



**Closing the Impunity Gap: Southern Africa's Role in Ensuring Justice for the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda**

*Moving Beyond the Tribunal's Completion Strategy and Residual Mechanism*

**Conference Agenda**

**30 June and 1 July, 2011  
Johannesburg, South Africa**

**DAY 1**

0830-0900    **Registration**

0900-0930    **Welcome**

African Rights, SALC and REDRESS

0930-1000    **Keynote Address**

Adv. Dumisa Buhle Ntsebeza

1000-1030    **Accountability and Justice for the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda**

Justice and Accountability

Adv. Menzi Simelane, National Director of Public Prosecutions, South Africa

A Survivors Perspective

Kageruka Bonaventure and Xavier Ngabo, Community of Tutsi Genocide Survivors in South Africa

1030-1130

**Panel 1**

**Accountability of genocide suspects in Southern Africa**

*Chair: Nobuntu Mbelle, Coalition for an Effective African Court*

Genocide Suspects in Southern Africa - An Overview

Rakiya Omaar, African Rights

Ensuring Accountability of Suspects in Southern Africa – a Perspective from Rwanda

Tharcisse Karugarama, Minister of Justice/Attorney General, Rwanda

Securing Justice - Perspective from Malawi

Rosemary Kanyuka, Director of Public Prosecutions, Malawi

Discussion

1130-1200

**BREAK**

1200-1330

**Panel 2**

**Closing the Impunity Gap - National Capacity and the Challenges Facing Southern Africa**

*Chair: Bonita Meyersfeld, University of the Witwatersrand*

Legislative Framework for Prosecuting Genocide Suspects in Southern Africa

Chacha Murungu, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Capacity to Detect, Investigate and Prosecute Suspects in Southern Africa

Otilia Anna Maunganidze, Institute for Security Studies, International Crime in Africa Programme

Domestic Prosecutions on the Basis of Universal Jurisdiction – Challenges and Lessons Learnt

Siri Frigaard, National Authority for the Prosecution of Serious Crimes, Norway

Discussion

1330-1430 **LUNCH**

1430-1600 **Panel 3**

**Victims' Rights to Reparation and Protection**

*Chair: Hugo van Der Merwe, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation*

International Standards

Juergen Schurr, REDRESS

Guaranteeing Participation and Ensuring Credibility: Lessons Learned from the ICTR

Sylvie Becky, Head, Witness and Victim Support Section, ICTR

Ensuring Adequate Victim and Witness Protection in Southern Africa

Gerhard Van Rooyen, UNODC Witness Protection Advisor

Discussion

1600-1630 **Reflecting on the Discussions of Day One**

Murtaza Jaffer, Special Assistant to the Prosecutor, ICTR

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## **DAY 2**

0900-1100 **Panel 4**

### **Transfers and Extradition**

*Chair:* Lloyd Kuveya, Southern Africa Litigation Centre

#### The Principle of *aut dedere aut judicare* (Extradite or Prosecute) in Relation to Genocide Suspects in Southern Africa

Christopher Gevers, University of Kwazulu-Natal

#### Putting the principle of *aut dedere aut judicare* into practice

Chantal Joubert, Ministry of Justice, Netherlands

#### Transfers Under Rule 11bis

Charles Jalloh, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law

#### Legislative Reform in Rwanda in the context of 11bis Transfers and the Extradition of Suspects

Sam Rugege, Deputy Chief Justice of Rwanda

#### Discussion

1100 - 1130 **BREAK**

1130 – 1300 **Panel 5**

### **Facilitating National Cooperation and the Role of the ICTR**

*Chair:* Nicole Fritz, Southern Africa Litigation Centre

#### The Completion Strategy, the Residual Mechanism and the Need for State Cooperation

Cecile Aptel, Senior Fellow, United States Institute of Peace

Assisting National Authorities in the Investigation and Prosecution of Genocide Suspects

Bongani Majola, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, ICTR

The Jurisprudence of the ICTR: Ensuring State Compliance with the Standards and Thresholds of the ICTR

Alex Obota-Odora, Former Chief of Appeals, OTP, ICTR

Discussion

1300-1330 **Closing Remarks**

REDRESS/SALC/African Rights

1330-1430 **LUNCH**

1430 – 1700 **CIVIL SOCIETY WORKSHOP – A Toolkit for Civil Society**

1700 - 1730 **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**