

**Commemorative ceremony and film screening of “As We Forgive”
on the occasion of the 16th commemoration of the Rwanda genocide
ECOSOC Chamber, NLB
Wednesday, 7 April 2010
5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Proposed scenario

On the podium are:

Deputy Secretary-General Asha Rose-Migiro

Ambassador Eugène-Richard Gasana, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Rwanda to the United Nations

Ambassador Susan E. Rice, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations

Ambassador Steve D. T. Matenje, Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations, representing the African Union Chairperson

Francis Deng, Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide

Edward Luck, Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect

Jacqueline Murekatete, genocide survivor

To the left and front of the podium at a standing microphone is:

Under-Secretary-General Kiyotaka Akasaka

Seated in the front row are:

Mrs. Agnès Gasana and the Ambassador’s three children

Lt. Colonel Vincent Nyakarundi (Military Attaché) and his wife, Mrs. Immaculée Uwimana and their four children

Moses Rugema and guest

Alfred Ndabarasa and his wife and their two children

Mrs. Dana Luck

Ms. Laura Waters Hinson (Director of “As We Forgive”) and Mr. Hinson

Ms. Yvette Rugasaguhunga (genocide survivor)

Ms. Murekatete’s two guests

Ms. Caroline Stoessinger (The Mozart Academy)

Ms. Paula Refolo (Department of Public Information)

Ms. Margaret Novicki (Department of Public Information)

Ms. Renata Sivacolundhu (Department of Public Information)

Ms. Melanie Nolte (Department of Public Information)

5:13 p.m. Solemn string music played by Mozart Academy Ensemble while guests arrive.

5:15 p.m. Fire safety announcement by fire marshal (3 minutes)

5:18 p.m. *USG Akasaka welcomes participants, thanks the musicians and invites the three Rwanda musicians to say a few words about their performance tonight before playing two opening pieces.*

5:19 p.m. The three Rwandan musicians each say one sentence about their reasons for playing tonight (speaking from the musicians' microphones).

Solemn string music played by musicians from the Mozart Academy.

(5 minutes total)

5:24 p.m. *USG Akasaka invites the Deputy Secretary-General, the Permanent Representative of Rwanda, the Ambassador's wife and Ambassador Matenje to light the candles.*

Solemn string music is being played by guest violinist Sirena Huang while the Deputy Secretary-General, Ambassador Gasana and Ambassador Matenje step down from the podium and meet the Ambassador's wife at the table to light the candles. Ambassador Gasana and his wife light the big, middle candle and the Deputy Secretary-General and Ambassador Matenje light the two, smaller candles. They all stand at the table with the candles and return to the podium once the music finishes playing. (4 minutes)

5:28 p.m. *USG Akasaka asks the audience to rise for a minute of silence. (1 minute)*

Minute of silence follows.

5:29 p.m. *USG Akasaka invites the Deputy Secretary-General to deliver remarks.*

The Deputy Secretary-General delivers opening remarks. (3 minutes)

5:32 p.m. *USG Akasaka thanks the DSG and invites the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to deliver his remarks.*

Ambassador Gasana speaks. (3 minutes)

5:35 p.m. *USG Akasaka thanks Ambassador Gasana and invites the Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations, Ambassador Steve D. T. Matenje, representing the African Union Chairperson to deliver remarks.*

Ambassador Matenje speaks. (3 minutes)

5:38 p.m. *USG Akasaka thanks Ambassador Matenje and invites the Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations, Ambassador Susan E. Rice to make remarks.*

Ambassador Rice speaks. (3 minutes)

5:41 p.m. *USG Akasaka thanks Ambassador Rice and invites the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide to deliver remarks.*

The Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide delivers remarks. (2 minutes)

5:43 p.m. *USG Akasaka thanks Mr. Deng and invites the Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect to deliver remarks.*

The Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect delivers remarks. (2 minutes)

5:45 p.m. *USG Akasaka thanks Mr. Luck and invites Ms. Murekatete to deliver remarks.*

Ms. Murekatete delivers remarks. (2 minutes)

5:47 p.m. *USG Akasaka thanks Ms. Murekatete and invites the musicians to play another piece. Before starting, a Rwandan musician says a few words expressing remembrance of the victims and the contribution of music to non-violence while Rwandan and other children from the audience bring a purple flower up to the table to put in a vase beside the candles.*

The musicians play again (two pieces) (5 minutes)

5:52 p.m. *USG Akasaka thanks the participants and the musicians and concludes the commemorative ceremony, inviting the audience to stay for the screening of “As We Forgive”.*

USG Akasaka, the DSG, the Permanent Representatives of Rwanda, the United States and Malawi, the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide and Ms. Murekatete leave the podium. The Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect remains on the podium. (1 minute)

5:53 p.m. Ceremony close.

Film screening and discussion of the documentary “As We Forgive”

(On the podium is the UN Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect, Mr. Edward Luck)

6:00 p.m. *Mr. Edward Luck introduces the movie, noting that the Director, Ms. Laura Waters Hinson and genocide survivor Ms. Yvette Rugasaguhunga are in attendance for the post-film discussion. (1 minute)*

6:01 p.m. The film begins. (53 minutes)

6:54 p.m. The film concludes. Mr. Edward Luck, Ms. Hinson and Ms. Rugasaguhunga take their seats on the podium. (1 minute)

6:55 p.m. *Mr. Edward Luck introduces Ms. Hinson and Ms. Rugasaguhunga and invites Ms. Hinson to talk about the making of the film.*

Ms. Hinson makes remarks. (4 minutes)

6:59 p.m. *Mr. Edward Luck thanks Ms. Waters Hinson and invites Ms. Rugasaguhunga to comment on her personal experience with reconciliation, forgiveness and reintegration in Rwanda.*

Ms. Rugasaguhunga makes remarks. (3 minutes)

7:02 p.m. *Mr. Edward Luck opens the floor to questions for Ms. Hinson and Ms. Rugasaguhunga. (20-30 minutes)*

Mr. Edward Luck moderates questions from the floor.

7:30 p.m. *Mr. Edward Luck thanks the participants and closes the event.*