

NEWSLETTER INTWARARUMURI



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Dear Partners, Friends and Readers,

We are thrilled to bring you the latest updates and news on the events that marked the last two quarters of 2023/2024 fiscal year. This issue of our Newsletter **“Intwararumuri”**, highlights our activities and main achievements based on our mission, which is to enhance unity and peace as the foundation for sustainable development in Rwanda.

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01 KWIBUKA 30

FIRST LADY JEANNETTE KAGAME JOINED INTWAZA



H.E First Lady Jeannette KAGAME observes a moment of silence to pay tribute to victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

Unity Club's Chairperson, H.E First Lady Jeannette KAGAME, on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, joined elderly survivors of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi known as "Intwaza" in Huye to commemorate and honour the victims of the Genocide.

This commemoration event took place at the Impinganzima hostel of Huye, where Intwaza from both Huye and Nyanza Hostels met.



The light of hope and remembrance

Speaking at the event, Mrs. KAGAME told the survivors that it is from them that the country learns resilience.



We thank you because you are a school from which we learn the resilience we always talk about.

She said, recognizing them for raising children and being strong enough to lead their families, despite suffering huge losses.



Remarks by H.E First Lady Jeannette KAGAME

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Apart from commemorating together with Intwaza of Huye and Nyanza, Unity Club also joined Intwaza of Bugesera and Rusizi in their hostels to the 30th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

In a message regarding the 30th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi, H.E First Lady Jeannette KAGAME, stressed that *“the choice to reunite enabled us (Rwandans) to heal wounds and scars from our dark history and build a safe and secure Rwanda”*.



Kwibuka is a precious moment to honor the lives of our people who were killed in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. All Rwandans especially the young people have the responsibility to build on that foundation and continue to build a solid and prosperous Rwanda free from Genocide and its ideology.

Message by **H.E Jeannette KAGAME** regarding the 30th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi



Members of the Unity Club laid flowers on the mass grave where the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi rest at the Murambi Genocide Memorial

02 MEMBERS OF UNITY CLUB GATHERED AT MURAMBI GENOCIDE MEMORIAL

On May 3, 2024, members of Unity Club Intwararumuri visited the Murambi Genocide Memorial in Nyamagabe district as part of the 30th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.



Unity Club's 1st Vice Chairperson Hon. Marie Solange KAYISIRE, pointed out that *"All Rwandans should know, understand and preserve our history; always look back and remember the bad governance that led our country to the Genocide; and discuss with openness anything that would cause divisions among Rwandans with the aim of eradicating any similar divisionism."*



Remembering as leaders, is our responsibility to continue to strive for good governance that strengthens the Unity and Resilience of Rwandans.

Hon. Marie Solange KAYISIRE
Unity Club's 1st Vice Chairperson

Murambi Genocide Memorial visited by Intwararumuri (Torch bearers) has the distinction of showing the role of bad governance in the dark history of persecution and killings against the Tutsi that led to the Genocide against the Tutsi in 1994.

This particular feature made the members of the Unity Club, as Leaders and as Intwararumuri, decide to visit this Memorial in order to remember and pay tribute to the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi, and to be more mindful of the role of bad leadership in the dark history of Rwanda. Such commitment reflects Unity Club's role as Leaders in building a better united Rwanda.

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03 17 HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS ENTERED NDI UMUNYARWANDA INTEGRATION PROJECT



On May 20, 2024, Unity Club gave training sessions on **"Ndi Umunyarwanda"** to staff of 17 Universities and Colleges which entered for the first time in the **"Ndi Umunyarwanda Integration Project"**. The aim of the project is to strengthening Rwandanness among young people and youth mostly in colleges and universities.

The trainees will help strengthen Ndi Umunyarwanda in their respective colleges and universities

Minister of State in the ministry of Education, Hon. Claudette IRERE, who is also Unity Club member, officiated the opening of the training.



We expect you to contribute in the discussions, as well as in the launch of Unity and Resilience Clubs in your colleges. Together, we help those young people to preserve, strengthen and spread Ndi Umunyarwanda in schools, among their friends and in their families

Hon. Claudette IRERE
Minister of State in the Ministry of Education

2 teachers from each College and University participated in this training. They will help in the establishment and monitoring of the Unity and Resilience clubs, so that Ndi Umunyarwanda will become a form of lifestyle among the youth from those Colleges and Universities.

