

In November 2016 Zimbabwe Netzwerk supported by James Muzondidya (Harare) discussed why many Zimbabweans leave their country for other SADC countries, particularly South Africa. Now we wish to look at Europe. There are many Zimbabweans who search a new future in Great Britain and other countries.

Political scientist McDonald Lewanika, former Executive Director of Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition, currently at London School of Economics and Political Science, has been in dialogue with the diaspora in Great Britain and South Africa during his work with Crisis Coalition on issues like

- ? Why do Zimbabweans go to Europe? Who leaves and what are his/her political reasons?
- ? How do these migrants live in their new countries?
- ? Of what importance are aspects like gender, religion, cultural identity?
- ? What are the repercussions of this migration to Europe on the country of origin, Zimbabwe, regarding politics and economy?

Programme

Friday 24/3/2017 arrival before 6.30 pm, supper

19 hrs Zimbabwe before elections – is reengagement the correct strategy?

Presentation of results of an expert panel held on 6/3/2017, organized by Heinrich Böll Foundation. Speakers are Claudia Simons (Heinrich Böll Foundation) and McDonald Lewanika.

Saturday 25/3/2017

09:00 McDonald Lewanika: *Situation of the Zimbabwean Diaspora in GB – Facts, Identities and Cultural Aspects*, followed by discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 McDonald Lewanika: *Religion in the Diaspora; Living in Fractured Communities*

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Let's talk: *World Café on migration, integration, social aspects, family*

15:00 What are the impacts of the diaspora on Zimbabwe? What perspectives do migrants have in Europe? Is there any hope of returning to a different Zimbabwe?
Statements from Mc Donald Lewanika and representatives of Zimbabwe European Network (ZEN)

16.30 Uhr Conclusion

Costs: 80 € per person for members (reduced 60 €), 10 € extra for single room

Non members 90 € (reduced 70 €); Saturday only: members 35 €, non members 40 €

Languages: English and German

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