

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Burundian Diaspora Roundtable

Theme: *"The Burundian Diaspora: A Strategic Lever for Investment, Innovation and Sustainable Development"*

Venue: Sheraton Berlin Grand Hotel Esplanade, Berlin, Germany

Dates: 18–19 September 2026

DAY 1 — Friday, 18 September 2026

Time	Session	Description
08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	Participant registration and networking coffee.
09:00 – 09:45	Official Opening Ceremony	Opening remarks by the Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to Germany, Chief Executive Officer of BANCOBU Bank, President of Afrika Stiftung, Representative of the Government of Germany, and Representative of the Government of Burundi.
09:45 – 10:30	Opening Keynote Presentation	Theme: <i>The Burundian Diaspora as a Driver of Investment and Innovation for Burundi Vision 2040–2060.</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Panel 1 – Strategic Mobilization of the Diaspora: International Experiences and Best Practices	Theme: <i>Diaspora and Development: Successful Experiences and Inspiring Models.</i> Panelists: Representatives of successful African diaspora communities (Senegal, Morocco, Ethiopia, Côte d'Ivoire, etc.); representatives of the Burundian diaspora; African expert on diaspora engagement; SEZ (Senior Experten Service – Stuttgart); Burundian diaspora entrepreneur. Discussion Topics: International best practices, diaspora investment experiences, strengthening diaspora networks, and collaboration between the diaspora, government, and private sector.
11:30 – 13:00	Panel 2 – BANCOBU: Financing Solutions and Investment Support Mechanisms	Theme: <i>BANCOBU: A Strategic Financial Gateway for the Burundian Diaspora.</i> Discussion on diaspora banking products, investment financing, international transfers, guarantees, and support mechanisms.
13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch	Networking among participants and partners.
14:00 – 15:15	Panel 3 – Diaspora Entrepreneurship and Access to Finance	Theme: <i>Diaspora Entrepreneurship: Innovation, Investment and Access to Finance.</i> Entrepreneurial success stories, financing opportunities, market access, partnerships, and technical support.
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break & Networking	Networking session.
15:45 – 17:30	Interactive Discussions & Open Forum	Questions & Answers, participant dialogue, and summary of the day's discussions.
17:30 – 19:00	Exhibition & Networking Reception	Product and service exhibition, networking reception, cocktail, and cultural evening featuring Burundian artists and musicians.

DAY 2 — Saturday, 19 September 2026

Time	Session	Description
08:30 – 09:00	Registration & Networking Coffee	Participant registration and networking.
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Remarks	Introduction to the Strategic Investment Session.
09:15 – 10:30	Strategic Investment Session – Diaspora Investment Opportunities	Presentations by the Burundi Development Agency (ADB) on investment opportunities, financing mechanisms for the diaspora, priority investment sectors (green energy, sustainable agriculture, tourism, innovation, entrepreneurship), and BANCOBU's financial solutions for diaspora investors.
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	Networking.
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary Session – Final Recommendations	Presentation of key opportunities, future collaboration perspectives, adoption of recommendations, and establishment of a follow-up mechanism.
12:30 – 13:30	Networking Lunch	Networking among participants.
13:30 – 14:00	Closing Ceremony	Closing remarks by the Embassy of the Republic of Burundi in Berlin and BANCOBU Bank.
14:00	Official Close of the Roundtable	End of the conference programme.

Throughout the Event

Exhibition & Business Networking

Activity	Description
Business Exhibition	Exhibition of products and services from participating institutions and businesses.
Investment Promotion	Presentation and promotion of investment opportunities in Burundi.
B2B Networking	Business-to-business meetings between entrepreneurs, investors, and institutions.
Institutional Networking	Meetings between government institutions, financial institutions, development partners, and private sector representatives.

Institutional Exhibition Stands

- BANCOBU Bank
- Burundian Diaspora Businesses
- Government Institutions
- Development Partners
- Business Support Organizations
- Strategic Partner Organizations

Programme Note

This tentative programme combines high-level policy dialogue, investment promotion, business networking, and practical partnership-building. It is designed to foster meaningful collaboration among the Burundian diaspora, government institutions, financial partners, private sector leaders, and international stakeholders while supporting Burundi's Vision 2040–2060 and sustainable economic development.