

**PBC Burundi Configuration: Informal/informal experts-level meeting  
Thursday 18 June 2009, 1.45 to 2.45 pm in Room A**

***Summary of discussions and action points***

1. During his visit to Burundi on 25-27 May, the Chair had very productive meetings and the main conclusion of the visit was that the PBC should now focus on supporting the 2010 elections and the long-term socio-economic reintegration strategy.
2. Members of the Burundi country-specific configuration (CSM) expressed interest in receiving regular updates on coordination efforts for the preparation of the 2010 elections. It was suggested that the *Local PBC Platform* could be used as a mechanism to facilitate dialogue and mobilization of the stakeholders at the country level for 2010 elections.
3. The process of developing a long-term reintegration strategy is being coordinated by the Ministry of Solidarity and Social Reintegration of Burundi with support from the UN through a PBF funded project.
4. Members would like to receive an update on the overall progress of PBF funded projects. PBSO will organize such a briefing as soon as possible.
5. For the preparation of the third biannual review of the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi, a timeline was presented highlighting inputs by the PBC in New York (see attached timeline). Members of the PBC will consult with their colleagues in Bujumbura and their capital cities, in order to provide inputs for the report. It was suggested to organize the inputs around three components:
  - a) Delivery on commitments: strategic contributions to the priorities of the Strategic Framework for the period February-June 2009 that were actually achieved by each member (i.e. change in policy, additional funding, etc.);
  - b) Constraints they have faced in delivering on their commitments;
  - c) Contributions envisaged for the next 6 months in support of peacebuilding priorities in Burundi.
6. Each member will send their inputs to PBSO as indicated in the timeline. The formal meeting of the PBC Burundi configuration is scheduled for Monday 27 July 2009.
7. Members suggested that the process of the third review is an opportunity to discuss the future of the Peacebuilding Strategic Framework including deliberations on the issue of merging the Strategic Framework and the PRSP. The discussion must be led by Bujumbura, and it must take into account remaining peacebuilding challenges as well as the participation of non-donor countries and national stakeholders.
8. In this context, members of the PBC CSM Burundi recommended an early engagement of the PBC in the review of the PRSP, including in the upcoming meeting of the *Consultative Group* in Paris, scheduled for October 2009. It was also recommended that discussions on the potential merging of the Strategic Framework with PRSP must be approached on a case-by-case basis and should take into account the important question of timing.