04 NDI UMUNYARWANDA INTEGRATION PROJECT PHASE IV LAUNCHED

On April 17, 2024, Unity Club launched the fourth phase of “Ndi Umunyarwanda Integration Project”.



The fourth phase of this project was launched from Kigali site

On behalf of H.E the First Lady Jeannette KAGAME, Chairperson of Unity Club, Mrs. Domitilla MUKANTAGANZWA, officially launched the activities of this phase 4 of the project at the site of the City of Kigali which brought together 12 colleges and universities.

Leaders of Unity and Resilience Clubs have been trained to train others, especially their colleagues from secondary schools.

The Vice Chairperson of Good Governance and Social Justice Commission at Unity Club, Mrs. MUKANTAGANZWA, stressed the uniqueness of Ndi Umunyarwanda Integration Project Phase IV. She noted that in the previous phases, dialogue and competitions on Ndi Umunyarwanda and opening of the Unity and Resilience Clubs in 32 colleges greatly paid off.



You have the responsibility to teach and lead dialogues on Ndi Umunyarwanda, both in your schools, high schools and elsewhere; So it is important to acquire more knowledge to equip you with the necessary message.

Mrs. Domitilla MUKANTAGANZWA while officially launching phase 4 of the project on Kigali site



Some leaders of Unity and Resilience clubs during the Workshop



Musanze: An expert in the history of Rwanda, Mr. Innocent NIZEYIMANA, delivering his lecture

The goal of the fourth phase of this project is to empower unity and integrity clubs in Higher Learning Institutions, so that its members introduce projects that will cement Ndi Umunyarwanda among their classmates and their high school peers.

After Kigali, this program continued at the sites of Huye, Kayonza and Musanze, where the leaders of the Unity and Resilience clubs from colleges and universities in these areas met.

On all sites, lectures and dialogue were given on the history of Rwanda, Ndi Umunyarwanda, how to prepare a project and present it.

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05 UNITY CLUB SIGNS A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH IRDP

On February 16, 2024, Unity Club Intwararumuri signed the Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Institute of Research and Dialogue for Peace, IRDP.



Ass. Prof. Sylvestre NZAHABWANAYO, Executive Director of IRDP and Mrs. Régine IYAMUREMYE, Executive Secretary of Unity Club, signed the MoU



Both sides are happy with the partnership

Through the agreement, the two sides are committed to cooperate in various projects and activities related to the development of a culture of Peace, Unity and Resilience with a focus on dialogue, especially among the young people.

06 “HEROES DON'T DISCRIMINATE!” CHENO

In a monthly talk show on Ndi Umunyarwanda that took place in January 2024, The Chancellery for Heroes, National Orders and Decorations of Honour (CHENO), identified Ndi Umunyarwanda as a source of courage and patriotism.



The January talk show on Ndi Umunyarwanda was organized to celebrate Rwanda's Heroes' Day

The Executive Secretary of CHENO, Mr. Déo NKUSI, emphasized that Rwanda is built, protected and developed by heroism. In order to achieve this, he pointed out that *"there are values that every Rwandan should have, so that our pact of Rwandanness (Ndi Umunyarwanda) can be strengthened."* *"Heroes don't discriminate,"* He said.

A member of Unity Club Amb. Joseph NSENGIMANA also emphasized that acts of heroism are based on the values of Rwandanness that should characterize everyone in everyday life, both in hard times and in times of freedom.

In his message to the youth, Mr. NIKUZE Donatien from the Ministry of Unity and Civic Engagements, MINUBUMWE, expressed that what makes a person is the values that characterize him/her, not the age.

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The Ndi Umunyarwanda program is a monthly talk show of Unity Club in collaboration with the Ministry of Unity and Civic Engagements, MINUBUMWE. It aims to strengthen the Rwandanness spirit (Ndi Umunyarwanda) among Rwandans. It airs on RBA on the last Sunday of each month.

