REPORT ON THE PUBLIC LECTURE ORGANIZED BY THE RWANDA HIGH COMMISSION OFFICE NAIROBI, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY ON FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2014 AT MKU CHANCELLOR’S TOWER GROUNDS
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1.0 Preamble
In readiness for the commemoration day for the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide, the Rwandan government through its high commissioner in Nairobi and in partnership with Mount Kenya University held a public lecture on Friday March 14, 2014. The lecture was held at the Chancellor’s Tower grounds and the theme was “Remember, Unite & Renew”. The public lecture was intended to educate Kenyans and the world at large on the effects a Genocide has to a society, such as the one that took place in Rwanda in 1994, killing over 800,000 Rwandans.

2.0 Invited Speakers
Professor PLO Lumumba, former Director of Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission and Dr. Wandia Njoya, Senior Lecturer, Head of Department of Language & Performing Arts at Daystar University, were the speakers during the public lecture. Professor Lumumba spoke on ‘The Rwanda Genocide against the Tutsi Twenty Years Later: Why We Must Not Forget’ while Dr. Wandia’s topic was ‘When we remember, we believe’

3.0 Lecture Attendance
The attendance of the public lecture by far outnumbered the anticipated attendance. While the Organizing committee had estimated for an audience of about 500, it is approximated that the actual attendance was between 700-800. This number included about 50 members of the Rwandan diaspora community. The good attendance resulted from a well coordinated sensitization through posters, banners, and the social media. The student leaders ensured that the event was well publicized.

4.0 Dignitaries
The public lecture was attended by several dignitaries. Among those who attended are listed below:

1. H.E. Yamina Karitanyi
   High Commissioner of Rwanda to Kenya
2. H.E. Mr Maandi Saad
   Ambassador of Algeria
3. H.E. David Angell
   High Commissioner of Canada
4. H.E. Beyene Russom
   Ambassador of Eritrea
5. H.E. Michal Mlynar
   Ambassador of Slovak
6. H.E. Ittiporn Boonpraong
   Ambassador of Thailand
7. H.E. Mariam Ahmed Goumaneh
8. H.E. Ivan Zivkovic
9. Mr. Hans Mbale

10. H.E. Fulgene Ndayishihyiye
11. Ruth Whitney

Ambassador of Djibouti
Ambassador of Serbia
2nd Counsellor Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo
Change de’Affairs
Executive office and Higher Education office AEGIS TRUST RWANDA

5.0 Some Additional Photos Taken During the Public Lecture
a) Prof. PLO Lumumba speaks on; ‘The Rwanda Genocide against the Tutsi Twenty Years Later: Why We Must Not Forget’, b and e) part of the audience who attended the public lecture, c) Dr. Wandia Njaya speaks on; ‘When we remember, we believe’, d) The University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Stanley Waudo gives his welcoming remarks and f) Her Excellency the High Commissioner of Rwanda to Kenya Yamina Karitanyi, signs the visitors book on arrival at MKU.

6.0 The Organizing Committee

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1. Dr. Francis Muregi Director, Research and Development
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6.2 From Rwanda Embassy, Nairobi

16. H.E Yamina Karitanyi High Commissioner
17. Mr. Ephraim Murenzi First Counsellor
18. Mr. Peter Matsiko First Secretary
19. Ms. Edith Ngie    Accountant
20. Ms. Irene Wambui    Personal Assistant to the High Commissioner
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