



## RESPONSES TO INFORMATION REQUESTS (RIRs)

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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Burundi: The format of the birth date in Burundian passports; whether more than three letters are sometimes used to abbreviate the month	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy	Sources consulted by the Research Directorate indicate that the month of the date of birth in a Burundian passport can be written with more than three letters (Burundi 14 Oct. 2009; OMAC 14 Oct. 2009; UN 14 Oct. 2009).	
References		
Publications		
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	During a 14 October 2009 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, an official from the police responsible for airspace surveillance, border control and registration of foreigners (Police de l'air, des frontières et des étrangers, PAFE), a division of the Burundi National Police (Police nationale du Burundi, PNB) (UN 21 Feb. 2005, 7), stated that in new passports issued since 2005, dates and years are written as numbers and that only months are written in letters, some abbreviated and some in full.	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division		
Decisions		
Forms		
Statistics	During a 14 October 2009 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a representative of the Central African Media Organization (Organisation des médias d'Afrique centrale, OMAC), an organization of representatives from professional media organizations, freedom-of-the-press associations and professional journalists from Central Africa (OMAC n.d.), explained that, depending on the length of the word, some months may be written with more than three letters. For example, in his own passport, his date of birth is written as "04 juil.-jul 1957" (OMAC 14 Oct. 2009).	
Research		
Research Program		
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets	This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.	
Responses to Information Requests		
Recent Research		
Media Centre		
News		
Information Sheets	Burundi. 14 October 2009. Police de l'air, des frontières et des étrangers (PAFE). Telephone interview with an official.	
Media Relations		
Transparency		
Completed Access to Information Requests	United Nations (UN). 14 October 2009. UN Integrated Office in Burundi (Bureau intégré des Nations Unies au Burundi, BINUB). Telephone interview with a representative.	

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- Burundi. 14 October 2009. Police de l'air, des frontières et des étrangers (PAFE). Telephone interview with an official.
- United Nations (UN). 14 October 2009. UN Integrated Office in Burundi (Bureau intégré des Nations Unies au Burundi, BINUB). Telephone interview with a representative.

Proactive Disclosure

\_\_\_\_\_. 21 February 2005. UN Operation in Burundi (ONUB). "L'ONUB entame la formation des éléments de la nouvelle police burundaise." *Bulletin hebdomadaire de l'opération des Nations Unies au Burundi*, Info No. 24. (International Documentation Network on the Great African Lakes Region) <://www.grandslacs.net/doc/3519.pdf> [Accessed 14 Oct. 2009]

Organisation des médias d'Afrique centrale (OMAC). 14 October 2009. Telephone interview with a representative.

\_\_\_\_\_. N.d. "Bienvenue." <http://www.omac -afrique.org/> [Accessed 15 Oct. 2009]

### Additional sources consulted

**Oral sources:** Attempts to contact the Embassy of the Republic of Burundi in Ottawa were unsuccessful.

**Internet sites, including:** Association de réflexion et d'information sur le Burundi (ARIB), Centre d'alerte et de prévention des conflits (CENAP), Ligue burundaise des droits de l'homme ITEKA (Ligue ITEKA), Ligue des droits de la personne dans la région des Grands Lacs (LDGL), Net Press.

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