Check out more talk shows on Ndi Umunyarwanda that aired on RBA between January and June 2024:

- ▶ January
- ▶ February
- ▶ March
- ▶ April
- ▶ May

07 RESEARCH: UNITY CLUB AND MINUBUMWE IN COOPERATION

On January 30, 2024 at the Headquarters of the Ministry of Rwandan Unity and Civic Engagements, Research Sub commission of the Unity Club and researchers from MINUBUMWE held a meeting where both sides committed to work together in the field of research.



The meeting brought together Researchers from both Unity Club and MINUBUMWE

Both sides are determined to increase cooperation in conducting quality research to be used by the relevant institutions in making decisions and establishing programs and policies that strengthen unity and resilience among Rwandans.

In February 2022, Unity Club and MINUBUMWE signed a cooperation agreement (MoU) in different fields including research.

In 2023, Unity Club published its research on the effects of Genocide against the Tutsis in 1994 among young people, a study called: **“THE IMPACT OF THE 1994 GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI ON THE MOST AFFECTED YOUTH IN RWANDA; ANALYSIS OF THE YOUTH’S PECULIAR POST-GENOCIDE PROBLEMS AND EMERGING SOLUTIONS.”**

This research is going to be translated into Kinyarwanda and will be further disseminated in order to be more useful for different institutions.

08 MEMBERS OF UNITY CLUB TO TAKE CARE FOR AND MAINTAIN THEIR HEALTH

Members of Unity Club Intwararumuri, in February 2024, participated in a discussion on **“How to take care of health during menopause”**. It is a lecture given by Dr. SUBIRA MANZI, Gynecologist at King Faisal Hospital.



Dr. SUBIRA MANZI and Unity Club Members, in an open seminar on Menopause

Dr. SUBIRA explained what Menopause is, its characteristics, its effects and how to deal with it. He pointed out that quitting smoking and alcohol, taking care of the diet and participating in exercise are beneficial in dealing with Menopause among other things.

The doctor also advised that it is important to always take initiative and do regular visits to a doctor for constant body checkups. Doing this can save one's life early when conditions are detected early enough and are treated in time hence saving any likely health dangers.

The Unity Club members who participated in this health discussion appreciated the advice of Dr. SUBIRA, and committed to use it in preserving their health and sharing knowledge with others, so that they can take better care of their health towards prevention of chronic and other diseases.

The Mayor of Nyamagabe District, Mr. Hildebrand NIWEMWUNGERI, thanked Unity Club for this noble cause and all the other progressive support that brought positive change in the lives and relationships of the people of Cyanika Sector through the project "ISANANO ISHAMITSE UBUKIRE".



Mayor Hildebrand NIWEMWUNGERI received the delegation from Unity Club secretariat at Nyamagabe district headquarters.

09 NYAMAGABE: EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR UNITY CLUB'S SUPPORT

Nyamagabe District and the people of Cyanika Sector in particular, appreciate the activities of the "Isano ishamitse ubukire" project, and grateful to The Chairperson of Unity Club, Her Excellency First Lady Jeannette KAGAME.

This was revealed on February 19, 2024, when staff from the Secretariat of the Unity Club led by the Executive Secretary Mrs. Régine IYAMUREMYE, visited the activities of the project.

Through this project, Unity Club in collaboration with its partners such as KOICA, built the "ISANO Community Center" which helped in the activities of healing, to promote unity and resilience among the people of Cyanika Sector.



Unity Club also built a nursery school at GS Ngoma, 4 smart classrooms and laboratory at GS Rugogwe. The organization also advocated for the construction of Cyanika TVET school.



On June 23, 2012, First Lady Jeannette KAGAME, officially inaugurated Cyanika Genocide Memorial where 40,000 victims of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi are buried. This memorial was built after an advocacy by the Unity Club.



Staff from Unity Club Secretariat laid flowers on the mass grave where the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi rest at the Cyanika Genocide Memorial

MORE...

GONE TOO SOON; UNITY CLUB PAID TRIBUTE TO ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, AMB. MONIQUE MUKARULIZA

On Saturday 06 April 2024, members of Unity Club Intwararumuri joined the family and friends of the late Amb. Monique MUKARULIZA at her funeral.



