



GUIDELINES FOR THE 28TH COMMEMORATION OF THE GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI

A. ACTIVITIES OF COMMEMORATION WEEK

1) Launch of the Commemoration Week

On April 7, 2022, a commemoration week will be launched at the grassroot level, from 9:00 am. On the district level, people will gather at their districts' memorial sites while at the national level, the official opening of the commemoration will be held at Kigali Genocide Memorial at Gisozi.

2) Talks in villages

On April 7, 2022 at 8am, a public talk will be held in all villages countrywide by complying to Covid-19 preventive measures. The title is “**Kwibuka- Unity is our choice**” After that talk, community members will have time for exchanges, focusing on the history and the consequences of the genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi in their area. A one-minute silence of remembrance will be observed to match the national program. At the end of the function, the message of the day will be delivered at National Radio and TV stations.

In the evening of April 7, 2022 from 6 pm to 8 pm, a night vigil will be organised and broadcast on Radio Rwanda and Rwanda Television.

3) Talks in working places (Ministries, institutions, districts, private sector, organizations, faith-based organisations ...)

Between 8-12 April 2022, ministries, institutions, districts, private sector, organizations, faith-based organisations will choose one (1) day to deliver the above-mentioned talk. Every institution will look for a competent speaker, either an internal staff or a person from outside. The commemoration activities within those institutions will be organised on the already set date or any other day throughout the 100-day period of the 28th commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsi.

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10) Mass and fellowship services during the Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi

During the Commemoration ceremony of the Genocide against the Tutsi, religions should be treated equally. Masses and fellowships are not part of the commemoration events as participants are from different religious organisations.

Meanwhile, when the commemoration is organised by a legally authorised religious organisations in memory of their followers or members who were killed in the genocide against the Tutsi, the organisers can organise the commemoration in hundred days and in conformity with their beliefs and what is provided by the law.

11) Visits to genocide memorials

Visits to genocide Memorials during the commemoration week of mourning and in one hundred (100) days will continue as usual.

12) Walk to Remember

As we are in a challenging situation of fighting against COVID-19 the usual Walk to Remember won't take place.

13) Preservation of testimonies delivered in commemoration events

In order to preserve the history of the Genocide against the Tutsi, all institutions must keep record audio-videos and pictures of commemoration activities and hand them to the Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement.

C. REPEALING OF OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

All previous instructions and guidelines are hereby repealed.

Done at Kigali, on 29 March 2022

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