

## American Spaces Program Highlights

PAS Bujumbura hosts many programs in its network of American spaces: 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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## English Conversation Opportunities.

The AC Kamenge English Conversation Club with American diplomats as guest speakers shows the Embassy's support for American Spaces and provides future leaders of Burundi with the opportunity to interact with Americans and practice their English. On Friday, December 31, 2021, PAS Bujumbura hosted its weekly English Conversation Club with volunteer speaker Curtis Trindal on the topic of how Americans and Burundians celebrate the New Year.

In the United States, people begin to celebrate the New Year on December 31st, New Year's Eve. Families and friends gather to share a meal and "ring in" the New Year, often with a toast and a song. Americans also enjoy the tradition of watching the New Year's festivities at Times Square (New York City), which are broadcast on TV.

New Year's Day (January 1st) is a national holiday in the United States. A popular American tradition is making New Year's resolutions when people promise to do something better in the year to come. Some even write down their New Year's resolutions and share them with their friends. The New Year is a celebration in many other cultures too although it does not always take place at the same time.

Burundians celebrate New Year's Day by sharing food with their families and neighbors. Many also go to church to thank God for the finished year and the start of the new year.

## Outreach to high schools in the northern region

AS Ngozi: On December 11 and 12, 2021, as part of the AS Ngozi Promotion program, the American Shelf Ngozi coordinator conducted an outreach at two schools in Ngozi city: Lycée New Life and Ngozi III Fundamental School. His aim was to tell students at these schools, especially those in senior high school, about the English language learning resources and EducationUSA test preparation materials at AS Ngozi. All resources available at AS Ngozi are accessible to everyone and are free of charge.



## Elementary scholars learn English through Stories

On January 15, 2022, American Shelf Ngozi hosted the Kids English Club and engaged members in a session of storytelling, dance, and games. The program helped the children develop competitiveness and perseverance through a lesson on naming body parts.





## Women's Rights Awareness in Burundi

On December 11, 2021, Michella Niyonizigiye, a lawyer who studied at Lumiere University in Bujumbura, led a session entitled "Women's Rights in Burundi" to help rural women know some of the laws that protect them and know what to do when those laws are violated.



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Programs

Women's Empowerment Club, Storytelling for kids, Entrepreneurship sessions, an English club, Computer literacy, American movies, a cultural club, Tuesday for women, English language learning, and roundtable discussions.

## Martin Luther King Day

On January 21, 2022, the Martin Luther King American Corner in Gitega hosted a discussion in English after watching the film "Martin Luther King's Story." The goal was to educate participants on the important role of Martin Luther King in democracy, both in America and around the world, as almost all world leaders look to his ideals.

Participants concluded that while many organizations have fought for human rights around the world, they find their inspiration in Dr. King, who was willing to lose his life to save the lives of others. As a moral lesson, participants suggested that the struggle for community freedom brings honor to leaders and society as a whole



**Guest Speaker: Jean Berchmans SIBONIYO.**  
MWF Alumni  
 Founder of AMEBE  
 (Association of Mentors for Business and Entrepreneurship)

*"Kuba uwikoreye ivyire si ubuhungiro  
 ku babuze akazi, ahubwo ni umwuga usaba vyinshi."*

Hosted by:  
 Dr. Engr Perry Save Gateka

January 27, 2022  
 2PM  
 LIVE

**Guest Speaker: Guillaume NDAYIZIGIYE**

## Upcoming Events

- **Entrepreneurial talk series on the U.S. Embassy Facebook page and Humuriza Radio & TV.**

Jean Berchmans Siboniyo and Guillaume Ndayizigiye will hold a joint online presentation on the topic "Why Entrepreneurship is not a refuge for the jobless, but a demanding choice" on Thursday January 27, 2022 at 14:00

- **English Conversation Club with American diplomats.**

Sarah Pietre will lead a discussion on health at Rosa Parks AC Kamenge on Friday January 28, 2022, at 11 a.m.