



**BURUNDI**  
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**The 2021 AFRICAN CAUCUS**

***Digitalization for Inclusive Recovery and Sustainable Growth***

**Venue:** National Assembly and Virtual Arrangements

**Country:** Bujumbura, Burundi

**Date:** August 3- 6, 2021

**PROGRAM**

**Floor Manager: Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Tuesday, August 3, 2021	01:00 - 02:30 pm	Excursion to the tea plantations in TEZA
	03:00 – 06:00 pm	Entertainment in BUGARAMA and return to Bujumbura
	07:00 - 09:00 pm	Dinner at Royal Palm Resort (Atrium)
Wednesday, August 4, 2021	08: 00 am – 08:40 am	Seating of the guests
	08:45 am - 09:00 am	Opening Ceremony
	09:00 am – 09:45 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayers</li> <li>• Welcoming remarks by the Chairman of the African Caucus – Dr. Domatien Ndiokubwayo, Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning (Burundi)</li> <li>• Opening speech by H.E. General Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi</li> </ul>
	09:45 am - 10:15 am	Group photo and Coffee Break
	10:15 am-12:15 pm	<p><b>Session 1: Mobilizing Resources for Digital Infrastructure</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Hon. Alamine Ousmane Mey, Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (Cameroon)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Panelist 1: Dr. Vera Songwe – Under-Secretary and Executive Secretary (ECA)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Panelist 2: Dr. Rania Al- Mashat – Minister of Internal Cooperation (Egypt)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Panelist 3: Mr. Ruud De Mooij – IMF Advisor on Revenue Mobilization (FAD)</i></li> </ol> <p><i>Discussion: All Governors</i></p>
	12:15 pm -12:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
	12:50 pm – 1:50 pm	<i>Presentation - Sub-Saharan Africa—Regional Economic Outlook: Navigating A Long Pandemic - Mr. Papa N’Diaye – IMF Division Chief - Regional Studies Division (AFR)</i>
	02:00 pm – 03:45 pm	<p><b>Session 2: Enhancing Africa’s Capacity to Harness Potentials of Digitalization</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Hon. Athian Ding Athian, Minister of Finance and Planning (South Sudan)</i></p>

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	03:45 pm - 04:00 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>
	04:00 pm - 05:30 pm	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Digital Economy for Africa – Mr. Hafez Ghanem, World Bank Vice President (Africa Eastern &amp; Southern Region)</i>
	07:00 pm - 09:00 pm	Gala Dinner
Thursday, August 5, 2021	08:00 am - 09:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
	09:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Access to Electricity as a Prerequisite for Digitalization – EDs’ message to the Governors - Mr. Alphonse Kouagou, WBG Executive Director - (AFG2)</i>
	10:15 am - 11:45 pm	<p><b>Session 3: Jobs and Economic Transformation (JET)</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Hon. Rich Randiamandranto, Minister of Economy and Finance</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Panelist 1: Prof. Mthuli Ncube – Minister of Finance &amp; Economic Development (Zimbabwe)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Panelist 2: Mr. Albert Zeufack – Chief Economist (World Bank Africa Region)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Panelist 3: Mr. Sergio Pimento – Regional Vice President for Africa (IFC)</i></li> </ol> <p><i>Discussion: All Governors</i></p>
	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
	12:50 pm – 01:50 pm	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Illicit Financial Flows – WBG perspective (Jean Pesme – WB Global Director - FCI ) &amp; Academic perspective (Prof. Leonce NDIKUMANA – Distinguished Professor of Economics Univ. of Massachussettes)</i>
	02:00 pm - 04:00 pm	<p><b>Session 4: Digital Financial Service and Digital Money – Opportunities, Risks and Safeguards to Enhance Adaptation – Keynote Speaker – Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, IMF Managing Director</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Patrick Njoroge, Governor for Central Bank of Kenya</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Panelist 1: Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli – Division Chief (IMF-MCM) on CBDCs and G20 Report on Cross Border Aspects</i></li> <li>2. <i>Panelist 2: Mr. Harvesh Kumar Seegolam – Governor Bank of Mauritius – Domestic CBDC</i></li> <li>3. <i>Panelist 3: Mr. Timothy Antoine – Governor Eastern Caribbean Central Bank - Domestic CBDC</i></li> <li>4. <i>Panelist 4: Mr. Howard Lee - Deputy Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority Hong Kong Monetary Authority (presentation on MCBDC bridge)</i></li> </ol>

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		<i>Discussion: All Governors</i>
	04:15 pm - 06:30 pm	<i>Review of the Draft 2021 African Caucus Memorandum and finalization of the Bujumbura Declaration – Mr. Taufila Nyamadzabo (Executive Director – WBG, AFG1)</i>
	06:30 pm - 07:00 pm	Closing - Concluding remarks by the African Caucus Chairman – Dr. Domatien Ndiokubwayo, Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning (Burundi)
	7:00pm	Dinner
Friday, August 6, 2021		Free day (Free tour in Bujumbura and surroundings) and departure of participants