

AISI-Connect National ICT Profile BURUNDI (BI)

GENERAL DATA	ICT-INFRASTRUCTURE	ICT POLICIES
Capital: Bujumbura	Fixed lines (K) '98: 18	Competition in local loop: Monopoly
98 Population (M): 6.46	97-98 % Fixed Line Growth: 0.16	Competition in telephone terminals: Yes
Currency: BIF	98 Mobile Lines (K): 1	Independent regulator: No
Exch rate (/US\$): 544.69	Mobile Line Growth (%):	Private Wireless Data allowed: No
Currency Stability:	Cities with Internet POPs: 1	Independent Internet VSAT Allowed: No
97 GDP US\$/person: 159.0	Local Call National Internet: No	VSAT License Fees:
97 Total GDP (\$B):	Dialup Internet subscribers: 150	Satellite Phone access: No
Local Stock Exchange: No	International Bandwidth (Kbps): 64	Universal Service Obligations:
Personal Safety: 1	Internet Hosts: 0	IAP License Fees (\$/yr):
Political Stability:	Internet domains:	Private Phone Kiosks: No
Tertiary ICT Students:	Dialup Internet Cost 20hrs/mnth (\$):	Public VOIP Allowed: No
ICT Training seats:	64K Local Internet link (\$/mnth):	Business Ownership Rules:
ISDN: No	64K Internat Internet Link (\$/mnth):	Repatriation of Profits Rules:
VPN Services: No	Local phone call cost (US\$/hr): 0.75	Restrictions on market entry:
UNDP Human Devel Index:	Monthly tel line rental (\$/mnth):	Export Credit Guarantees:
.	Telephone waiting time/Wait List:	.
.	Internet Access Providers 2	.
.	Mobile Operators:	.
.	Fixed Line Telecom Operators:	.

[Key to table values](#) All figures above in US Dollars (\$)

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Internet:

The Centre National Informatique is a government department which has established a full ISP. A private company, **Bi-Network**, has set up an email-only service.

Telecommunications:

Aside from a joint venture with Telecel International for cellular phones, Office national des télécommunications (ONATEL) is the sole supplier of telecommunications and is responsible to the ministère des Transports, Postes et Télécommunications. A 40% sale of privatisation of the PTO is expected in early '99.

Communications costs:

CNI setup - 65 USD. Unlimited access- 150 USD/mnth. 10 hours/mnth - 50 USD/mnth + 0,20 USD per additional hour.

Local calls cost 13 BIF for 3 minutes US\$0.75 /hour.

National ICT Activities:

The **Direction générale de l'Éducation supérieure et de la Recherche scientifique** (DGRST) is responsible for managing and planning education and scientific research.

A project to create the **Centre national d'information et de documentation scientifique et technologique** (CNIDST) has been in process since the 1980's with support from UNESCO.

The Bibliothèque centrale of the **l'Université du Burundi** is in the process of computerisation with support from ACCT's BIEF programme which will install the project's sub-regional server there.

The **Ministère de la Jeunesse, des Sports et de la Culture** and the provincial administrations are being supported by Coopération française to establish 'foyers culturels' which include the use of ICTs and the installation of PCs. Ten **Centres de lecture et d'animation culturelle** (CLAC) have been established in the provinces with the support of ACCT.

Other relevant institutions:

- Faculte des Sciences Appliquees, Université du Burundi
- Faculté des Sciences économiques et administratives, Université du Burundi
- Centre d'études démographiques pour le développement
- Centre de perfectionnement des personnes en cours d'emploi
- Institut de recherches agronomiques et zootechniques

Organisational Activities in the ICT Sector:

[Centre Universitaire de Recherche pour le Developpment \(CURDIF\)](#)

[Bi-Network](#) Because of the high cost of CNI's service this private company has set up an email-only service. <http://bi-network.com/> gdizier@bi-network.com

[Centre National Informatique](#) A government department with a variety of networking activities, CNI has recently established a full ISP in Bujumbura called CBINET via a VSAT connection to SkyNet in Belgium. It is the sole provider of full Internet access. <http://cni.cbinf.com/>
cni@cbinf.com

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