Seminar of the Zimbabwe Netzwerk e.V. on Saturday, 25 November 2017, in Bonn/Haus Annaberg



Zimbabweans all over the World: Social Impact of Migration and Flight

The seminar is the third conference of the Zimbabwe Netzwerk that takes up the theme of "Zimbabwean Migration and Diaspora" and focuses on the social impact of 'crisis-driven' migration. Other than the remittances of migrants, the question of social and cultural consequences of migration for both the migrating family members and those left behind in various transnational family settings has until now received little attention.

Mercy Mashingaidze, social scientist from Zimbabwe, follows up this question. With her presentation on the topic "Migration and Family Life", she will share with us her analysis and empirical evidence of her research in the United Kingdom and in Zimbabwe. We will also discuss her analysis with regard to the situation in Germany. Her presentation will explore what increased female migration has meant for family life and touches on issues such as:

• How family dynamics have evolved in these transnational families



 How decision making and responsibility sharing happens in transnational family settings
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The second topic of the seminar deals with the situation and perspective of Zimbabwean refugees seeking asylum in Germany. Their number has considerably increased of late.

We have invited refugees/asylum seekers from Zimbabwe and they will share and discuss with us their experiences in Germany in a *Round Table*.

(The seminar will take place in the context of the ZN general meeting on 24 and 26 November)

The detailed programme of the seminar will follow - see: <u>www.zimbabwe-</u>

<u>netzwerk.de</u>

Registration until **Friday, 10 November 2017** with: Zimbabwe Netzwerk e.V., *c/o* Welthaus Bielefeld, August-Bebel-Str. 62, 33602 Bielefeld.

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Participation fees for the weekend (general meeting + seminar), incl. accommodation and food:

for members of the Zimbabwe Netzwerk 80 €, reduced 50 €; for non-members 90 €, reduced 60 €.

Participation fees for Saturday (seminar only): 40 € resp. 35 €, incl. food.// When you register please indicate

whether you'd like to have vegetarian food. // On registration you will receive the detailed programme + information on how to reach the venue.