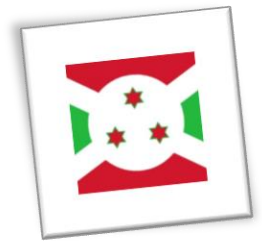


# FACTSHEET: BURUNDI

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## FAST FACTS

**Population:** 11,771,468

**Capital:** Gitega

**President:** Pierre Nkurunziza

**2019 Freedom House Score:** 14/100

**Data protection law?** No

## LAW

Despite not having a comprehensive data protection law, Burundi has been a party to meetings of the East African Community (EAC) to consider the status of cyber laws and highlight areas for reform. A few sectoral laws and regulations contain data protection provisions or impose confidentiality obligations on specific types of personal information. Employment, banking, telecommunications, and healthcare are among the sectors covered.

## PERSONAL DATA

*Personal data* is not defined under Burundian law.

## COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

Certain sectoral laws and regulations require data handlers to process personal information confidentially.

## REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Burundi has no data protection authority, and no requirement to appoint data protection officers.

## CROSS-BORDER TRANSFER

There are no laws restricting cross-border transfer, but under some sectoral laws, companies are required to gain consent before transferring personal information to third parties.

## SECURITY AND BREACH PROTOCOL

Burundian law contains no data security or breach requirements.

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