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The Government of Burundi, in partnership with the World Bank and ARE, is organising the third edition of the Burundi Renewable Energy Access Days

In order to accelerate progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal No. 7, and under the high patronage of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi, the Ministry of Water, Energy, and Mines (MINHEM), the World Bank, and the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) will jointly organise the third edition of the Burundi Renewable Energy Access Days ([BREAD](#)). The event is scheduled to take place from 15 to 16 October 2024 in Bujumbura.

The main objective of the event is to present the government's strategy to achieve universal access by 2030, by reviewing the implementation of recommendations from previous editions. It will also provide an opportunity to develop a detailed roadmap for the sustainability of the energy sector.

"The Government of Burundi will implement all necessary reforms to allow the execution of the projects and programmes included in the Universal Energy Access Strategy in Burundi by 2030," said **Ibrahim Uwizeye, Minister of Water, Energy, and Mines.**

A major event in the energy sector in Burundi, BREAD-2024 will bring together key stakeholders to assess innovative strategies for universal access to electricity, while advancing the country's climate agenda.

"The Renewable Energy Access Days in Burundi is an essential platform for dialogue among all stakeholders to accelerate electrification efforts in the country and improve the living conditions of Burundians. We look forward to fruitful exchanges that will help establish a clear path to achieving 100%

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electricity access," emphasised **Hawa Cissé Wagué**, World Bank Resident Representative.

David Lecoque, CEO of ARE, expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming event: "*We are delighted to bring together key partners for the third edition of the Burundi Renewable Energy Access Days. Collaboration with the Ministry and the World Bank is an important step towards Burundi's progress in achieving sustainable, affordable, and reliable energy access. ARE and its members are committed to playing an active role in helping the country meet its universal electrification goals.*"

Participants can expect a rich programme over the two days, with networking opportunities and an exhibition showcasing innovative products and services in the renewable energy sector.

The event will also be streamed live online for those unable to attend in person. For more information, please visit www.burundi-energie.org.

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The Alliance for Rural Electrification ([ARE](#)) is a global business association representing 200 members along the distributed renewable energy value chain, working to expand sustainable electricity access, create jobs and respond to climate change in Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America.

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