



INVEST IN BURUNDI



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1. COUNTRY



Area

27,834 Km²
(Land: 25,680 Km²)



Population

11.9 M UNPF July 2019,
Density: 463.3/Km²



Economic Capital City

Bujumbura 1 092 859
Inhabitants – 2020,



**Political
Capital City**
Gitega



Lake Tanganyika

Longest in the world (677km),
2nd deepest in the world (1400 m),
1828 Kms of shore length
with the largest fish population
(200 species endemic to the lake).
It connects Burundi to 3 countries
(DR Congo, Tanzania and Zambia).



Lowest point

Lake Tanganyika 772 m



Main languages

Kirundi, French, English, Kiswahili

OVERVIEW



Climate

Mild with an average of 21°C. Rains 8-9 months/year
Dry season 3-4 months/year



GDP

\$US 2.90 billion
(2021 World Bank)



GDP per capital

\$US 267.32



GDP – composition/sector

Agriculture: 39.4%,
Industry: 16.4%,
Services: 44.2%



Exchange Rate

2070.59 BIF per \$US
(buy rate as of December 6, 2022)



Religion

Christian, Muslim, other



Inflation rate

8.31% (consumer prices in 2021)



Life Expectancy

62,03 years
2021 UN projection



Bujumbura Port



2. GOVERNMENT POLICY ON INVESTMENT

The Government of Burundi (GoB) is much concerned about the growth of the national economy. According to H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, the President of Republic of Burundi, growth and development will find its way inevitably through attracting, facilitating and supporting investments home grown and foreign alike.

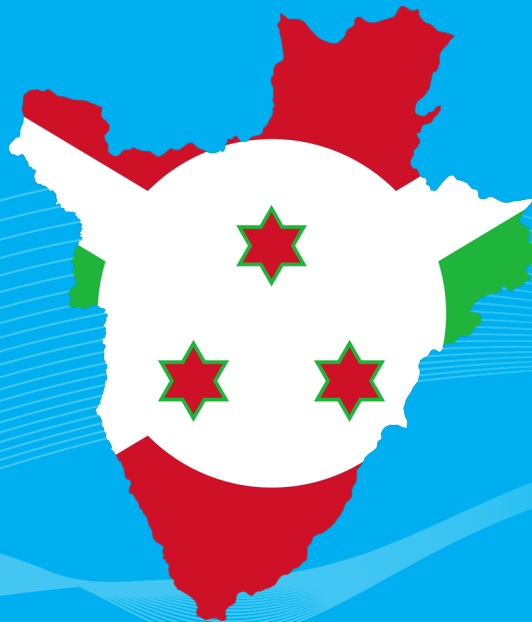
Therefore, The GoB decided to revise the investment code and also to place the Burundi development agency under the umbrella of the Office of the President to make his dream become a reality.

Today, the office of the Premier Minister has taken in hand the problem of the long awaited Economic Special Zone (SEZ) to have it fully developed and operating. The GoB has put in place measures to take on the corruption challenge through political commitment of zero tolerance to corruption.



H.E. MAJOR GENERAL EVARISTE NDAYISHIMIYE
PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

3. REASONS TO INVEST IN BURUNDI



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- Strategic location in the region offering a big market size (Eastern DRC and Western Tanzania with an estimate of 16 millions consumers each)
 - Continually Improved Business Climate
Fiscal & Customs incentives
 - Unique attractiveness
 - Lake TANGANYIKA beaches offering leisure activities,
 - Breathtaking landscape, Kibira rainforest,
 - Cultural heritage,
 - Untapped investment opportunities with no fierce competition
 - Raw material in excessive availability



5. INCENTIVES:

Fiscal & Customs Benefits

01

Exemption of charges on property transfer (mutation fee)

02

No duty on Raw material, Capital goods & Specialized vehicles

03

Corporate tax rate: 30%. It is reduced of 2% if 50-200 Burundians are employed; it is reduced of 5% if more than 200 Burundians nationals are employed.

04

Free repatriation of profit after payment of tax

05

VAT Exemption on imported equipment and raw materials for investment projects identified to be strategic & priority sectors for the national economy.

NOTE:

The GoB has set up a special taskforce that is comprised of the Burundi Development Agency(ADB) and the Burundi Revenue Authority (OBR) in charge of reviewing the incentives on a case-to-case basis as some of them include tax holidays.

