

American Spaces Program Highlights

PAS Bujumbura hosts many programs in its network of American spaces: the American Center Bujumbura, the American Corner Kamenge, the American Corner Gitega, the American Shelf Ngozi, and the soon-to-be added Ubuntu American Shelf.



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Ambassador Higgins participated in the 8th anniversary of AC Gitega

On March 29th, Ambassador Higgins participated in a ceremony to celebrate the 8th anniversary of the American Corner in Gitega. Thirty-three individuals graduated from courses in American English, computer literacy and entrepreneurship. Twenty-six Gitega-area high school students participated in a poetry writing contest, and the Ambassador presented prizes to the three winners. The event was broadcast by Iwacu Press Group, which runs the American Corner, and by Humuriza TV and Radio.



AMERICAN SPACES PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

Virtual and in-person English discussion clubs, virtual and in-person entrepreneurial talk series, American movie screening + discussion, MOOCs, English language learning, rural women empowerment, storytelling for kids, leadership club, computer literacy, cultural club, Tuesday for women and Wednesday for Women, TED Talks and discussion, educational advising, alumni engagement through speaker programs, and YALI RLC EA chapter Burundi roundtable discussions.

Training in Leadership by area high school teachers for the Central region

On March 16, 2022 the American Corner Gitega hosted a leadership program on the topic: "How solving community problems can make you successful." The group watched a video by Myles Munroe's on how to use their talents to find solutions for community problems.



On International Women's Day, AC Gitega sponsored a presentation on the theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow." Participants learned about the role of women in successful development, followed by social interaction.



AMERICAN SHELF NGOZI TRAINS AND ENTERTAINS.

On March 16, 2022, the AS Ngozi celebrated International Women's Day with a presentation on the theme "The role of the women in peacebuilding," followed by a debate.



The program ended with songs to praise women. More than sixty young men and women from the area's secondary schools and the University of Ngozi participated in the event.



UAS trains more than 150 in Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and English programs



From March 8 to 18, Ubuntu American Shelf organized English language, entrepreneurship, cultural, and leadership programs for more than 150 participants from Mugamba and other surrounding communes. Despite the lack of equipment, they learned English writing, speaking, reading, and listening skills. They also discussed culture as the foundation of peace, unity, and identity. For the entrepreneurship training, they focused on agribusiness and sustainability. This center plans to augment the programs to include computer literacy and educational advising.

Virtual entrepreneurial talk series

On March 31st, the American Center hosted a virtual and in-person entrepreneurial talk series with virtual speakers via three platforms: the U.S. Embassy Facebook page, Humuriza International TV, and Humuriza FM Radio.

The program featured four Mandela Washington Fellow and IVLP alumni entrepreneurs: Alain Irankunda, Jean Berchmans Siboniyo, Belise Nahimana and Perry Saxe Gateka. They participated in a joint presentation on the topic “Entrepreneurship: Learn from youth who dared to start their own businesses and overcome challenges to achieve success.”

TOPIC: “KWIYUNGUNGANYA”
“Igira ku Rwaruka rwiroshe
ruratangura uko biriko birarugendera”

March 31 2022

Guest Speakers: **14h**

Jean Berchmans
Siboniyo
Founder
of
AMEBE& Sacor Services

Alain Irankunda
Entrepreneur

Moderator
Belise Nahimana
Entrepreneur

Hosted by: **f LIVE**

1. <https://www.facebook.com/usembassy.bujumbura>
2. American Spaces
3. <https://www.facebook.com/HumurizaTV/international>



U.S. Embassy Burundi Presents:

BOOK CLUB

Join us in our upcoming reading

Every Last Thursday of the Month
12 pm - 2 pm
Starting in April

American Corner Kamenge
University of Burundi Campus

Meet your book club members for the first time at American Corner Kamenge!

The American Center Bujumbura created its virtual book club with access to eBooks and audio books provided by YouScribe, a partner of Nouveaux Horizons – ARS Paris.

Members will meet in person for the first time on Thursday, April 28, 2022, from 12:00 to 14:00 p.m. at the American Corner Kamenge, on the University of Burundi campus.

It is still open to new audiences who want to benefit from this opportunity. They can send names to IRCBujumbura@state.gov