

## **Joint workshop by BICC and Miparec, 27. September 2018**

### **Hotel Royal Palace, Bujumbura, Burundi**

(Re-)integrating refugees and IDPs: Lessons from Burundi

We cordially invite you to reflect jointly on the experience Burundi has been having in the current period in regard to its refugee and reintegration policy. The workshop hopes to learn from the participants about challenges and opportunities of the ongoing reintegration process. By scrutinising concrete “best” and “worst practices”, we intend to highlight possible potentials, risks, and alternatives that are relevant for sustainable and durable solutions to be put into practice. The workshop will bring practitioners, officials, and experts from CBOs, NGOs, INGOs, Government and the international community together to exchange ideas, learn from each other, and to equip participants with knowledge of best practice.

The project [“Protected rather than protracted—Strengthening refugees and peace”](#) was started by BICC as a response to the challenges posed by reintegration and local integration of displaced persons and their participation in peace processes. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in the framework of its Special Initiative “Fighting the causes of refugee movements, reintegrating refugees”. At the centre of the project is the collection of empirical data from seven regions, their comparative analysis and the elaboration of concrete proposals for action.

MIPAREC is national non-profit organization based in Burundi which was created in 1996 and got registered in 2002. MIPAREC envisions a peaceful, equitable and prosperous society. Its mission is to promote peace, community development and social cohesion by empowering communities through trainings in peaceful conflict transformation, lobbying and advocacy, governance and gender, human rights protection and promotion. Since its creation, MIPAREC has been largely involved in peace building at the grassroots level, using an integrated approach to change the culture of passivity manifested by many people with regard to the many conflicts and human rights violation that have been afflicting the nation.