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Mount Kenya University



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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:

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| 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 Boonpracong | Ambassador of Thailand |

7. H.E. Mariam Ahmed Goumaneh

8. H.E. Ivan Zivkovic

9. Mr. Hans Mbale

10. H.E. Fulgene Ndayishihye

11. Ruth Whitney

Ambassador of Djibouti

Ambassador of Serbia

2nd Counsellor Embassy of the
Democratic Republic of Congo

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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 Njoya 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

6.1 From MKU

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| 1. Dr. Francis Muregi | Director, Research and Development |
| 2. Dr. Peter Kirira | Deputy Director, Research and Development |
| 3. Dr. Nancy Cheseto | Deputy Director, Enterprise and Innovation |
| 4. Dr. Jonathan Mwangi | HoD, Human Health Research Program |
| 5. Dr. Samuel Karenga | HoD, Pure and Applied Sciences Research Program |
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| 8. Mr. Emmanuel Owuor | Associate Dean of Students |
| 9. Mr. Boniface Murigi | Director, Marketing |
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| 11. Mr. Joseph Gatere | Chief Security Officer |
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| 13. Mr. Abdi Mohamud Ali | Minister, External Affairs, representing MKUSA
President MKUSA |
| 14. Mr. Mohamed Hassan | Secretary General MKUSA |
| 15. Ms. Leah Mugo | Administrative Assistant, Research and Development |

6.2 From Rwanda Embassy, Nairobi

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| 16. H.E Yamina Karitanyi | High Commissioner |
| 17. Mr. Ephraim Murenzi | First Counsellor |
| 18. Mr. Peter Matsiko | First Secretary |

19. Ms. Edith Ngie
20. Ms. Irene Wambui
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