

Restorative Justice after Genocide

Non-Governmental Congress on the Ovaherero and Nama Genocides, 1904-08

October 14-16, 2016, Centre Francais de Berlin, Germany

ABOUT

The congress will bring together, in solidarity and common purpose, Black, white and African people in Germany with descendants of the victims of the Ovaherero and Nama genocides 1904-1908 from all over the world including Africa, Europe and America.

Inviting hosts of the congress will be Berlin Postkolonial in cooperation with AfricAvenir International, the Ovaherero/Ovambanderu Genocide Foundation (OGF), the Nama Technical Committee on Genocide, the Association of the Ovaherero/Ovambanderu Genocide in the USA (OGA), the OvaHerero/Mbanderu and Nama Genocides Institute (ONGI), and the German NGO Alliance "No Amnesty on Genocide!".

MAIN GOALS

- I. to reflect on the past struggle for restorative justice for the Ovaherero and Nama genocides.
- II. to evaluate recent developments and the present situation in Germany and Namibia with regard to the exclusion of Ovaherero and Nama from the genocide negotiations.
- III. to affirm the right of the Ovaherero and Nama communities to be directly involved in negotiating a comprehensive solution, including recognition of the genocides, a sincere apology and just reparations for the genocides.
- IV. to chart a course for transnational actions to secure restorative justice and the repatriation of all Ovaherero and Nama human remains shipped to Germany.

DATES and TIME

The congress will begin on Friday, October 14 at 2:00 pm and conclude on Sunday, October 16, at 1:00 pm. It will conclude with a **march through Berlin** on Sunday morning.

PROGRAM

Once finalized, the program will be posted on the websites of the inviting hosts, for instance on: www.berlin-postkolonial.de & <http://theongi.org/> & www.africavenir.org & www.ovaherero-ovambanderugenocideassociation.org

PLACE / HOTEL

The congress will be held at the **Centre Francais**, 13349 Berlin, Germany, Müllerstraße 74. The associated **Hotel de France** promised to offer single & double rooms for Oct 14 & 15 at a congress rate: www.hotel-francais-berlin.de, phone: +49(0)30 417 29 0.

QUESTIONS / REGISTRATION

For questions and registration please send an email to buero@berlin-postkolonial.de. Please register no later than **September 14** and include your full name, affiliation, and telephone number.

FUNDING / INVITATIONS

Regrettably, there are no funds available to cover the costs for participants. However, AfricAvenir International can provide letters of invitation. Please write to: buero@berlin-postkolonial.de

EXHIBITION

Autumn 2016 there will be a major exhibition on German colonialism in Berlin. The opening event will be in the evening of Oct 13: www.dhm.de/en/ausstellungen/preview/german-colonialism.html