



Concept Note

This year marks the 25th Commemoration of the Genocide Against the Tutsi. The commemoration period, commonly referred to as Kwibuka (the Kinyarwanda word for Remembrance) will be an opportunity to pay homage to the victims as well as reflect on the transformational journey that Rwanda has been on for the last quarter of a century.

This year's commemoration, under the theme of Remember-Unite-Renew, will focus on the legacy of strength, resilience, honour and unity that the new generation is called upon to sustain and carry forward to adapt to today's global challenges and future aspirations.

As we remember and honour those we lost, comfort those who survived and pay tribute to the sacrifices that brought Rwanda back to life, there is a series of events organised to mark the commemoration. Some of the key moments include:

4-5 April 2019: Kwibuka25 International Conference

This two-day International Conference will focus on assessing a post-genocide society. Distinguished scholars and policymakers from all over the world will gather in Kigali to discuss theory and practice in the areas of reconstruction, resilience, dealing with trauma as well as identity politics.

7 April 2019: National Commemoration Ceremony

The National Commemoration Ceremony will take place on 7 April 2019. The day will begin with laying wreaths at the Kigali Genocide Memorial to be followed with a National Remembrance Ceremony at Amahoro National Stadium and a Walk to Remember. The day will end with a Night Vigil.

8 April 2019: Launch of Garden of Memory / Jardin de la Mémoire

The Garden of Memory will be launched at the Nyanza-Kicukiro Genocide Memorial. The day will be dedicated to the preservation of memory and reflection on the role of future generations in sustaining a peaceful and united country.

Throughout the Commemoration Week (7-13 April 2019), a series of Days of Reflection, historical and educational tours, Cafés Littéraires and public lectures across the country will be organised. For more details please visit: www.kwibuka.rw

