking systems to 300,000 households through the Solar Energy and Cooking Fund (FESEC). In addition, the ASCENT project will contribute to the distribution of this new energy supply," **said Babacar S. Faye, World Bank Group Resident Representative in Burundi.**

BREAD 2025 also helped consolidate strategic partnerships, including the signing of a power purchase agreement (PPA) between Waga Hydropower Limited and REGIDESO, a public-private partnership (PPP) between the same group and the Government of Burundi, and a memorandum of understanding between MRMEICT and ARE centred on public-private cooperation, the promotion of sustainable technologies, and training and technical assistance for institutions and the energy sector. The event also marked the official launch of the Master of Science in Renewable Energy at the University of Burundi, as well as the signing of memoranda of understanding between the University of Burundi and REGIDESO, Weza Power and Gigawatt Global Burundi.

David Lecoque, CEO of ARE, expressed his enthusiasm ahead of the event: *"We are proud to renew our collaboration with the Government of Burundi and the World Bank for the 4th edition of the Renewable Energy Access Days. This key event demonstrates the country's progress towards reliable, clean and affordable rural electrification. The signing of the agreement between ARE and MRMEICT opens an excellent opportunity to boost the development of distributed renewable energy through strengthened collaboration between the public and private sectors."*

BREAD 2025 brought together more than 250 participants representing the Government, the private sector and development partners.

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