



EU-EAC CORE Programme Support to *Ordre des Professionnels Comptables du Burundi (OPC)* on the Path to IFAC Membership

One of the **EU-EAC CORE Programme's** key result areas is building capacity and fostering enhanced cooperation among regulators.

In line with this, the Programme has partnered with the *Ordre des Professionnels Comptables du Burundi (OPC)* to support its journey toward full membership in the **International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)**.



Established under the 2001 Accountants Decree, *Ordre des Professionnels Comptables du Burundi (OPC)* is the official regulatory body mandated to oversee and uphold accountancy standards in Burundi. The OPC plays a vital role in supervising the professional conduct of accountants and auditors across both public and private sectors.

In recognition of its strategic importance, the Government of Burundi has entrusted OPC with a leading role in strengthening the national regulatory framework and advancing the accountancy profession.

Despite notable progress, OPC requires targeted support to meet IFAC's **Statements of Membership Obligations (SMOs)**—a prerequisite for attaining full IFAC membership. The EU-EAC CORE Programme is actively supporting this ambition by enhancing OPC's institutional framework and professional practices.

Key areas of support include:

- Strengthening OPC's training and examination systems;
- Building professional quality management through training of trainers and examiners on the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) syllabus;
- Enhancing OPC's capacity to conduct investigations and enforce compliance with international standards; and
- Improving the quality and implementation of the **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** policy framework, aligning it with IFAC requirements.



Through this collaboration, the EU-EAC CORE Programme seeks to empower OPC to become a more effective and internationally recognized regulator. Ultimately, this will contribute to greater mobility for accounting professionals, auditors, and accountancy firms within the East African Community, while supporting broader regional integration goals.