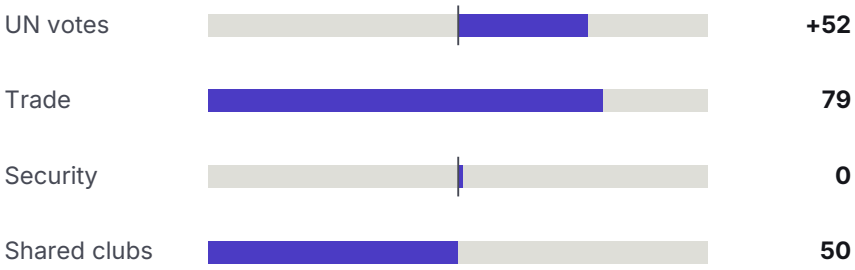
Kenya & Burundi

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Close

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

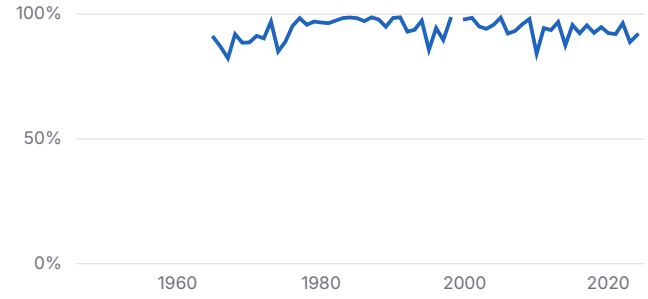


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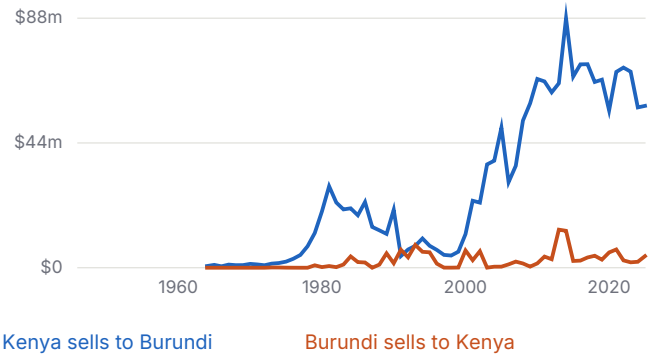
- At the UN their vote agreement is 92% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($63 million a year) is important for Burundi, much less so for Kenya.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Kenya names Burundi more often than the reverse (15 sentences against 7).
- 14,000 people born in Burundi live in Kenya (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 35,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Burundi in Kenya; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

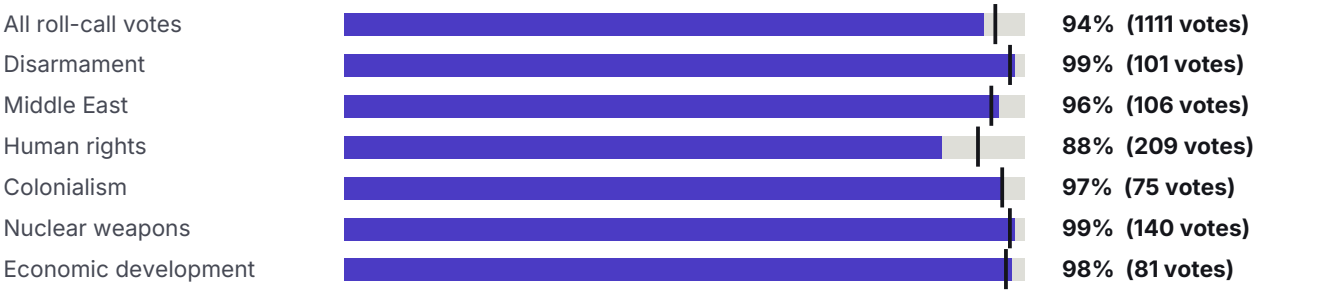
Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of Kenya and Burundi was 92% in 2022–2024. For Kenya, Burundi is the 61st closest voting partner out of 191; for Burundi, Kenya is the 32nd closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $63 million a year in 2023–2025: 0.2% of all Kenya's trade and 7.9% of Burundi's.
Words	Since 1946, Kenya has named Burundi in 15 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Burundi has named Kenya in 7.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	1,400 people born in Kenya live in Burundi and 14,000 born in Burundi live in Kenya (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 10 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	232 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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