

# CURRENT ISSUES IN RWANDA

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HER EXCELLENCY  
**MATHILDE  
MUKANTABANA**  
RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana has been ambassador to the U.S. since 2013, her first diplomatic position. Mukantabana is also nonresident ambassador to Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina. A member of the Tutsi group, she lost her family in the 1994 Rwandan Genocide while she was teaching history at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. In response, she started a social work program in 1999 at the National University of Rwanda and co-founded and became president of the Friends of Rwanda Association. In 2013, Mukantabana was an executive producer of the *Rwandan Night*, a documentary on the genocide. She married Alexandre Kimenyi, who died in 2010, and they are the parents of three children.