United Nations

Annual Commemoration of the Rwanda Genocide

15 April 2013
Memorial Ceremony

Monday, 15 April 2013 | 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Conference Room 3 | UN Headquarters, New York

Moderator: Mr. Stéphane Dujarric, Director, News and Media Division; Officer-in-Charge, Department of Public Information

Candle lighting

Remarks by

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
UN Secretary-General

H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić
President of the UN General Assembly

H.E. Ms. Louise Mushikiwabo
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda

H.E. Mr. Tekeda Alemu
Permanent Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the UN (representing the African Union)

H.E. Ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo
Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the UN

Ms. Virginie Ingabire
Survivor of the Rwanda genocide

Poetry reading by Ms. Jessica Gatoni

Music by Ms. Sabrina Iyadede
Steve Wood on double bass
Lollise Mbi, Parris Bailey, Rodman Castillo on vocals

Virginie Ingabire
survived the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, finding herself alone with a newborn baby brother and a three-year-old sister. Her mother and other sisters were killed. Virginie now lives in New York with her husband and two children.

Jessica Gatoni
was born in Burundi to Rwandan parents. She moved to Canada with her family in August 1994. From an early age, she has been writing her own essays, short stories, and poems—often about her beloved motherland, Rwanda.

Sabrina Iyadede
moved from Rwanda to Belgium in order to escape the genocide. From Belgium she relocated to Brooklyn, NY, where she resides today. Her first studio album, ‘Talking to God’, mixes her Rwandan influences with electronic and jazzy sounds.
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