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### **Women's Contributions to Governance: Findings from Research in Rwanda**

WASHINGTON—On **Friday, April 11**, the Africa Program of the Woodrow Wilson Center, along with The Initiative for Inclusive Security, will host a panel discussion on women's contribution to governance in Rwanda, featuring **His Excellency James Kimonyo**, Rwandan Ambassador to the United States; **Ambassador Swanee Hunt**, President, Hunt Alternatives Fund, and Chair, The Initiative for Inclusive Security; and **Elizabeth Powley**, Director, Rwanda Project, The Initiative for Inclusive Security.

This event will focus on the release of The Initiative for Inclusive Security's path-breaking research on how women's leadership contributes to the development and stabilization of society, using Rwanda, which has the world's highest percentage of female parliamentarians, as a case study and model.

"The Initiative for Inclusive Security study into the contribution of women's leadership to the development and stabilization of post-genocide Rwanda has implications for transitional societies everywhere. This initiative is one of the first to examine in depth the transformative impact of women's participation on legislative priorities and, more generally, on governance," said **Howard Wolpe**, director of the Wilson Center's Africa Program.

**What:** "Women's Contributions to Governance: Findings from Research in Rwanda"

**Who:** **His Excellency James Kimonyo**, Rwandan Ambassador to the United States; **Ambassador Swanee Hunt**, President, Hunt Alternatives Fund, Chair, The Initiative for Inclusive Security; and **Elizabeth Powley**, Director, Rwanda Project, The Initiative for Inclusive Security

**When:** **Friday, April 11, 2008, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Where:** **Woodrow Wilson Center, 6<sup>th</sup> floor Moynihan Board Room**  
The Woodrow Wilson Center is located in the Ronald Reagan Building,  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C

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