

Invitation

20 Years after the Genocide in Rwanda Commemoration – Reconstruction – Reconciliation

conference centre of the United Evangelical Mission Wuppertal

20th / 21st march, 2014

In April 2014 Rwanda commits the 20th commemoration of the genocide in 1994. In cooperation with the United Evangelical Mission in Wuppertal the ÖNZ will hold a conference on this regard. Within the frame of a liturgy we will commemorate the victims, address reconciliation and discuss the political developments in the region since 1994.

Starting from personal testimonies of the 1994 genocide, the conference will offer the opportunity to exchange opinions and viewpoints on the complex political and societal interrelations in this region. Different agents such as the Rwandan government, civil society, perpetrators as well as victims are still variously interrelated today. Bordering states such as the Democratic Republic of Congo are also affected. Facing the vast political and personal tensions the genocide has created, conflicts are inevitable. The Rwandan government has repeatedly called for reconciliation and pursued a range of juridical and societal approaches. Still there are particular groups that feel marginalized and excluded from the political discourse.

The conference offers the opportunity to point out various aspects of political and civil society reconciliation efforts and allows discussing the consequences of the genocide.

The conference will be conducted in German as well as in English. German, English and French translation will be provided.

Registration and room reservation at office@oenz.de

Programm:

20. 03.2014

14.00h

Welcome by the chairman of the steering board of ÖNZ, Jochen Motte VEM
Esther Mujawayo: Memories of personal experiences from April 1994 in Rwanda

14.45 – 16.00h

20 years of nation building in Ruanda

Panel: Richard Auernheimer, Presid. Partnership Rhineland Palatinat and Rwanda
I.E. Christine Nkulikiyinka, Ambassador of Ruanda
Gerd Hankel, Hamburg Institute for Social Research
Gloriosa Bazigaga, International Alert

Moderation: Heinz Werner Wessler, pax christi

16.30 – 18.00h:

Contributions of churches and civil society to peace and reconciliation in Ruanda

Panel: Elisée Musemakweli, EPR Rwanda
Fabien Hagenimana, Ruhengeri Ruanda
Pfr. Jörg Zimmermann
Claus Schrowange, APRED Ruanda
Kakule Molo, CBCA DR Kongo

Moderation: Christiane Kayser, Pain pour le Monde

18.00 h Diner

19:30 – 20.30h

Award of the 5th Ecumenical Peace Price

Laudatio: Armin Laschet, CDU

Awardee: Organisation Modeste et Innocent AMI

Moderation: Jochen Motte, VEM

20 h 00 Refreshments

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9.00 – 10.00h

Liturgy : Commemoration and Mourning

Sermon: President Rekowski, Elisée Musemakweli, Fabien Hagenimana

Liturgy: John Wesley Kabango

10.00h Coffee break

10.30– 12.00 h

Coming to terms with the past and trauma treatment: Juridical and Individual approaches

Panel: John Wesley Kabango, United Evangelical Mission

Bishop John Rucyahana, National Unity and Reconciliation Commission,
Rwanda

Anna-Maria Brandstetter, University of Mainz

Jean Baptiste Bizimana, AMI

Moderation: Dominic Johnson, taz

12.30h Lunch

13.30 – 15.00h

Regional impacts of the genocide and war from 1994 to today

Panel: Lars Waldorf, Univ. York

Donatella Rostagno, EurAc

Kakule Molo, CBCA DR Kongo

Aloys Tegera, Pole Institut Goma

Gloriosa Bazigaga, International Alert

Abbé Edouard-Melchior Mombili, ACEAC

Moderation: Susanne Baldin, Amnesty International

15.00h End