

Le Burundi à l'heure de la mondialisation et la question de l'identité linguistique

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Abstract: The internationalization phenomenon is incontestably linked to the linguistic phenomenon. Some linguistic identities are called to disappear whereas others appear. The powerful languages will dominate those not having any speakers and/or those that are not spoken internationally anymore. This article focuses on Burundi, that is integrated in the East African Community (EAC) and that adopted multiple languages that are [or will be] used in Burundi. This phenomenon will turn the Burundians, who are traditionally Kirundiphones, into "French-speakers" or "English-speakers" according to the case.

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