



Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

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In this highlight, Mandiaye Niang speaks on...
the effect of the Tribunal's capacity building efforts in
Rwanda

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- 00:00 Because now, since I joined the Office of the Registrar, we have done almost everything with Rwanda now. We have really – there was a huge gap in terms of communication, in terms of trust building. You, you, you would see that in the beginning, Rwanda, there was so, they had so much resentment against the tribunal. Always it was about criticism.
- 00:25 But I think that because you know, some of the Rwandan also felt that you know, they had in this tribunal people who are very supportive of them. And how I did translate that was that I was involved in every part of the capacity building. Up 'til now, for example, I have with the help of the Registrar created this framework whereby now we send our lawyer to go to Univ-, National University of Rwanda to teach international humanitarian law.
- 00:57 In fact, just two weeks ago I was there teaching. And now, when I go to Rwanda I find a lot of friends, many friends who have now completed the university because for the last five years I've been there teaching with some other lawyers here and I think that this also has dramatically changed. That's a small thing because we are just a few people doing it, but it has changed quite a lot.