

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY Secretariat (note to editors)—

Having met representatives of:

- 1- Government of the Republic of Burundi,
- 2- Former Heads of State,
- 3- Political Parties,
- 4- Religious Leaders,
- 5- Civil Society Organizations,
- 6- Women and Youth,
- 7- Chamber of Commerce and
- 8- ***the Burundi society in the diaspora.***

And following consultations with the Mediator of the Inter-Burundi Dialogue, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, the Facilitator of the Inter-Burundi Dialogue, H.E. Benjamin William Mkapa, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania, is now in position to convene the Second Round of the Inter-Burundi Dialogue.

During interactions with the above mentioned stakeholders, a number of substantive issues emerged concerning, among others;

- 1- Status and implementation of the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi,***
- 2- Constitution of Burundi,***
- 3- Security situation,***
- 4- Political and democratic space,***
- 5- State of economy and***
- 6- Role of the East African Community member countries as well as other neighbors.***

There is therefore, the need to discuss substantively and, more importantly, to agree on a common basis for stability, development and the future of Burundi. In this regard, the objective of the forthcoming discussions will be to validate these findings, to prioritize them, and eventually set the agenda for a meaningful dialogue.