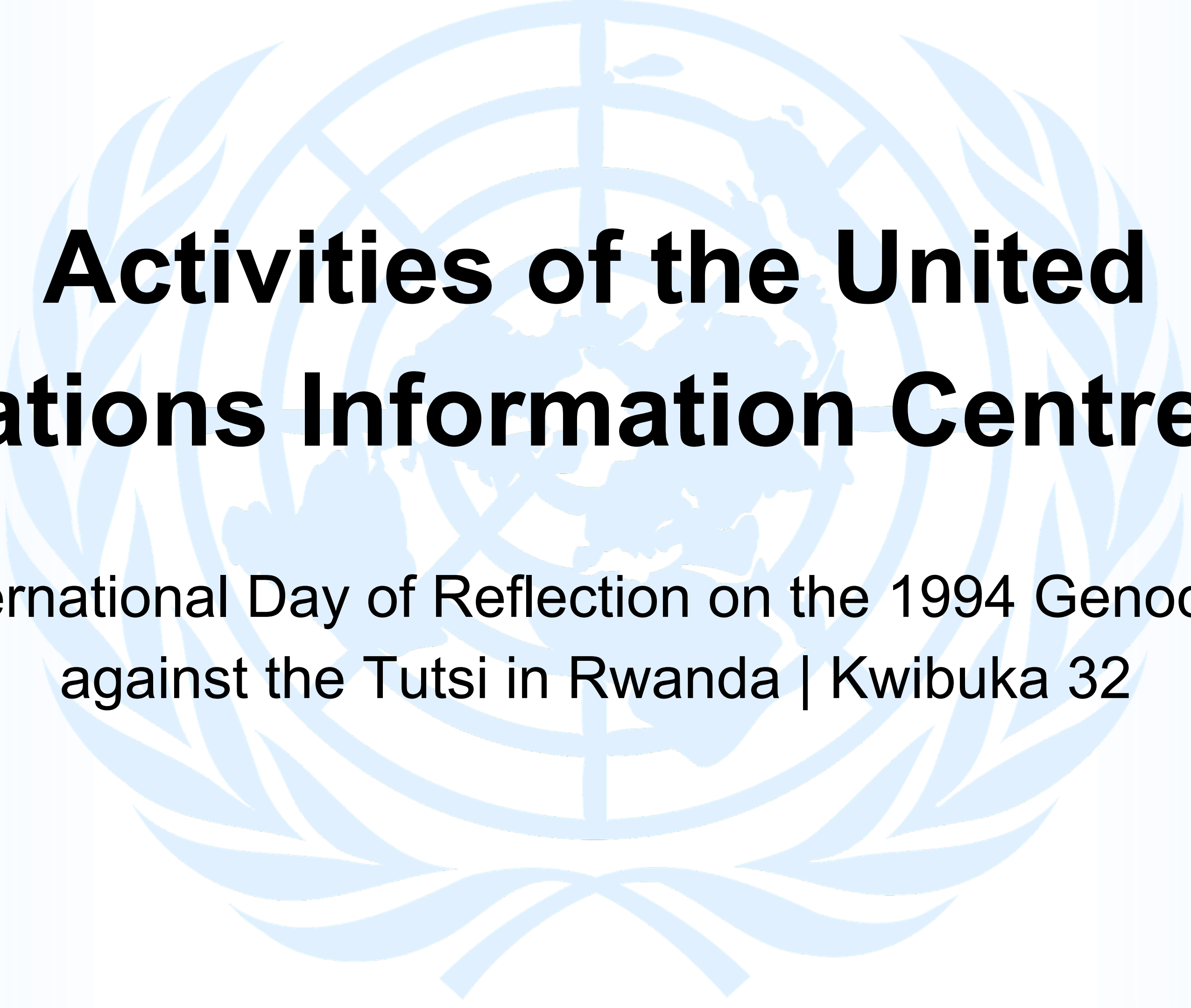




Activities of the United Nations Information Centres

International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide
against the Tutsi in Rwanda | Kwibuka 32

Abuja

- The United Nations Information Centre in **Abuja** collaborated in the commemoration of the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.
- The ceremony marking Kwibuka32 featured remarks by UN Women Country Representative Beatrice Eyong on behalf of the United Nations Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator a.i., who emphasized protecting the living, defending the truth, rejecting narratives that normalize violence, and upholding the United Nations Charter and international law.
- The event reaffirmed commitment to justice, peace and human dignity. Speakers, including the Ambassador of Rwanda to Nigeria, highlighted education, reconciliation and prevention. The ceremony concluded with a candlelight vigil.



Accra

- The United Nations Information Centre in **Accra**, working with the High Commission of Rwanda, planned a one-day exhibition and youth dialogue and supported participation in a national event including the unveiling of a memorial in Ghana.

Antananarivo

- The United Nations Information Centre in **Antananarivo** supported an official ceremony organized with the Government of Madagascar and the Rwandan Community.
- Around 100 diplomats, government officials, academics and members of the Rwandan community participated. Activities included official remarks, candle lighting, cultural performances, testimony, video screening, educational materials and reception.



Brazzaville

- The National Information Officer for the United Nations Information Centre in **Brazzaville** managed the Secretary-General's message delivered by the Resident Coordinator during the commemoration organized by the Embassy of Rwanda and participated in preparatory meetings with the Resident Coordinator and the Ambassador of Rwanda.



