**Burundi Education Mission**

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**Second Annual Burundi Education Mission Symposium 4/21/ 2023**

**Promotion of peace, education, technology and health**

**Friday, April 21, 2023 USA - California Time 9:00:00 AM-12:30 PM/ PST UTC.**

**18:00-21:30 Germany, 18:00-21:30 Burundi and 19:00-22:30 Uganda**

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**SCHEDULE**

**9:00-9:10 AM** Check In (Dr. Béatrice Russell welcomes participants).

**9:10** **AM** Dr. Beatrice Russell Welcome to Second Annual Burundi Education Mission Symposium.

**9:17 -9:27 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)

Mr.Felix Balitumye: Mr. Felix 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.

Dr. Raymond Bimazubute:  Dr. Raymond Bimazubute is Professor of Computer Sciences at Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University Stuttgart. Germany. He is also the Symposium Co-Director of Burundi Friends of Education Mission Symposium.

Mr. Bienvenu Irakoze :  Mr. Bienvenu Irakoze  is the appointed Executive Secretariat of Information and Communication Technologies) whose 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: Ms. Janet Kerr is an Associate Tax Auditor /Franchise Tax Board of California State.  Co-Chair Sierra Vista Community Church Mission Committee. Ms. Kerr is in charge of establishing Burundi Education Mission as a 501 (C) (3) which is a US charity organization [1].

Ms. Grace Kwagala. Burundi Education Mission Program Administrative Student Assistant and Conference Coordinator. Ms. Kwagala is from Uganda and an ICT student**.**

Mr. Tom Tortora is a Founding member of Burundi Education Mission he is unavailable today.

Mr. Tortora I am a graduate of the Data Communications Institute (which is comparable to the Cisco IT training). He has worked for 2 years as a Computer Lab Instructor for a special education high school. The last 15 years of Mr. Tortora career involved selling computer-related products to both school districts and government customers throughout Northern California.

9:27-9:39 Dr. Beatrice Russell (Ph. D). (Born in Burundi), the Symposium Co-Director and an active member of Sierra Vista Community Church and its Mission Committee. Associate professor, French Area Head/ Chair Program at California State University at Sacramento. Strong advocate for course redesigns using High quality Open Educational Resources (OER) in teaching and student learning which ultimately saves students’ textbook costs [Additional information in the Chat Room].

**9:30- 9:35 AM** Dr. Russell*:* Burundi Education Symposium preliminary inventory finds and acknowledges that Burundi is working to become a developing country in spite of issues with education quality and basic quality of life *(5-6 minutes total). (Reference: ISTEBU/WORLD BANK & UNESCO’s Dropout rate data)*

**Our second Annual Symposium focuses on the most important areas:** Promotion of peace, education, technology and health.

Dr. Beatrice Russell: Mr. Bienvenu Irakoze has prepared a video:

**9:36 AM** Dr. Russell enables Zoom screen share and Mr. Irakoze shows the video

**9:36 AM** Mr. Irakoze: Intro to Video clip highlighting Burundi. (2 minute)

**9:40 AM** Mr. Irakoze shows video clip highlighting Burundi (1:45 minutes).

Note: if **Mr. Irakoze has Internet connection issues, Dr. Russell takes over**

Mr. Irakoze: **Follow –up Questions / Reactions/ Comments (5 minutes)**

**(ALL participants stay in the Zoom Conference Room)**

**Education & Technology 1**

ICT lab Teaching and Learning with Technology Costs.

9:50: Dr. Bimazubute will explain the need for an ICT lab to support teaching and learning in secondary schools located in Kamenge (Bujumbura Mairie, Burundi). Reference Persons in Kamenge: Mr.TUYAGA Léon. Show webste:

**9:55**: Dr. Bimazubute: Introduces Presenters Ms. Grace Kwagala and Mr. Felix Balitumye

**Full quotation for the ICT Lab prepared by MS. Grace Kwagala and Mr. Balitumye.**

**Update / present the PDF file.**

<https://www.burundifriendsofeducation.com/_files/ugd/529b40_42fe60e32938461f806cae53bea59779.pdf>

Note: if **Ms. Grace Kwagala and Mr. Balitumye have Internet connection issues, Dr. Russell takes over**

Dr. Bimazubute: invites participants to ask and/or post their questions in the Chat Room

***Q & A: 10 Minutes***

**10:20 AM - Education & Technology # 2**

Dr. Bimazubute: Introduces presenter: Mr. Félix Balitumye. (20 minutes or less)

Teaching Technology and Certificate Awards in Uganda.

10:40 AM Dr. Bimazubute invites participants to ask and/or post their questions in the Chat Room

**11:00 Promotion of peace**

11:00 AM Dr. Bimazubute Raymond Introduces:

Dr Leah A Ndimurwino. **“Land Restitution in Post-conflict Africa: An Impediment to Peace and Security in Burundi** “

**11:30-11:45.** Dr.Béatrice Nibigira Russell. **“President Melchior Ndadaye, the seeds of Democracy, Truth and Reconciliation in Burundi ”.**

**Q & A: ≈ 15 minutes**

**Health and Nutrition**

12:10 –12: 20: Mr. Irakoze gives an update on raising rabbits projected costs.

Note: if  **Mr. Irakoze has Internet connection issues, Dr. Bimazubute takes over.**

12:25 PM Dr. Russell: Thanking everyone who attended the symposium.

**Dr. Russell: 2024 Symposium** (Zoom Friday, April 19th, 2024 if in USA. June- July? 2024 if Symposium will be held in Burundi. - Note: Zoom password will be given to ONLY those who registered for the 2024 Symposium).

**Zoom invite**

Beatrice Russell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Burundi Education Mission SECOND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 2023 (4/21/2023). (A.K.A.Burundi Friends of Education)

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