



# Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

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In this highlight, Linda Bianchi speaks on...  
the challenges of prosecuting rape

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- 00:00 Akayesu was ground-breaking and we've, you know, constantly we're, we're focused on "We did great in Akayesu," and we did; it was a great case. But then after Akayesu, some of it is just that there was a time when, you know, the ICTR staff was limited and the resources devoted to the cases was limited.
- 00:30 And so trial attorneys had to make choices and prosecuting genocide is a very complex and complicated matter and garnering the kind of evidence is a monumental task. And so I don't think that rape and sexual violence was given a sort of secondary category, but where they had to make a choice, the choice to prosecute genocide as, you know, genocide was always taken and if something was dropped, the rape and sexual violence was also often the one charge dropped or not pursued.
- 01:12 And it's that that we're trying to make a difference in now.