Bujumbura

- The United Nations Information Centre in **Bujumbura**, working with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Burundi, and Research and Career Development Center East Africa (RECADEC), supported the Academy of Champions of Hope. The programme selected 30 young leaders from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda for leadership, entrepreneurship, mentorship and professional networking. The Centre provided communications support, social media outreach, video production and training facilities while promoting the Sustainable Development Goals.

Dar es Salaam

- The United Nations Information Centre in **Dar es Salaam** supported visibility and outreach for the commemoration of the 32nd anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda (Kwibuka 32), held at the Mlimani City Conference Centre in Tanzania. Under the theme “Remember, Unite, Renew,” the event brought together government leaders, students, members of the diplomatic corps, friends of Rwanda and representatives of the United Nations. Hon. Ngwaru Maghembe, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, highlighted the importance of addressing intolerance through civic education and unity, while Ambassador General Patrick Nyamvumba emphasized vigilance against division and violence. Resident Coordinator a.i. Shigeki Komatsubara stressed that remembrance is a shared responsibility and called for strengthened efforts to promote peace, inclusion, human dignity and the prevention of future atrocities through education, accountable leadership, youth empowerment and global solidarity.

Dakar

- The United Nations Information Centre in **Dakar** supported the Kwibuka 32 commemoration by providing communications coverage, publishing an article, promoting the event on X and Facebook, and highlighting the role of Senegalese peacekeepers including Captain Babacar Faye and Captain Mbaye Diagne. The event brought together diplomats, survivors, faith leaders, the Rwandan community, Senegalese authorities and the United Nations system. Activities included interfaith prayers, candle lighting, poetry, survivor testimonies and remarks by Resident Coordinator a.i. Pierre Lucas. Under the theme 'Remember, Unite, Renew', speakers emphasized remembrance, civic education, inclusion, accountable leadership, youth empowerment and global solidarity to prevent future atrocities.

Geneva

- In **Geneva**, the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda was commemorated on 7 April 2026 through a solemn ceremony held in the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations, organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to UNOG.
- The event brought together representatives of Member States, civil society, the diplomatic community, genocide survivors, students, and United Nations staff to honour the memory of the victims and reflect on the continued importance of combating hatred, discrimination and genocide denial.



Geneva

- The ceremony was chaired by the Director of the United Nations Information Service in **Geneva** (UNIS), and included the lighting of candles, the observance of a minute of silence in remembrance of the victims, reading of the message of the UN Secretary-General, video messages from the UNOG Director-General, and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, musical tributes and remembrance songs.
- Speakers included the President of Ibuka, Memory and Justice (Swiss section), the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to UNOG, and a testimony by a genocide survivor. The ceremony was webcast live and promoted through dedicated multilingual webpages and social media outreach in English and French.



Harare

- United Nations Information Centre in **Harare** supported awareness-raising activities marking the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, including a press conference on 1 April 2026 and the national commemoration on 7 April 2026.
- Organized with the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, the Government of Zimbabwe and the Embassy of Rwanda, the event brought together government officials, genocide survivors, family members of fallen United Nations staff, the Rwandan community, diplomats, international organizations, civil society, women and youth.
- United Nations Resident Coordinator Edward Kallon, the Government of Zimbabwe and the Embassy of Rwanda delivered messages highlighting the dangers of hate, the importance of remembrance, reconciliation and unity.
- Over 100 people attended the event which was also screened on the national television in English and other languages, as well as on the national broadcasters ZBC whose news is watched by over 67 percent of the country's population. The event was also read on the country's radio stations. Zimbabwe has a population of 16 million.

Nairobi

- The United Nations Office at **Nairobi**, in partnership with the Rwanda High Commission in Kenya, commemorated the Day of Reflection with more than 700 participants from United Nations agencies, government, diplomatic corps, students and the Rwandan community.



- Director-General Zainab Bangura delivered the Secretary-General's message and UNIS Nairobi Director Sandra Macharia served as Master of Ceremonies. Activities included survivor testimony, a film screening, exhibition, media coverage and digital outreach.

New Dehli

- The United Nations Information Centre in **New Delhi** working with the High Commission of Rwanda, co-organized a dedicated student event to commemorate the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda.



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- Several hundred high school students from across greater Delhi received bespoke briefings about the history of the genocide and then produced original artworks for public display.



Vienna

- A commemorative ceremony to mark the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda was held at the **Vienna** International Centre on 9 April, co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Rwanda to the United Nations (Vienna) with residence in Switzerland, together with the United Nations Office at Vienna.



- The United Nations Information Service in Vienna supported the organization of the event and moderated the commemorative ceremony. The event was livestreamed on UN WebTV and covered on UNIS Vienna's website and social media channels.

Yaoundé

- The United Nations Information Centre in **Yaoundé**, in partnership with the Association de la Communauté Rwandaise au Cameroun, organized a commemoration featuring prayer, candle lighting, testimonies, video screenings, poetry and a musical tribute. Resident Coordinator Issa Sanogo delivered the Secretary-General's message emphasizing remembrance, institution-building, peace, justice and the principle of 'never again'.

