

# Kwibuka 25 Kigali International Conference : Preserving Memory, Championing Humanity

RTV, 4 April 2019

4-5 April 2019  
Intare Conference Arena, Kigali

## **DAY ONE: 4 April 2019**

MC: Sandra Shenge, Aegis Trust

9:00 – 10:00 Arrival and Registration

### **10:00 – 10:30 OPENING CEREMONY**

Welcome Remarks by Jean-Damascène Bizimana, Executive Secretary, National Commission for the Fight against Genocide (CNLG)

Opening Keynote Address by H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

### **10:30 – 12:00 Panel 1: Perspectives of a Post-Genocide Generation**

This panel will discuss the realities of a generational shift in society that has experienced a genocide. What lessons, challenges, and threats should future generations take note of from the last 25 years of restoring humanity within Rwandan society and the international community? What can we learn from comparative analysis?

Moderator: Sandra Shenge, Aegis Trust

Panelists:

Stéphane Audoin-Rouzeau, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

Edouard Bamporiki, National Itorero Commission

Catherine Coquio, Université Denis-Diderot

Aleksander Edelman, filmmaker

Boatamo Mosupyo, California State University, Sacramento

12:00 – 13:30 LUNCH

### **13:30 – 15:00 Panel 2: Genocide and Collapse of Society**

This session will focus on the role of the state, church, and media in the propagation of genocide ideology and the disintegration of the social fabric of Rwanda and how it led to the Genocide. Through concrete examples, it will explore how ethnic labels polarise societies across the world.

Moderator: Zachary Kaufman, Harvard Kennedy School & Stanford Law School

Panelists:

Frank Chalk, Concordia University

Victoria Fontan, American University of Afghanistan

David Gakunzi, journalist

Bishop John Rucyahana, National Unity and Reconciliation Commission

Andrew Wallis, author

**18:00 – 20:00 Café littéraire**

Featuring: Koulsy Lamko, Jean-Marie Rurangwa, and Virginie Brinker, moderated by Ariane Inkesha

Programme is in French and includes spoken word and song performances

Venue: Kigali Conference and Exhibition Village (KCEV), Camp Kigali

\*Limited seats available\*

## **DAY TWO: 5 April 2019**

### **9:00 – 10:30 Panel 3: Choosing Humanity in the Face of Inhumanity**

This session will focus on how the liberation movement led the campaign against genocide and dealt with inhumanity and injustice by providing assistance, shelter, and protection to all without discrimination. Discussions will expand on the difficult circumstances faced in the aftermath of the Genocide, particularly in the pursuit of justice, stability, and national unity.

Moderator: Emmanuel Nibishaka, Secretary-General, National Commission for Human Rights

Panelists:

Jean-François Dupaquier, investigative journalist

Margee Ensign, President, Dickinson College

Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba, Air Force Chief of Staff, Rwanda Defence Force

Jean-Paul Kimonyo, Office of the President of Rwanda

Charles Petrie, Former UN Assistant Secretary-General

10:30 – 10:45 BREAK

### **10:45 – 12:30 Panel 4: The Imperative of Justice: Past, Present, Future**

Special Remarks by Hon. Ba Tambadou, Minister of Justice of Gambia

This panel discussion will focus on the necessity for justice in the aftermath of genocide, in the context of nation-building, reconciliation, and eradicated impunity. The discussion will expand on how national and international jurisdictions intertwine to either advance or thwart accountability, and how judicial processes interact with geopolitics and historical memory.

Moderator: Providence Umurungi, Ministry of Justice, Rwanda

Panelists:

Aurélia Devos, Pôle Génocide, Parquet de Paris

Richard Gisagara, Paruelle & Associé, Paris

Linda Melvern, investigative journalist

Rt. Hon. Martin Ngoga, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly  
Charity Wibabara, National Public Prosecution Authority, Rwanda

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH

**14:00 – 15:30 Panel 5: Preserving Memory and Sustaining Gains  
in a Disruptive Age**

This panel with young Rwandan professionals will focus on memory and the need to invest more in its preservation and transmission to future generations, in an era where disinformation and sophisticated forms of denial and revisionism pollute public discourse. As the next generation in the aftermath of the Genocide, how are we addressing the invisible challenge of mental well-being and how it affects all aspects of our life as a nation? How have the gains made so far allowed us to flourish, and take responsibility for sustaining and extending that progress? How are we living a renewed sense of peace and identity, and how is it helping us to reconnect with our humanity?

Moderator: Jeanine Munyeshuli, activist

Panelists:

Laure Iyaga, CEO, Sana Initiative, Rwanda

Jessica Géronchal Mwiza, Ibuka France

Emmanuel Ndayizigiyie, agronomist, Rwanda

Laetitia Tran Ngoc, researcher, Belgium

Moses Turahirwa, fashion designer, Moshions, Rwanda

**15:30 – 16:00 CLOSING CEREMONY**

Closing Keynote Address by Adama Dieng, United Nations Special Adviser  
on the Prevention of Genocide

Concluding Remarks by Hon. Johnston Busingye, Minister of Justice &  
Attorney-General of Rwanda

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