# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF **REFLECTION** ON THE GENOCIDE IN **RWANDA**

# Programme

# **Memorial Ceremony**

Friday, 7 April 2017

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber United Nations Headquarters, New York

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Candle lighting

Minute of silence

Remarks by:

- H.E. Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General
- H.E. Mr. Durga Prasad Bhattarai Vice-President of the United Nations General Assembly
- Testimony by a survivor

Poetry performance by:

• Ms. Malaika Uwamahoro, Artist and Rwandan student, Fordham University, New York

Remarks by:

- Mr. Carl Wilkens
   Co-Founder and Director of World Outside My Shoes, former head of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International in Rwanda
- Ms. Linda Melvern
  Journalist and author of "A People Betrayed. The Role of the
  West in Rwanda's Genocide"
- H.E. Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations

Moderated by **Mr. Maher Nasser**, Acting Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications

### Valentine Rugwabiza

Ambassador Valentine Rugwabiza has worked for more than 25 years on African and global development issues both in the corporate and public sector. She is a Member of Cabinet since 2013 and has held different portfolios as Minister with the Government of Rwanda.

### Linda Melvern

Linda Melvern is a widely published investigative journalist, and author of "A People Betrayed. The Role of the West in Rwanda's Genocide" (Zed Books, 2000). She was a consultant to the Military One prosecution team at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and some of her documents on the planning and preparation of the genocide form part of the evidence used by the prosecution.





### **Carl Wilkens**

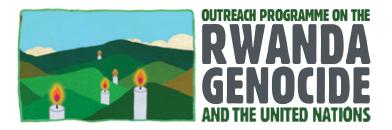
Carl Wilkens is the former head of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International in Rwanda. As a humanitarian aid worker, he moved his young family to Rwanda in the spring of 1990. When the genocide began in April 1994, he chose to remain in the country. He returned to the U.S. in 1996, and, with his wife, founded World Outside My Shoes in 2008.



### Malaika Uwamahoro

Malaika is an actress, poet and activist, born in Rwanda, currently completing her bachelor's degree at Fordham University in New York. She has performed her own poetry around the world and is the recipient of a Rwanda Presidential Scholarship to study in the U.S. In 2014, she made her Off-Broadway debut at Signature Theatre in the world premiere of Katori Hall's Our Lady of Kibeho.





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