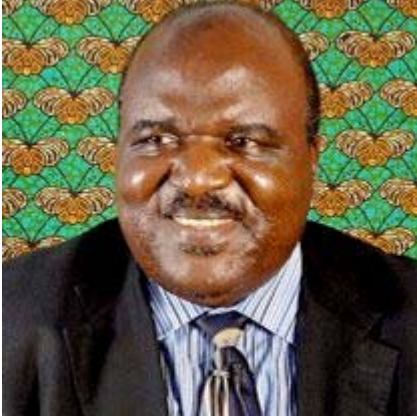




Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

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In this highlight, Alfred Kwende speaks on...
the challenges of international arrest

The transcript of the highlight begins on the following page.

- 00:00 The ICTR doesn't have a law enforcement branch to do an arrest so we rely on countries cooperating to do the arrest. Article 28 of the statute creating a tribunal calls on every country to cooperate with the tribunal.
- 00:21 Unfortunately, most of the countries don't do so on initiative because their duty to go out to look for the persons and see where they are on their territories and cause the arrest. They don't do it and so our tracking team has to go out to locate these people.
- 00:40 Now, they may have reasons for not doing it, I wouldn't want to blame anybody fully. Some of them lack resources; some of them say they have other interests than looking after fugitives. Others cite their own legislation and (___), erroneously I would say. But now we are forced to go in the process of reminding those states from time to time.
- 01:06 We don't just go anywhere. We, we – to reduce the movement and to be focused, what we do is the tracking team does the work upfront, tries to locate these people and once we know where they are, the Prosecutor's office or the Prosecutor himself takes upon himself to address indictments of those persons located in that area and warrants for arrest to the governments and seek their cooperation.
- 01:39 We have learned from experience that if these things are sent by the post and they arrive, they (___), they land on the table and they're shelved. So a human body has to move along with the mails.