

Republic of Burundi

Date of Independence:	July 1, 1962
Capital:	Bujumbura
Population:	4,466,000
Head of State and Head of Government	His Excellency Colonel Jean-Baptiste Bagaza
Economy:	Still mainly a subsistence economy with significant food production. Main export is coffee, followed by cotton and tea.

Canada/Burundi Relations: Our limited relations with Burundi are centred around co-operation rather than trade. Missionaries and a number of other Canadians are active in Burundi as participants with NGOs. The co-operation program, which has a budget of nearly \$3 million, was begun in 1983 under CIDA's institutional co-operation program. Assistance is provided under this program in the training and rural development sectors, and other projects are carried out by NGOs.

His Excellency Colonel Jean-Baptiste Bagaza: Born in 1946. Educated in Belgium; graduated in social and military sciences. Returned to Burundi in 1971, where he became Lieutenant-Colonel, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces in 1972. In 1976, he took power in a coup. Re-elected President of the Republic by universal suffrage on August 31, 1984.