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AU-Rwanda Embassy-IPSS Symposium
28th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
16 June 2022/Nelson Mandela Hall, African Union Commission
Tentative Program

09:00-09:30 **Registration**

09:30-09:50 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Representative of Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University;
- Representative of the Embassy of Rwanda in Ethiopia & Djibouti and Permanent Mission to AU and UNECA;
- Representative of Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department, African Union Commission (AU PAPS)

09:50-10:50 **Session One: Understanding the Genocide Ideology, Denials of Genocide, Hate Speech and their Manifestations**

Format: Panel Discussion (**Three speakers**)

Deliverables:

- ✓ The conceptual and legal definitions of genocide, hate speech, Ten stages of genocide, Prevention of mass atrocity ,
- ✓ The governance challenges, historical, economic, and cultural/societal factors that leave a country at risk of Genocidal tendencies,
- ✓ The nature of atrocities committed in the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda and the peculiar roles of the actors,
- ✓ The repercussions of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi has had within the country itself and the lessons to Africa.



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10:50-11:20 Q and A

11:20-12:20 Second Session: Regional, Continental and Global Responses and Ongoing Initiatives/Measures

Format: Panel Discussion (**Three speakers**)

Deliverables:

- ✓ Assess regional, continental and global responses and ongoing initiatives and interventions to address the Genocide ideology, Hate speech, and Crimes against Humanity by the AU and regional mechanisms as well as international organizations and other stakeholders,
- ✓ The importance of justice (transitional, retributive and restorative) in reconstruction of a society post-atrocity and the fight against genocide denials,
- ✓ Early warning recommendations to policy makers and way forwards to collectively fight genocide manifestations.

12:20-12:50 Q and A

12:50- 01:00 Closing Remarks