



The Journey of Resilience by Benjamin Rusagara

International Conference
**Learning from the Past, Shaping the
Future: Remembrance,
Reconciliation and Reintegration -
the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi
in Rwanda**

23 March 2026 (9:00-18:00)

Vienna School of International Studies
Favoritenstrasse 15a, Vienna

09.30–10:15

Opening Remarks

Ambassador Martin Eichtinger

Director of the Vienna School of International Studies

H.E. Sepp Schellhorn

State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria

H.E. Olivier Nduhungirehe

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda

10:15–11:00

Keynote Speech

Thijs B. Bouwknecht

Senior Researcher at NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences (KNAW)

11:00–11:15

Coffee Break

11:15–12:30

Panel I: Reintegration of Génocidaires in Rwanda

Frank Kayitare

Country Representative at Interpeace, Rwanda

Marie Chantal Ingabire

Executive Director of Community Based Sociotherapy, Rwanda

Odette Mukansoro

Executive Director of Dignity in Detention, Rwanda

Moderation: **Marina Maier** (Austrian Service Abroad)

12:30–13:30

Lunch Break

13:30–14:45

Panel II: Memory Culture and Atrocity Prevention through Education

James Smith

Founder and Chair of Kigali Genocide Memorial & Aegis Trust Foundation, Co-Founder and Life President of the UK National Holocaust Museum

Tali Nates

Founder and Executive Director of Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, South Africa

Ljiljana Radonić

Vice-Director and Head of the project “Globalised Memorial Museums”, Institute of Culture Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Moderation: **Andrea Pető** (Professor at Central European University)

14:45–15:00

Coffee Break

15:00–16:15

Podium Discussion: Art, Trauma and Remembrance

Bele Marx & Gilles Mussard and Ancilla Umubyeyi

Project “When the Pillars Bear Grief”, Austria and Rwanda

Judith Kaine

Founder and Director of Komezart, Rwanda and USA

Moderation: **Doron Rabinovici** (historian and author)

16:15–16:30

Coffee Break

16:30–17:45

Panel III: Reconciliation in the Long Term: Justice, Memory and Social Repair

Freddy Mutanguha

CEO at Aegis Trust, Director of Kigali Genocide Memorial, Rwanda

Sigall Horovitz

Academic Adviser on Transitional Justice at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, former legal officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Ariane Inkasha

Rwanda–Burundi Hub Director at International Alert, Rwanda

Ursula Kriebaum

Professor of International Law, University of Vienna

Moderation: **Ambassador (ret.) Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff**

17:45–18:00

Closing Remarks

H.E. Urujeni Bakuramutsa

Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda to Switzerland

18:00–20:00

Evening Reception

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