

Burundi Education Mission (BEM)

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Burundi Education Mission - Third Annual Zoom Symposium

Peace Education in Burundi: Is it a Sustainable Peace?

The role of technology in Burundi (peace) education, and economic development.

Friday, April 5 2024. Time **7:00 AM-10:30 AM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://csus.zoom.us/j/86453652168>

Meeting ID: 864 5365 2168

<https://www.burundifriendsofeducation.com/>

SCHEDULE

7:00-7:10 AM Check In (Dr. Béatrice Russell welcomes participants).

7:15 AM Dr. Beatrice Russell Welcome to Third Annual Burundi Education Mission Symposium.

7:17 -7:27 AM Dr. Russell: Time to introduce Burundi Education Mission Symposium Founders and Board of Directors and Planning Committee / Organizers in alphabetical order. (1.30-2:00 minutes each)

Dr. Beatrice Russell : Founder and Chair of Burundi Education Mission Board of Directors .
BEM Symposium Director.

Dr. Beatrice Russell is an Associate Professor and French Area Head Program in the Department of World Languages and Literatures at California State University at Sacramento (USA).

Board Directors:

Mr. Felix Balitumye. Founding (First) Board of Director. Mr. Balitumye is the Uganda IT Director and consultant to Burundi Education Mission. He will join forces with Mr. Bienvenu Irakoze, Burundi IT Director to build technology infrastructure for learning in targeted secondary schools. Mr. Balitumye lead and completed at least a six -week Professional Training in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and his Professional ICT Training Team included Ms. Grace Kwagala from Uganda. More on this later.

Dr. Raymond Bimazubute: Founding (First) Board of Director of BEM.

Dr. Bimazubute is Professor of Computer Sciences at Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University Stuttgart. Germany. BEM Symposium Director.

Mr. Bienvenu Irakoze. Founding (First) Board of Director. Mr. Irakoze is the appointed Executive Secretariat of Information and Communication Technologies). His main mission is to coordinate all Projects and Programs aimed at the implementation of the Burundi National (Information Communication Technologies (ICT) strategy.

Ms. Janet Kerr. Founding (First) Board of Director. Ms. Kerr is an Associate Tax Auditor /Franchise Tax Board of California State. Ms Kerr and I attend Sierra Vista Community Church and we are both Mission Committee members.

Dr. Leah Ndimurwimo. BEM Board of Director, Director of BEM Peace Education and Symposium Director. Dr. Ndimurwimo is an Associate Professor of Law. Nelson Mandela University's South Campus Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth. South Africa.

Acknowledgment: Thank you Mr. Bede Ngaruko for volunteering to create a Chat Group and being the moderator for the time being.

Dr. B. Russell: Introduces overarching theme and Keynote speaker.

ZOOM (MAIN ROOM)

~7:30 AM- 8:00 AM: Keynote Speaker Dr. Emily Dunlop.

“ Ethnicity, Exclusion, and Exams: Education Policy and Politics in Burundi from the Independent Republics to the Civil War (1966–1993)”.

8:00 AM- 8:15 AM Q & A.

8:20 AM-8:40 AM: **Speaker #2:** Founding Board member Mr. Felix Balitumye: Professional Training in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

8:45 AM -9:00. Mr. Edrine Ddungu, Director of Little Children of Jesus Program (USA & Uganda)

Certificates and monetary incentives ceremony

Certificates to Founding Board Members for their Dedication and Unrelenting Services to BEM.

Mr. Felix Balitumye, Dr. Bimazubute and Mr. Bienvenu Irakoze

Q&A

9:25AM- 9:55 AM Concurrent Presentations (Zoom Breakout Rooms):

- Doctor Nizigama, Ph.D. “Inventorier valeurs et anti-valeurs traditionnelles, promouvoir les unes et combattre les autres : pour une harmonisation entre tradition et modernité au Burundi”
- Reverend & Ph. D. student, Mr. Gervais Nahimana. *Effect of social inclusion on Batwa community development in Kabezi: A case of Migera, Ramba and Mubone zones.*
- TBD: South Africa on Landownership.

10:00 AM- 10:30: All presentaters and participants Back in the Main Zoom Room.

Dr. B. Russell: Call for Board of Directors as Social Media Moderators.

BEM New direction: Mr. Balitumye

- Peace Conference Lecture: June- July 2024. University of Burundi, at Bujumbura. Honorarium for the speaker in Burundi.
- Mr. Felix Balitumye (Land dispute. Solution: creating a Data center of ownership).
- BEM Community Land for agriculture. AKA ‘Community gardens’.

‘Potential’ Funding:

BOND. <https://www.bond.org.uk/resources-support/funding/>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>

Q & A.

Dr. B. Russell: Thank you all. END OF SYMPOSIUM.