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JUSTICE AND MEMORY

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**PART OF THE 25TH COMMEMORATION
OF THE GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI
IN OTTAWA**

Fairmont Chateau Laurier
Adam Room

June 13, 2019
1 PM – 6 PM



HIGH COMMISSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA
IN CANADA

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. Jean Damascène Bizimana, Executive Secretary, CNLG
Prof. Irwin Cotler, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights
Dr. Frank Chalk, Concordia University
Kyle Matthews, MIGS
Eloge Butera, Marie Josée Gicali,
Pamela Karambizi, Denise Umutoni

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

As part of **the twenty-fifth commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi** in Canada, The Rwanda High Commission in Canada held a series of events since April 7th, 2019. Participants honored the victims of this modern tragedy all around Canada. Most notably, the younger generations were called to uphold the legacy of strength, resilience, and unity that have fuelled Rwanda's post-genocide transformation.

To continue the reflection and discussions initiated then, the High Commission is convening an international conference entitled "**Justice and Memory.**" About 300 scholars, students, policy makers, and journalists will convene in Canada's capital city to consider the challenges related to memory preservation, modern forms of Genocide negation and denial, and the status of justice provision.

Speakers will look at the process of collective memory formation as it pertains to historical facts about the Genocide against the Tutsi. **Beyond conserving evidence, could the importance of preserving memory be found in its role for building a more unified and resilient post-genocide society?**

They will also examine the implications of trivializing and denying the Genocide against the Tutsi in this age of ubiquitous digital connectivity. While exploring multiple cases of denial and negation, they will place them in a comparative context. **What are the most effective ways to confront them in order to mitigate their effects on our collective memory?**

Twenty-five years on, many perpetrators remain at large. Several have immigrated to foreign countries, including Canada. Efforts have been undertaken by the Government of Rwanda and other organizations to bring them to justice. The speakers will assess the progress made so far, challenges ahead, and propose solutions. **What new forms of international cooperation would best deliver justice for the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi?**

The event is open to the public.

PROGRAM

1:00 PM

Registration and refreshments

2:00 PM

Opening remarks

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Session I : *Justice provision and
Genocide denial*

Speakers:

Dr. Jean Damascène Bizimana, CNLG
Prof. Irwin Cotler, RWCHR
Dr. Frank Chalk, Concordia University
Kyle Matthews, MIGS
Éloge Butera

4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Session II : *Memory preservation and
survivors' perspectives*

Speakers:

Denise Umutoni, Humura Assn.
Marie Josée Gicali, Page-Rwanda
Pamela Karambizi, Memory Keepers Assn.

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

Closing Remarks and Cocktail