



Press Release

Rwanda invites the world to mark the 20th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi – Kwibuka20

Kigali | 7 January 2014

Rwanda will today launch 'Kwibuka20', a series of events leading up to the 20th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi. Kwibuka is the Kinyarwanda word for 'remember' and describes the global commemoration framework. Rwanda invites the world to join Kwibuka20 by learning about the genocide, creating or joining a commemoration event and leaving a message of remembrance at www.kwibuka.rw.

The launch will take place at the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre in Gisozi, Kigali. It will be marked by the lighting of the Kwibuka Flame (flame of remembrance) which will then travel through Rwanda's thirty districts before returning to Kigali on 7 April 2014, the commencement of the national mourning period. Community conversations will take place in each district, offering Rwandans the opportunity to reflect on the events of 1994 as well as the country's journey since. The Kwibuka Flame symbolises remembrance as well as the resilience and courage of Rwandans over the past twenty years. The time from 7 January to 7 April 2014 is distinct from the official mourning period, Icyunamo, which will begin on 7 April 2014 with the lighting of the National Flame of Mourning.

The event will include the premiere of the Kwibuka20 'Remember, Unite, Renew' short film and remarks from survivors as well as special guests including Minister of Sports and Culture, Protais Mitali and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Louise Mushikiwabo.

Over one hundred of history's darkest days, more than one million Rwandans perished in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. 2014 marks 20 years since the Genocide against the Tutsi, an important occasion to remember the lives that were lost, show solidarity with survivors and unite to ensure it never happens again – in Rwanda or elsewhere. It is also a chance to learn about the country's story of reconciliation and nation building.

Event details:

When: 7 January 2014

Where: Kigali Genocide Memorial, Gisozi

When: Media is advised to arrive by 2:30pm

To confirm your attendance please contact media@kwibuka.rw. For more information, visit www.kwibuka.rw. You can follow @Kwibuka20 for updates in the lead up to the event.



Itangazo rigenewe abanyamakuru

U Rwanda ruzifatanya n’isi yose mu bikorwa byo kwibuka ku nshuro ya 20 Jenoside Yakorewe Abatutsi

Kigali, tariki ya 7 Mutarama 2014

Uyu muni, u Rwanda ruzatangiza ku mugaragaro ibikorwa byo Kwibuka ku nshuro ya 20 Jenoside yakorewe Abatutsi. U Rwanda ruzifatanya n’isi yose mu kwibuka jenoside, kwiga amateka yayiranzwe, gutegura ibikorwa byo kwibuka hirya no hino ku isi ndetse no gutanga ubutumwa bw’icyizere ku rubuga rwa Internet: www.kwibuka.rw

Itangizwa ry’iki gikorwa rizabera ku Rwibutso rwa Gisozi ahazacanwa “Urumuri Rutazima” ruzazenguruka Uturere twose tugize u Rwanda uko ari 30 mbere y’uko rugaruka i Kigali ku itariki ya 7 Mata 2014, ari na bwo icyunamo kizatangizwa ku mugaragaro. Muri icyo minsi hazabaho ibiganiro ku rwego rw’Uturere bizibanda ku byabaye muri 1994 ndetse no gusuzumira hamwe intambwe u Rwanda rumaze gutera mu kwiyubaka.

Urumuri Rutazima ni urumuri rwo kwibuka abazize Jenoside, ndetse n’ubutwari no kwigira Abanyarwanda bagaragaje mu myaka makumyabiri ishize. Ibikorwa bizaba kuva ku itariki ya 7 Mutarama kugeza ku itariki ya 7 Mata 2014 bitandukanye n’ibikorwa bisanzwe by’icyunamo bizatangira ku itariki ya 7 Mata 2013, ahazacanwa Urumuri rw’icyizere rugaragaza itangizwa ry’icyunamo.

Uyu muhango uzarangwa n’iyerekanwa rya filime “Kwibuka Twiyubaka” yerekana incamake y’inzira Abanyarwanda banyuzemo mu myaka 20 ishize, ijamba rya Minisitiri w’Umuco na Siporo, Bwana Protais Mitali hamwe na Minisitiri w’Ububanyi n’Amahanga n’Ubutwererane, Madamu Louise Mushikiwabo.

Mu minsi ijana y’amateka y’icuraburindi yaranze u Rwanda, abantu barenze miliyoni barishwe muri 1994. Umwaka wa 2014 uzarangwa no kwibuka ku nshuro ya makumyabiri Jenoside yakorewe Abatutsi, kwibuka inzirikarengane z’ayo, kwifatanya n’abacitse ku icumu ndetse no gushyira hamwe hagamijwe ko amateka nk’aya atazongera kubaho ukundi, yaba mu Rwanda cyangwa ahandi hose.

Iki kandi, ni igihe cyo kuganira ku mateka y’ubumwe n’ubwiyunge ndetse n’uburyo Abanyarwanda biiyubakira Igihugu.

Uko umuhango uzagenda:

Igihe uzabera: 7 Mutarama 2014

Aho uzabera: Urwibutso rwa Kigali, Gisozi

Amasaha: abanyamakuru basabwe kuhagera saa munani n’igice (14h30)

Abanyamakuru bazitabira uyu muhango basabwe kwohereza ubutumwa kuri media@kwibuka.rw. Ku bindi bisobanuro, mwajya ku rubuga rwacu www.kwibuka.rw. Mwakurikirana amakuru y’uko umunsi uzagenda ku rubuga rwacu rwa Twitter @Kwibuka20



Kwibuka20 Media Kit

This media kit contains the following:

- Launch Overview
- Event Program
- Urumuri Rutazima - Kwibuka Flame (Flame of Remembrance)
- Links to key resources
- Kwibuka20 Overview
- Kwibuka20 Information Pack

Launch Overview

On 7 January 2014, Rwanda will officially launch Kwibuka20 at the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre. The event will include the premiere of the Kwibuka20 short film, remarks from Minister of Sports and Culture, Protais Mitali and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Louise Mushikiwabo and survivor testimonies. It will be marked by the lighting of the Kwibuka Flame (Flame of Remembrance) which will then travel through Rwanda's thirty districts. The flame symbolises remembrance as well as the resilience and courage of Rwandans over the last twenty years. The event will also feature the premiere performance of the "Urumuri Rutazima" song by Liza Kamikazi and Children's' Choir. The event will be live streamed on www.kwibuka.rw.