On behalf of the Chairperson of Unity Club Intwararumuri, H.E First Lady Jeannette KAGAME, and on behalf of all Unity Club Members, the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Régine IYAMUREMYE, expressed her condolences to the family of Amb. MUKARULIZA, saying that it is a great loss for her family in particular, Unity Club and for the country as a whole.



The deceased, together with other members, have greatly contributed to the success of Unity Club efforts of contributing to building national unity and which efforts have brought Unity Club to achieving its goals in the past. He was a committed Member, showing diligence and dedication in the activities of the Unity Club.

Mme Régine IYAMUREMYE

Executive Secretary, Unity Club



Members of Unity Club at the funeral of the late Amb. Monique MUKARULIZA



She has been a good friend, sister, good mentor to adults and children. Her kindness, love for people, her passion for what she did, will always be remembered forever in the Unity Club family.

Mrs. Régine IYAMUREMYE said.



Sister Amb. Monique MUKARULIZA, you showed what you are able to do as a Leader, Woman and Mother. May God grant you eternal rest.



Members of Unity Club laid flowers on the grave of the late Amb. Monique MUKARULIZA

Mukaruliza, who was the Minister of the East African Community between 2008 and 2013, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2024, in the Belgian capital, Brussels, where she had been receiving treatment for about two weeks.

11 UNITY CLUB WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS

7 new members joined Unity Club. Those are:

- Mrs. Carine Olga MUTABARUKA and Hon. Yusuf MURANGWA
- Mrs. Inès INGABIRE and Hon. Olivier KABERA
- Hon. Consolée UWIMANA and Mr. Laurent RUGERINYANGE
- Hon. Linda Mutesi RUSAGARA

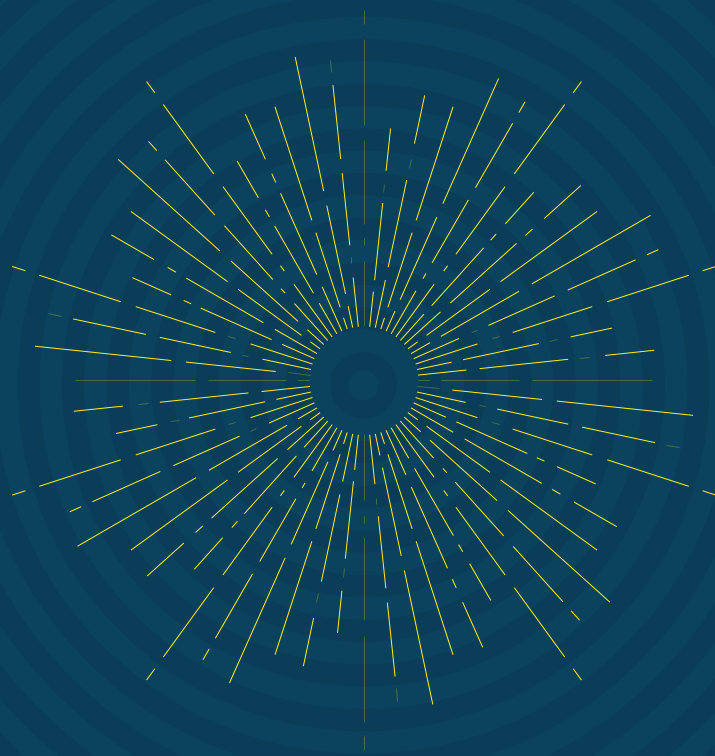
12 UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The Unity Club, led by its Chairperson, Her Excellency First Lady Jeannette KAGAME, is working hard to achieve its goals. Much has been achieved but the journey continues as we aim to instill unity and resilience in the culture and values of Rwandans.

It is in this context that our organization will continue its future planned activities that include, among other things, the following:

- The 17th Unity Club Annual Forum
- Unity Club General Assembly
- Nyanza: Expansion and renovation of Impinganzima Hostel
- Launch of Ndi Umunyarwanda Integration Project in 17 new Higher Learning Institutions
- Support for Unity and Resilience clubs from 32 different Universities and Higher Learning Institutions
- Unity Club Partners Appreciation Ceremony
- Continuing ICDP activities
- Preparation of the Strategic Plan for the next five years (2024 - 2029)

We are grateful to our partners



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