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Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

28th COMMEMORATION OF THE 1994 GENOCIDE AGAINST TUTSI IN RWANDA

What: The 28th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda.

Theme: “Remember-Unite-Renew”.

When: Thursday, 7th April 2022, starting from 11:00 a.m.

Where: Nelson Mandela Hall of the AUC headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Hybrid Event will take place physically and on **Zoom platform**.

Join Zoom Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vzyTMAXLSkSSW3IIIgP0EQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Who: The Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) of the African Union Commission (AUC), in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in Ethiopia and Permanent Mission to the African Union.

Purpose and Objectives:

The overall purpose of this annual commemoration is to continuously awaken greater awareness of the African peoples and the international community about the value of life and humanity, and to renew our collective commitment to protect and uphold fundamental human rights.

The specific objectives are to:

- a. Remember the atrocities brought by the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda;
- b. Reflect on the repercussions that the genocide against the Tutsi in 1994 has had inside and outside Rwanda's borders;
- c. Unite together in fight against genocide; genocide ideology as well as genocide denial;

- d. Renew our resolve to ensure that Genocide does not happen ever again in Africa or elsewhere; and
- e. Collectively commit to justice and the fight against impunity.

Participants:

The 28th Commemoration will be attended by Officials from the African Union Commission (AUC), AU Member States, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, AU Organs, Religious Institutions, Human Rights Institutions, Intergovernmental organizations, Civil Society Organizations, UN Agencies, Think Tanks, International Organizations, Schools and Academic Institutions in Ethiopia.

Background:

The commemoration of the Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda is annually organised by the African Union following the African Union policy organ decision to recognise the 7th of April as a day of remembrance of the victims of the genocide and reaffirmation of Africa's resolve to prevent and fight genocide on the Continent. The decision was adopted by the African Union Permanent Representatives Committee during its special session on the Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda.

Journalists are invited to cover the 28th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda through the Zoom link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vzyTMAXLSkSSW3lllgP0EQ

Hashtag: #Kwibuka28

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