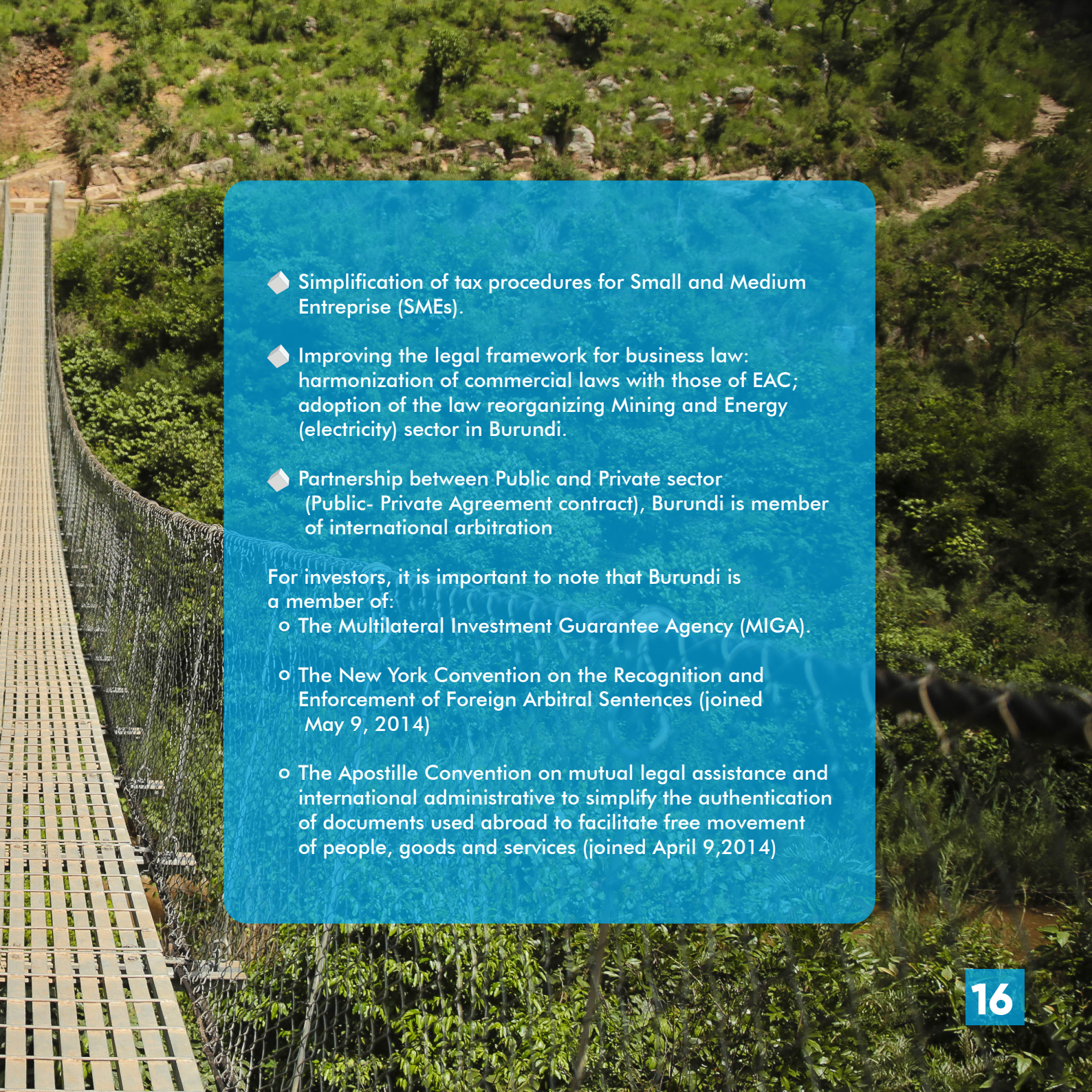
6. IMPROVING BUSINESS CLIMATE

Burundi upgraded reforms on many aspects:

- (1) Reinforcing the One Stop Shop for business registration,
- (2) Construction permits and
- (3) Property transfer.

The One-stop-shop for business registration, a business have streamlined and remodeled institutions and processes for business registration:

- it is operational since March 2013 and digitalized since november 2022
- an investor can open a business for US \$ 20 only and online via www.easybusiness.bi or www.investburundi.bi
- DB2019 ranking: 17th

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- ◆ Simplification of tax procedures for Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs).
 - ◆ Improving the legal framework for business law: harmonization of commercial laws with those of EAC; adoption of the law reorganizing Mining and Energy (electricity) sector in Burundi.
 - ◆ Partnership between Public and Private sector (Public- Private Agreement contract), Burundi is member of international arbitration

For investors, it is important to note that Burundi is a member of:

- The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).
- The New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Sentences (joined May 9, 2014)
- The Apostille Convention on mutual legal assistance and international administrative to simplify the authentication of documents used abroad to facilitate free movement of people, goods and services (joined April 9, 2014)

II.REGISTER YOUR COMPANY ONLINE

On www.easybusiness.bi or through www.investburundi.bi

It's easy, quick and cheap.

STEP
01

Use your valid email;

STEP
02

Fill in the form with the information requested and attach all the required documents: Payment slip, Identity document or Passports of the partners, Articles of the association (signed and scanned), and/or other documents required;

STEP
03

Payment of the registration fees (40.000 BIF for companies and 30.000 BIF for business people who do trading) on the account entitled "TAX COLLECTOR" of the Burundi Revenu Authority "OBR" ,via Lumicash or in one of the following banks : BANCOBU, BBCI, BCAB, IBB, DTB, CRDB or BGF.

STEP
04

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