Roundtable Discussion to Commemorate 20th Anniversary of the Rwanda Genocide

On April 17, 2014, at 4:30pm, the Einaudi Center and the Institute for African Development will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Rwanda genocide with a roundtable discussion in Lewis Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall. The keynote address will be given by Adama Dieng, the UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide and followed by a panel discussion on the relevance of the Rwandan genocide for current conflicts.

The roundtable discussion will be moderated by Cornell Professor Kifle Gebremedhin from the Department of Biological and Environmental Engineering. The panel will be composed of several distinguished Cornell professors and a survivor of the 1994 genocide:

Muna Ndulo is an internationally recognized scholar in the fields of constitution making, governance and institution building, human rights and Foreign Direct Investments. He is a Professor of Law Cornell Law School and Director of the Cornell University’s Institute for African Development. He is Honorary Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town. He was formerly Professor of Law and Dean of the School of Law, University of Zambia. He served as Legal Officer in the International Trade Law Branch of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) from 1986 to 1995. He also served as Political and Legal Adviser with the United Nations Mission Observer Mission in South Africa (UNOMSA) and to the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General to South Africa 1992-1994; Legal Adviser to the United Nations Assistance Mission to EAST Timor (UNAMET)-1999, Legal Expert, United Nations Mission to Kosovo (UNAMIK) (2000) and Legal Expert to the United Nations Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA) (2003). He has acted as consultant to the African Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), National Democratic Institute (NDI) United Sates Institute for Peace (USIP) and International Development Law Organization (IDLO). He has acted as consultant to the Kenya 2010 Constitutional Process, Zimbabwe Constitutional Process, Somalia and Sudan. He is founder of the Southern African Institute for Public Policy and Research (SAIPAR) and member of its Board of Directors. He is a member of the Board of the African Association of International Law, the Advisory Committee, Human Rights Watch, (Africa) and he serves as Chairperson for Gender Links, a South African NGO. He has published 14 books and over 80 articles in academic journals.

Consolee Nishimwe is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide against Tutsis. She suffered physical torture during her three months in hiding and miraculously survived with her mother and younger sister. She is a committed speaker on the genocide, a defender of
global women’s rights, and an advocate for other genocide survivors. She now lives in New York.

**Nicolas van de Walle** was director of the Einaudi Center and John S. Knight Professor of International Studies from January 2004 to June 2008. He is currently the Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Government and the Chair of the Department of Government at Cornell University. He is also a nonresident fellow at the Center for Global Development in Washington, D.C. He has published widely on democratization issues as well as on the politics of economic reform and on the effectiveness of foreign aid and structural adjustment in poor countries, with special focus on Africa. In 2001, he was awarded the G.M. Luebbert Prize of the American Political Science Association for the best book in comparative politics. Van de Walle has also worked extensively as a consultant for a variety of international and multilateral organizations, including the World Bank, USAID, and UNDP. Van de Walle received his PhD from Princeton University in 1990 from the Woodrow Wilson School for International Studies. Before coming to Cornell in 2004, van de Walle was a professor at Michigan State University.

The Roundtable Discussion Series features experts in international affairs who can address topical issues from a variety of perspectives. This Discussion Series is part of the **Foreign Policy Forum** at Cornell University led by the Einaudi Center to maximize the intellectual impact of Cornell's outstanding resources in this area.