

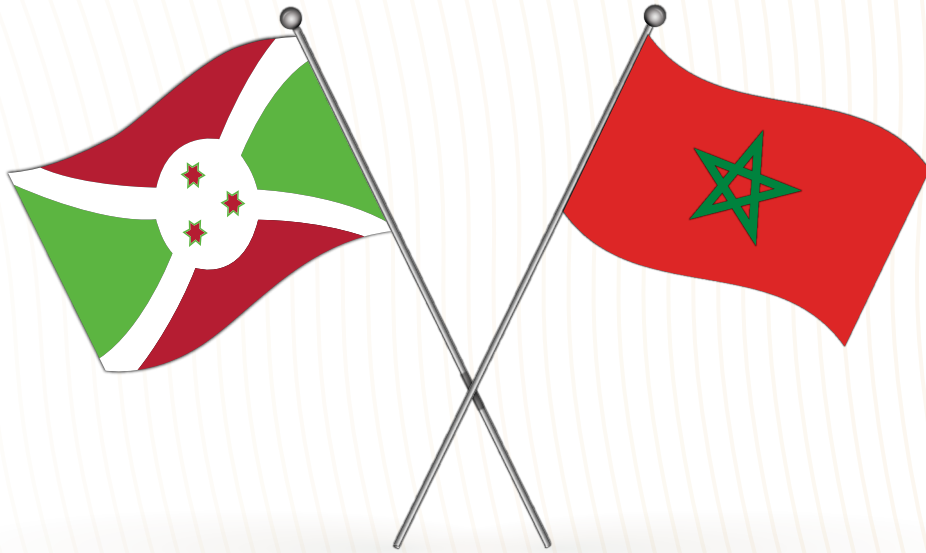


*Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
African Cooperation  
and Moroccan Expatriates*



# **Joint communiqué**

## **Kingdom of Morocco - Republic of Burundi**



**Rabat, October 19, 2022**

1. H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco, had bilateral talks with H.E. Mr. Albert Shingiro, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation of the Republic of Burundi.

During an official visit to Morocco, from 16 to 21 October 2022.

2. During their talks, the two ministers commended the exemplary character that marks the relations between the two countries and reaffirmed their commitment to make every effort to develop, intensify and diversify their cooperation in several areas, in accordance with the political will expressed by His Majesty King Mohammed VI and Burundian President, HE. Evariste Ndayishimiye.
3. H.E Mr. Bourita welcomed the strong and commendable initiatives of His Excellency Mr. Evariste, which aim to provide a new reforming impetus for the development and emergence of the Republic of Burundi and reiterated Morocco's firm commitment to share its know-how and expertise in terms of socio-economic, human and cultural development.
4. The two ministers also stressed the important role that should be played by the Moroccan and Burundian private sectors in boosting cooperation relations, given the mutually beneficial economic potential of the two countries, adding that the two parties called on, in this regard, economic operators and investors of both countries to seize the opportunities offered in various economic sectors.
5. The two sides have also stressed their interest in the establishment of an ambitious and fruitful cooperation in economic sectors such as: agriculture, energy, vocational training, infrastructure, health, public finance and mining.
6. The two ministers also underlined the need to strengthen the political dialogue between the two countries to further boost bilateral relations. To this end, they agreed on the importance of promoting regular political consultations between the two countries on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest.
7. In this sense, the two ministers signed two agreements. The first concerns the creation of a Joint Cooperation Commission, and the second concerns the exemption of visas for holders of diplomatic, service and special passports.
8. On the multilateral level, the two parties agreed to mutually support the Moroccan and Burundian candidacies at the level of regional and

international cooperation mechanisms. On this occasion, H.E Mr. Shingiro announced his country's firm and unequivocal support for the candidacy of Morocco for a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2028-2029.

9. The two parties are committed to supporting each other on the major issues concerning their fundamental interests.
  10. In this context, H.E. Albert Shingiro reaffirmed the commitment of the Republic of Burundi to the principle of territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Kingdom of Morocco.
  11. The Republic of Burundi considers the autonomy initiative, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, as the basis for achieving a sustainable, pragmatic and realistic solution based on compromise.
  12. H.E. Albert Shingiro also reaffirmed his country's support for the efforts of the UN Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy to relaunch the political process on the basis of the UN Security Council resolutions.
  13. H.E Mr. Albert Shingiro expressed to H.E Mr. Nasser Bourita the heartfelt thanks of the Burundian delegation for the warm welcome and African hospitality they received during their stay in Morocco.
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