The Urumuri Rutazima (Kwibuka Flame) tour from 7 January to 7 April 2014 is distinct from the official mourning period, Icyunamo, which will begin on 7 April 2014 with the lighting of the National Flame of Mourning.

Event Program

- Welcome remarks from Master of Ceremony
- Screening of the Kwibuka20 short film: Remember - Unite – Renew
- Remarks by Minister of Sports and Culture, Protais Mitali
- Testimony from Marcel Mutsindashyaka (Survivor)
- Song Performance, "Twanze Gutoberwa Amateka" by Kizito Mihigo
- Testimony from Theodette Abayisenga (Nyange School Survivor)
- Remarks by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Louise Mushikiwabo
- Lighting Kwibuka Flame (Flame of Remembrance)
- Song Performance, "Urumuri Rutazima" by Liza Kamikazi and Children's' Choir

Urumuri Rutazima - Kwibuka Flame (Flame of Remembrance)

The Flame Tour: 7 January – 7 April 2014

The launch of Kwibuka20 will be marked by the lighting of Urumuri Rutazima (Kwibuka Flame) that will travel through Rwanda's thirty districts before reaching Kigali on 7 April 2014, the start of the national mourning period. Community conversations will take place in each district, offering Rwandans the opportunity to reflect on the events of 1994 as well as the country's journey since. Peace education workshops and a countrywide arts competition will also accompany the flame.

The flame symbolises remembrance as well as the resilience and courage of Rwandans over the past twenty years. Carried in a simple lamp, it will be used to light other lamps in communities around Rwanda. To mark the 20th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi, all memorial fires throughout the country will stem from this single Kwibuka Flame.

On returning to Kigali, President Paul Kagame will use the Kwibuka Flame to light the National Flame of Mourning. This will take place on 7 April 2014, marking the official beginning of the national mourning period. The flame will also be the source of the fire used at the candlelit vigil at Amahoro Stadium on the evening of 7 April 2014.

Tour Schedule:

- **7 January:** Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre, Gisozi
- **10 January:** Nyange School, Ngororero District
- **13 January:** Mugina, Kamonyi District
- **16 January:** Bwishyura, Karongi District
- **19 January:** Kinazi, Ruhango District
- **21 January:** Nyanza Stadium
- **24 January:** University of Rwanda, Huye District
- **27 January:** Kabuye, Gisagara District
- **30 January:** Kibeho, Nyaruguru District
- **3 February:** Murambi, Nyamagabe District
- **7 February:** Rusizi Stadium
- **10 February:** Kagano, Nyamasheke District
- **13 February:** Kabgayi, Muhanga District
- **16 February:** Rutsiro Stadium
- **19 February:** Rubavu District
- **21 February:** Nyabihu District
- **24 February:** Busogo, Musanze District
- **27 February:** Rugarama, Burera District
- **1 March:** Kivuruga, Gakenke District
- **4 March:** Rusiga, Rulindo District
- **7 March:** Mutete, Gicumbi District
- **10 March:** Nyagatare District
- **13 March:** Kiziguro, Gatsibo District
- **16 March:** Mukarange, Kayonza District
- **19 March:** Mwurire, Rwamagana District
- **21 March:** Ntarama, Bugesera District
- **24 March:** Rukumbeli, Ngoma District

- **27 March:** Nyarubuye, Kirehe District
- **30 March:** Nyarugenge District
- **2 April:** ETO Kicukiro, Kicukiro District
- **5 April:** Ndera, Gasabo District
- **7 April:** Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre, Gisozi

Media Resources

The following web and social media sites contain resources that you might find useful when reporting on Kwibuka20.

- Official Website of Kwibuka - www.kwibuka.rw

The official website of Kwibuka contains information about the 20th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi, a timeline of events from 1900 to today as well as survivors, perpetrators and rescuers testimonies, historical archives of photos and videos and much more. Members of the public can post messages of remembrance and contribute to Kwibuka20 via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the site itself.

- Genocide Archives Rwanda - www.genocidearchiverwanda.org.rw

On this site you will find videos relating to the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi enriched with synchronised transcripts, searchable index terms and maps. Videos include testimonies of survivors and perpetrators, Gacaca Justice System court proceedings and remembrance ceremonies.

- Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre - www.kigalimemorialcentre.org

This site contains information about the centre in Kigali which was created by a joint partnership of the Kigali City Council and the UK-based Aegis Trust. The centre contains a permanent exhibition of the Genocide against the Tutsi and an exhibition of other genocides around the world.

- The National Commission for the Fight Against Genocide - www.cnlg.gov.rw/

The National Commission for the Fight Against Genocide (CNLG) website contains latest news, photos, videos and resources related to the effort to prevent genocide in Rwanda. Here you can access publications and information about memorials sites across the country.

- Kwibuka Flickr - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/112533144@N07/>

The Kwibuka Flickr contains high resolution images of past commemoration events as well as images from 2014 programs and activities. Images from today's launch will be available for use by your media outlet by the end of the day.