

RWANDAN DIASPORA GLOBAL NETWORK



The Rwanda Diaspora Community participates in the 15th anniversary of the Commemoration of the Genocide against Tutsi, by supporting vulnerable genocide survivors

“Diaspora One Dollar Campaign for Genocide Survivors”

The 7th of April 2009 Rwanda and the whole world will be commemorating for the 15th time the Genocide against Tutsi (www.rwanda15.org). As it is the practice, the Rwandan Diaspora Community all over the world as well as all the friends of Rwanda, will join Rwandans inside the country to ***commemorate the Genocide, to fight genocide deniers and revisionists while reflecting on how they can contribute to building their nation***, as it is stipulated in the theme of the 15th anniversary of the Genocide against Tutsi¹.

The programme of the Genocide Commemoration events planned by the **Rwandan** Diaspora is wide: Prayers and church services, public lectures and talks, commemoration messages, exhibitions, genocide films, brochures, fliers, posters, marches and night vigils in remembrance of the genocide victims, etc.....

The novelty in all these events is that all commemoration activities and ceremonies will be combined with the mobilisation of members of the Rwandan Diaspora to contribute to **“One Dollar Campaign for Genocide Survivors”** project.

The **“Diaspora One Dollar Campaign for Genocide Survivors”** is a project designed by the Rwandan Diaspora community members living in all corners of the globe and supported by the Diaspora General Directorate in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (www.minaffet.gov.rw). It is planned that this project will be implemented starting this year in April 2009.

¹ *Let us keep the memory genocide against Tutsi by fighting revisionism and building the country”.*

The objective of this project is to mobilise members of the Rwandan Diaspora (women, men, children, young and old as well as their friends all over the world), to support vulnerable Genocide survivors especially the youth.

The aim of this initiative is to mobilise compassion and advocacy for vulnerable genocide survivors by reflecting on several difficulties in their lives, as well as express solidarity.

During a Retreat attended by members of the Rwandan Diaspora in Kigali on the 20th and 21st December 2008, members of the Diaspora participating in this Retreat, in collaboration with the National Commission for fight against Genocide (www.cnlq.gov.rw), jointly adopted the “One Dollar campaign Project” as one of the activities for commemoration of the 15th remembrance of the Genocide against the Rwandan Tutsi. It is in this framework that a specific bank account titled “[Agaseke, Diaspora One dollar Campaign](#)”, was opened in the **Banque de Kigali (BK)**. The bank accounts are **040-0292514-92 (FRW), 040-0292515-93 (USD), 040-0292598-79 (EURO), Swift: BKIG RW RW**. A sister account was also opened in “**Union des Banques Populaires (UDBR)** with account number **408-230155015011**.

A Special online banking was opened at **FORTIS Bank in Belgium**, the account number is

001-5793091-36, IBAN: BE46 001-5793091-36, BIC: GEBABEBB.

In addition, all Rwandan Diplomatic and Consular Missions abroad jointly with Rwandan Diaspora associations opened secondary accounts in their respective areas to receive contributions in the framework of this “Diaspora One Dollar Campaign” from members of the Rwandan Diaspora and friends of Rwanda.

It was proposed during the Retreat that funds collected in this campaign will be used to construct accommodation facilities for needy orphaned students without shelter and with no where to stay during the holidays. A [documentary film](#) was also produced showing the living conditions of these children.

Associations advocating for the interests of indigent Genocide survivors such as IBUKA, AVEGA, AERG, in collaboration with the Commission for Fight Against Genocide (CNLG) are continuously specifically advocating for these children. These associations lauded this initiative of the Rwandan Diaspora, and committed themselves to strongly support it and proposed that the same campaign should be carried out within the country.

For additional explanations and information on the One Dollar Campaign, please visit the following website: www.1dollarcampaign.org

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Thank you in advance