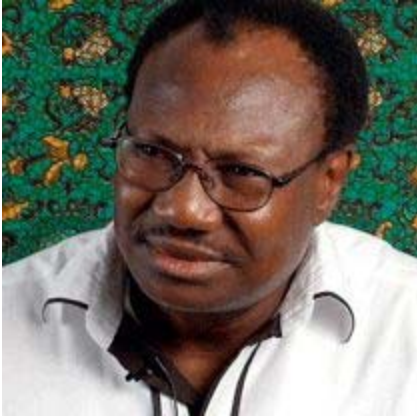




Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

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In this highlight, François Bembatoum speaks on...
the dehumanizing effect of working for the tribunal

The transcript of the highlight begins on the following page.

- 00:00 I think working with the tribunal for so many years and listening to all those horrors sort of dehumanized me. My sensitivity to human suffering sort of diminished. Yeah.
- 00:19 I remember telling some of my new colleagues that came on board – I used to tell them, “You are going to hear terrible things in court, but the day you walk out of court and you are able to crack a joke or to laugh aloud it means that you’re already changing. It means that you have become less sensitive to human suffering.” And this is something I think that my, my, my nature is no longer the same. I’m, I’m a different person.