



# **NDI UMUNYARWANDA NK'ICYOMORO N'IGIHANGO**

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# Ubunyarwanda : beyond a program

- Ndumunyarwanda is a program;
- Ubunyarwanda is a value beyond a technical program [Girinka, kurwanya nyakatsi, gukingira abana indwara etc];
- It is the base for programs;
- It ensures sustainability of programs

# Ndumunyarwanda for healing and liberation (Icyomoro)

- **Self-conviction:** those who mobilise for Ndumunyarwanda should do serious soul searching to be sure they are convinced about it.
- The temptation to pay it lip service is ever present.

## **The self conviction test : test yourself**

I understand my past;

- I appreciate my personal role in it;
- I appreciate the role of others;
- I am healed / healing from issues;
- I have reconciled with my past;
- I have made a personal transition;
- I am a liberated, new being;
- I appreciate my role in our future
- I am truly Umunyarwanda;
- Does Ubunyarwanda drive my engine?

# Ubunyarwanda for nation building

- History shows that Rwanda is here to stay
  - Its shape and form has depended on the values of the leadership and the led over the centuries.
- Our choices determine the type of Rwanda we have — not its existence.
- A good or bad Rwanda will always depend on us.

# Gacaca : a test case

- The realization by a Nation that when things get tough it relies on itself and it has massive capacity to do so;
- Rwandans were not created to harm each other — they were wired to do so;
- Evidence that the unifying factors in us never disappeared — they were scared into submission;
- Evidence of the Resilience of a nation and a people: we were hurt but we chose unity, accountability, life, reconciliation, forgiveness;
- These are elements of a nation and people that can outlast problems




# Ndumunyarwanda as a Journey


- It is a journey — not a destination. Each generation has its part to travel
- Ours is to heal a wounded past and build / consolidate a united / solid future
- The journey must be forward



# Justification for traveling the journey;

- *Is this whole Ndumunyarwanda journey supposed to be smooth?*
- **A. It can threaten or be threatened by:**
  - Those who thrive or benefit from Divide and Rule;
  - Those who thrive on our narrow / sectarian identity and their whole horizon ends there;

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- Those for whom national Identity as too good to be true
  - People fight a policy, program, value because it threatens a status quo they thrive on, brings to the fore new perspectives, challenges long held beliefs.

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- **B. It needs to be:**
    - Understood, not just complied with;
    - Be lived as life, not politicized;
    - Be an imperative not a scare crow;
    - Be our common shield and refuge

- The prize of success is of a solid nation characterized by:
  - Sovereignty;
  - Unity;
  - National identity and cohesion;
  - Healthy Political and Economic development;
  - rule of law
- ***Does the prize make the journey worth the risks?***

# What is at stake if we miss the Ubunyarwanda moment?

- Common identity;
- Collective defence
  - Ubunyarwanda is our collective defence against threats and attacks to our sovereignty;
- Immunisation to keep sectarianism / divisionism at bay
- Never again is a reality if Ubunyarwanda is a reality;
  - Guarantee and insurance policy for Never again

- **National, regional and global development;**
  - Ubunyarwanda will drive lasting stability, unity, democracy, political and economic development;
- **Our heritage;**
  - Ubunyarwanda is our common heritage, bequeathed to us by our forefathers
  - It has worked for our forefathers – it will work for us and future generations
- Therefore, fellow leaders, isn't Ubunyarwanda inevitable? Isn't it our collective inheritance? Don't we owe it to our Country and posterity?



*THANK YOU*