

BURUNDI: ONGOING EROSION OF THE RULE OF LAW

THE RULE OF LAW IS ESSENTIAL TO :



Guarantee justice, peace and the respect for fundamental rights as well as economic opportunities for all Burundians



Reduce corruption



Fight poverty



However, the rule of law is still eroding* despite the stated intention of President Ndayishimiye to restore it

Constitution, laws and procedures are not respected; authorities condone violations such as the lack of financial disclosure by public representatives

Authorities make decisions outside their framework of competence and without regard for procedures, for example

Immediate collective dismissal of accountants at the *commune* level and of tax collectors in Bujumbura (*Mairie*) by the Minister of the interior, community development and public security

Legally binding decisions are not implemented, including judicial decisions for release

THE PRINCIPLES OF LEGALITY, LEGAL CERTAINTY, PREVENTION OF ABUSE OF POWER, EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW AND NON DISCRIMINATION, AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE ARE NOT GUARANTEED IN BURUNDI

* The Ibrahim Index of African Governance of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation indicates a decline of more than 12 points between 2010 and 2019, mainly since 2015.

