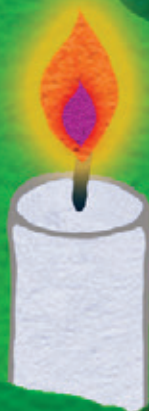


INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
**REFLECTION**  
ON THE GENOCIDE IN  
**RWANDA**



**Programme**

# Memorial Ceremony

Monday, 11 April 2016

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.,  
General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters, New York

## Theme

Fighting genocide ideology

## Programme

Candle lighting

Remarks by:

- H.E. Mr. **Ban Ki-moon**,  
United Nations Secretary-General
- H.E. Mr. **Mogens Lykketoft**,  
President of the United Nations General Assembly
- Ms. **Frida Umuhoza**,  
survivor and author of “Frida: Chosen to Die, Destined to Live”
- Ms. **Nelly Mukazayire**,  
Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of the President of Rwanda

Music by:

**Pauletta Washington** and the Mamazband

Remarks by:

- Mr. **Malcolm Hoelenin**,  
Executive Vice Chairman, Conference of Presidents of  
Major American Jewish Organizations
- H.E. Mr. **Eugène-Richard Gasana**,  
Minister of State in Charge of Cooperation and  
Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations

Moderated by **Ms. Cristina Gallach**,  
United Nations Under-Secretary-General for  
Communications and Public Information

## **Frida Umuhoza**

Ms. Umuhoza survived the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, during which Hutu and others who opposed the genocide were also killed, and is the author of “Frida: Chosen to Die, Destined to Live.” She was just 14 years old when she was buried alive alongside her 15 family members. She was rescued after being trapped for many hours in a shallow mass grave. In the aftermath, she went through trying times until favourable prospects unfolded for her, affording her a new purpose in life. She is now a mother of three living in Ohio and spends most of her time educating, and sharing her compelling story of survival, resilience and lessons learned with worldwide audiences.



## **Malcolm Hoenlein**

Mr. Hoenlein is the Executive Vice Chairman / CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the coordinating body for 50 national Jewish organizations. He received his B.A. from Temple University and completed his doctoral course work at the University of Pennsylvania where he taught International Relations and was a Middle East specialist at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He was the Founding Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater New York and of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Mr. Hoenlein appears regularly in the media, has three weekly broadcasts and has lectured and met leading officials around the world.



## **Nelly Mukazayire**

Ms. Mukazayire is the Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of the President of Rwanda. Prior to this she served as a Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff in the Office of the President and before that was a policy researcher in the economics department in the Prime Minister’s Office. She holds a Bachelor’s of Science in International Economics from the University of Rwanda, where she was recipient of the best performer award in economics, and a Master’s in Economic Policy Management from the University of Makerere. She speaks in different forums where she shares her journey of surmounting overwhelming personal circumstances, as well as her unique experience as a young leader in a new Rwanda.



## **Pauletta Washington**

Mrs. Washington was born in North Carolina. She studied piano at the Juilliard School, then was introduced to the jazz world by Miles Davis and members of the Lionel Hampton Orchestra. In her early twenties, she starred in the national tour of a Broadway show, and had begun to build a vibrant career working with theatre luminaries Andrew Lloyd Webber, Jerry Herman and Jules Styne. After marrying actor and filmmaker Denzel Washington, she focused her attention on her family, and built a second career promoting the well-being of children. Her band, the Mamazband, is directed by David Connolly.





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