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**INFORMATION PACK FOR THE 28TH
COMMEMORATION OF THE GENOCIDE
AGAINST THE TUTSI**





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I. INTRODUCTION

Over one hundred of history's darkest days, more than one million Rwandans perished in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

2022 marks the 28th commemoration, 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 anywhere. It is also a chance to learn about Rwanda's story of reconciliation and nation building.

Kwibuka, which means "remember" in Kinyarwanda, is a global framework for activities, events, communities and people participating in the commemoration. The mourning period will start on 7 April and conclude on 4 July 2022 with Liberation Day.

Kwibuka28 calls on the global community to stand together against genocide ideology. It is also a good opportunity to learn more on Rwanda's achievements in preserving the history of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi.

II. THEME

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III. KEY EVENTS CALENDAR

7 April 2022	Launch of 28th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi
7 April 2022	Wreath laying and lighting of the national Flame of Mourning at the Kigali Genocide Memorial Site
7 April 2022	National Commemoration Event at Kigali Genocide Memorial
7 April 2022	Night Vigil live on RBA platforms
11 April 2022	Commemoration at Nyanza Memorial Site
11 April 2022	A consultative meeting with representatives of diplomatic corps and international organizations operating in Rwanda
13 April 2022	End of the mourning week
April - 4 July 2022	Kwibuka28 in Rwanda missions abroad
28 April 2022	Unveiling of the Monument of Genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi, Marriott/Kigali
14 May 2022	Commemoration of the families completely wiped out during the Genocide Against Tutsi
4 July 2022	Liberation Day



IV. KWIBUKA28 KEY EVENTS

1. National Commemoration event

This year's 7th April was the beginning of the mourning week. Three key events included the laying of wreaths and lighting of the National Flame of Mourning, the National Commemoration at Kigali Genocide Memorial and the night Vigil that was held live on RBA platforms.



2. Commemoration at Nyanza Memorial Site

On April 11, 2022 a commemoration event will be held at Nyanza Memorial Site in memory of over 12,000 victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi resting at the place. Nyanza-Kicukiro Genocide Memorial was created on 11th April 1996 and contains mass graves of remains from the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi. Victims buried at Nyanza were Tutsi who sought refuge at the Kicukiro Technical School (ETO) where Belgian peacekeepers (UNAMIR) were based when peacekeepers were ordered to withdraw on 11 April, over 3,000 Tutsi were forced to march to Nyanza where they were executed.



3. A consultative meeting with representatives of diplomatic corps and international organizations operating in Rwanda

A consultative meeting will be held on April 11, 2022, for the representatives, ambassadors, and other members of the diplomatic corps in Rwanda.

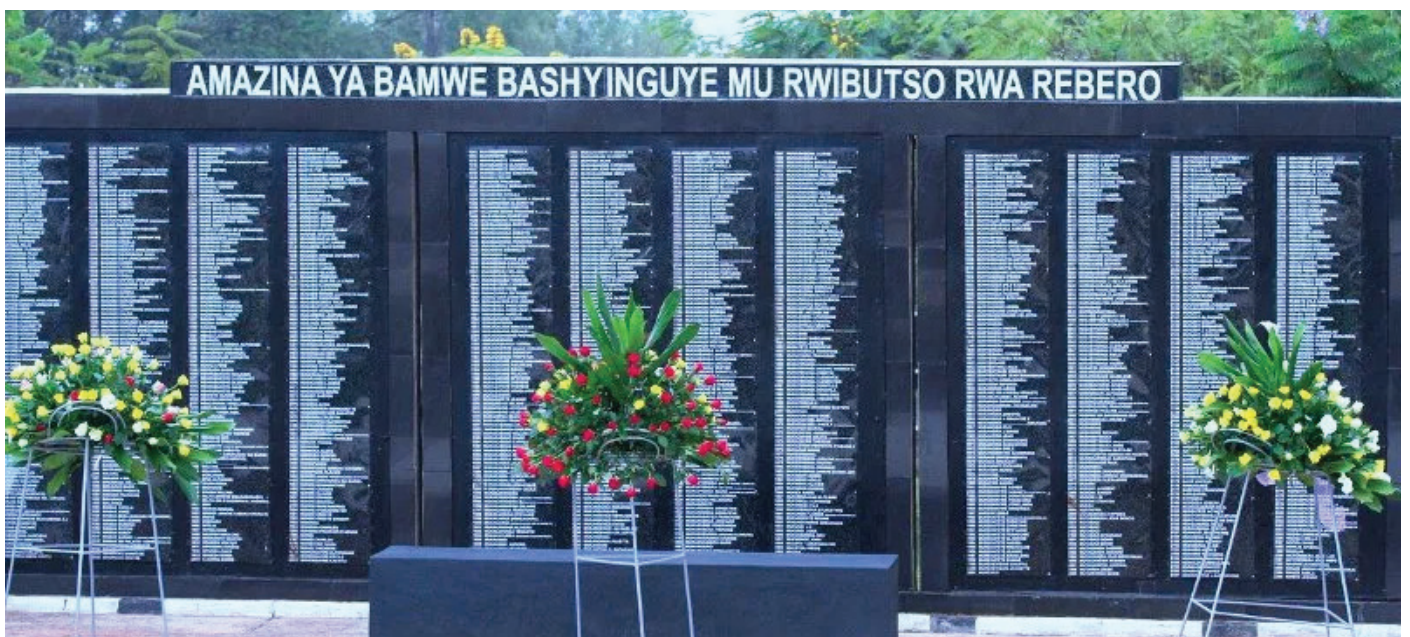
Objectives of the meeting:

