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**Partners International Foundation and Virginia Wesleyan College Host
Lecture By Former Rwanda's Former Ambassador to the United States
and Presidential Chief of Staff**

Lecture on the Rwandan Genocide and the Future of Africa

Virginia Beach, Virginia – Partners International Foundation and Virginia Wesleyan College today announced that Dr. Theogene Rudasingwa will deliver a lecture on Rwanda and Africa at Blocker auditorium on the Virginia Wesleyan Campus, April 20, 2006 starting at 7:00 PM.

Dr. Rudasingwa has more than 10 years of leadership experience, with particular emphasis on achieving high-level strategic objectives within critical situations. He served the people of Rwanda in many capacities. As a member of the **RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF)**, Dr. Rudasingwa served as the Director for Africa and later the Secretary General when the RPF liberated Rwanda from the genocide, including service as a member of the team that negotiated the Arusha Peace Accords. Subsequently he served as the **Ambassador of Rwanda to the United States, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina**, before returning to Rwanda to work in the central government as the Chief of Staff to the Vice President then later as the Chief of Staff to the President. Dr. Rudasingwa is currently a visiting Scholar at the University of California at Berkely.

Dr. Rudasingwa holds an Honorary Ph.d from Trinity College in Burlington, Vermont, is studying towards a Global Master degree from Tufts University, and holds a Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery Degree from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. In 2001 Dr. Rudasingwa was recognized with the **Global Leader for Tomorrow Award** from the World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland.

In addition to his lecture at Virginia Wesleyan, Dr. Rudasingwa is visiting the Hampton Roads area to discuss the feasibility of establishing Partners International Foundation's initiative for The Africa Institute in the area. Dr. Rudasingwa and Partners International Foundation hope to partner the initiative with the State of Virginia and several of the State and Region's colleges and universities. The Africa Institute is intended to form and lead a non-partisan body of the best minds to define Africa's future and change it for the better.

Partners International Foundation has a long history of providing a positive impact globally and locally. Over the years Partners International Foundation's support has ranged from Boy Scouts in America to Women and Children in Rwanda, Grenada, the former Soviet Republics and more. Its volunteers worked in Afghanistan, Iraq, Nepal and other locations. In the United States the foundation has supported K-12 education,

women and children's wellness, the disabled, battered women's sheltered, and the Foundation was one of the first to respond with monetary support to the families of soldiers who died in the War on Terrorism. Partners International Foundation has provided Non-Government Organizations and other humanitarian Subject Matter Experts to the Army Command and General Staff College, World Food Program, United States Joint Forces Command, NATO workshops, and more.

For more information about Dr. Rudasingwa's Visit and the Africa Institute and to donate to support **Partners International Foundation** and helping it continue its work, visit their website at www.Partners-International.org .

To view Dr. Rudasingwa's latest article on Democracy in Africa, visit:

<http://www.partners-international.org/Rwanda/Africa%20Today.htm>

For further information on The lecture at Virginia Wesleyan, contact **Ms. Rebecca Lee Desjardins** (College Communications, Virginia Wesleyan College) at (757) 455-3366 (office); For information about Partners International Foundation, please view our website at www.partners-international.org or call Mr. Bob Morris (757) 869-6770.

Accompanying files (other photos available upon request):

Dr. Rudasingwa	Photo of Dr. Rudasingwa
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