

WATCHERS OF THE SKY

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If you act in the name of
conscience you are stronger
than any government in the
world. —RAPHAEL LEMKIN

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful
committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
—MARGARET MEAD

The United Nations was founded as a reaction
to the horrors of the Second World War.
Even so, the international community has too
often failed to stand up to mass atrocities.
Let us pledge ourselves to even greater
efforts to prevent genocide and crimes
against humanity
—KOFI ANNAN

We saw the whole world closing their eyes
and ears, leaving us alone to thugs and
gangsters. The genocide took away a million
people in a 100 days.
—PAUL RUSESABAGINA

Who, after all, speaks today of
the annihilation of the Armenians?
—ADOLPH HITLER

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an individual who recognizes the moral imperative of breaking the cycle of violence.

Watchers of the Sky and its non-profit partners share a common ambition: to create widespread change to end genocide and other cycles of violence

The film will be accompanied by academic resources, companion books and a multimedia campaign, which supplement the film and help it to be used as an effective launch pad to steer resources and further the goals of Watcher of the Sky's partner organizations.

Today's *Watchers of the Sky* community will develop tomorrow's world citizens: individuals who are equipped with strong moral compasses and good advocacy tools so that they can make the decision to live as a Watcher of the Sky!

THE WORLD COLLECTIVELY RECITES "NEVER AGAIN" AND SIMULTANEOUSLY WATCHES AS GENOCIDE OCCURS WITH HAUNTING FREQUENCY.

Watchers of the Sky is a powerful feature documentary that exposes the uncanny parallels of genocides across time and culture. Uniquely, *Watchers of the Sky* tells the stories of five remarkable people who are trying to end the international community's political paralysis and make "never again" a reality. These individuals' actions and choices demonstrate that people can effectively challenge the axiom that nothing can be done to end genocide.

ABOUT THE FILM'S CHARACTERS

Watchers of the Sky follows multiple stories, each of them opening a different window onto the atrocities of genocide, and shows the accumulative power of individuals to transform the world from apathy to action.

Raphael Lemkin — the man who created the word 'genocide' and first brought the world's attention to the moral imperative of addressing it.

Emmanuel Uvvueukun — a Rwandan aid worker who is himself a genocide survivor, runs three refugee camps housing Darfuri refugees in Chad.

Benjamin Ferencz — at 90 one of the last surviving prosecutors from the Nuremberg Trials, will not be silenced as he persistently cajoles delegates at the United Nations to take action.

Luis Moreno-Ocampo — Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, who begins proceedings against the Sudanese Government on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity.

Samantha Power — author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning examination of genocide "A Problem From Hell," whose insightful and articulate voice ties these disparate stories together to connect the events in Sudan with the unfulfilled legacy of Raphael Lemkin.

Power, Ferencz, Uvvueukun and Moreno-Ocampo, work in different corners of the globe but with a unity of purpose. They bear Raphael Lemkin's torch today.

HOW WILL WATCHERS OF THE SKY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Using the powerful stories of the film's main characters, and the galvanizing effect of film, *Watchers of the Sky* will create a community committed to ending violence through education and advocacy.

Watchers of the Sky will serve as a catalyst to engage audiences in understanding how individuals can impact change and be a voice for the forgotten faces of injustice and violence. Each day individuals from different socioeconomic classes, geographies, religions, ethnicities and cultures fall victim to violence, whether it is genocide, human rights abuses, rape or even common bullying. The horror of violence and its consequences know no boundaries.