



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS DEBATE END OF BNUB MANDATE



With its closure set for the end of the year, the Office organized a panel discussion on *"the end of BNUB's mandate: achievements, challenges and prospects"* which brought together members of the Government, a former Head of State, representatives of State institutions, political parties and political actors, civil society and religious leaders.

Participants recalled the work of the Office during its tenure namely promotion of political dialogue, protection of human rights and reinforcement of capacities of national institutions and civil society organizations but also the on-going electoral process in Burundi. Main speakers included the Minister of Interior Edouard Nduwimana, the Ministry of External relations permanent secretary Salvator Ntacobamaze, African Union Special Representative Boubacar Diarra and SRSG Parfait Onanga-Anyanga.



TRANSITION STEERING GROUP HELD LAST MEETING

At the meeting held in late November, the Government, international partners and the United Nations assessed the implementation of the UN Office in Burundi (BNUB)'s transition plan. The Minister of Interior, the Special Representative, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and the Deputy Special Representative and Resident Coordinator (left to right) chaired the meeting which also focused on the identification of good practices while implementing this process.

The establishment of the steering group was encouraged by Security Council Resolution 2137 on BNUB's transition *"to map the international community's support to Burundi, in particular the transfer of functions currently provided by BNUB which may be needed after the Mission's planned drawdown."*



GLOBAL OPEN DAY ON RESOLUTION 1325 MARKED IN BURUNDI



Dozens of women from across Burundi gathered in Bujumbura to attend the commemoration of the fifth edition of the Global Open Day on Security Council Resolution 1325. After the official opening by the First Vice-President, Prosper Bazombanza, participants addressed the Minister of Solidarity, human rights and gender equality Clotilde Niragira, SRSG Onanga-Anyanga and UN Women representative in Burundi, Jérémie Delage, raising topics related to the role of Burundian women in the current electoral process, the fight against gender-based violence and the UN assistance in helping address their concerns.