- Reflecting on the role of members of international community in the genocide against the Tutsi as well as their contribution to the rebuilding of Rwanda over the last 28 years;
- Exchanging on the areas of collaboration as far as the mission and attributions of the new Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement are concerned.



4. End of the mourning week

On 13 April 2022, Government officials and other citizens and friends of Rwanda will gather at Rebero Genocide Memorial Site, in memory of over 14,000 victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi buried at the site, including 12 politicians, killed for opposing genocide plan. April 13 is dedicated to the commemoration of politicians who were killed during the Genocide against Tutsi.



5. Kwibuka28 in Rwanda missions abroad

Rwanda's embassies abroad will also organise commemoration events within their jurisdictions bringing together Rwandans community abroad at their convenience.



6. Unveiling of the monument of Genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi

The Ministry of National Unity & Civic Engagement will unveil the monument of Genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi. The ceremony will take place at Marriot Hotel on April 28, 2022.



7. Commemoration of the families completely wiped out during the Genocide Against Tutsi

Every year, the organisation of former students who survived the Genocide against the Tutsi (GAERG) organises a commemoration event in memory of the families completely wiped out during the Genocide Against the Tutsi.

This year's event will take place on May 14, 2022, at Kigali Gisozi Memorial. The event will be livestreamed online

A family is said to have been completely wiped out when all members of the family (parents and children) were killed during the Genocide.



Commemoration activities around the country and abroad will continue until July 3, 2022. Different districts and regions have specific dates, with reference to the key events that took place on those specific dates during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

8. Liberation Day

Liberation Day known locally as Kwibohora is celebrated on 4 July. It commemorates the defeat of the previous Habyarimana regime and the Rwandan Armed Forces by the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) in the Rwandan Civil War, thus ending the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. On 4 July 1994, the RPF secured the capital of Kigali while the end of the war only became official on 18 July with the liberation of the north-west territories.



9. The programme flow for the commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi

The commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi takes two (2) hours. The programme is as follows:

- Introduction by the Master of Ceremony
- Prayer by the religious representative (optional)
- Minute of silence in memory of the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi
- Welcome remarks
- Commemorative talk on the Genocide against the Tutsi
- Commemorative testimony by a genocide survivor
- Commemorative remarks by IBUKA
- Remarks by the representative of the families of the victims (when the commemoration is combined with the burial of the remains of bodies of the victims recovered, transferring the exhumed remains of bodies to a memorial site, or merging memorial sites)
- Keynote speech by the guest of honour

A commemorative poem or a commemorative song may be imbedded within the programme

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the night vigil leading up to the national commemoration day will not take place.



10. Twitter spaces

9 April	Understanding the history of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi
12 April	Testimony of a survivor of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi
27 April	Inkotanyi Heroism and legacy to the future generations
11 May	The role of the post-genocide government in rebuilding the country.
25 May	The resilience journey of the survivors of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi
	08 June: The role of the youth in shaping the Rwanda we want.

V. RESOURCES

Kwibuka updates will be available on:

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