

International Conference, June 25 – 27 2015  
At Chaminuka Lodge, Lusaka, Zambia

*A substantial motivation for the attempt to relate human rights to traditional values and convictions derives from the expectation of a growing ownership of human rights if they could be recognised and acknowledged as living expressions of diverse cultural traditions. Supporting this we aim to counteract monopolization of human rights approach by a "western culture" which signifies a delegitimization of the human rights claim to universality. Furthermore we get sight of those traditions which are not compatible with human rights entitlements to freedom and equality – some traditions virtually impede the realization of a society based on equal participation. Those traditions can be misused for political purposes in Europe and Africa alike. Finally it has to be examined how recourse to traditions can serve to protect human rights – or how traditional values can reveal "blind spots" of the established human rights framework. To better understand the respective relations of human rights and traditions it can be useful to start by clarifying the foundation of human rights in human dignity.*

Thursday, June 25 2015

## Human Dignity, Human Rights and Traditions: Misunderstandings and Clarifications

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[15:30]	<p>Opening</p> <p><i>Fr Leonard Chiti SJ</i>, Director of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection, Lusaka, Zambia</p> <p><i>Gertrud Casel</i>, General Secretary of the German Commission of Justice and Peace, Bonn, Germany</p> <p>Words of Welcome</p> <p><i>Dr Ngosa Simbyakula</i>, Minister of Justice, the Government of the Republic of Zambia</p>
[16:30]	<p>Human Dignity: The Understanding of Human Rights in the Social Teaching of the Church</p> <p><i>H.G. Archbishop Gabriel Yaw Anokye</i>, Vice President of SECAM, Archbishop of Kumasi, Ghana</p> <p>Chair: <i>Fr Leonard Chiti SJ</i>, Director of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection, Lusaka, Zambia</p>
[17:15]	<p>Coffee</p>
[17:45]	<p>Promoting Human Rights Commitment by Mobilizing Ethical Traditions</p> <p><i>Prof Heiner Bielefeldt</i>, Erlangen University, Germany, Member of Justice and Peace Germany, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief</p> <p>Chair: <i>Fr Leonard Chiti SJ</i>, Director of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection, Lusaka, Zambia</p>
[18:30]	<p>Dinner</p>

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[19:30]

Panel with Statements: Tradition and Human Dignity

Respecting Identity within and beyond Traditions

*Fr Leonard Chiti SJ*, Director of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection,  
Lusaka, Zambia

Human Dignity and Christian Ethics in Africa

*Prof Philomena Njeri Mwaure*, Director of the Centre for Gender Equity and  
Empowerment at Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

Chair: *Dr Daniel Legutke*, Human Rights Desk at German Commission of  
Justice and Peace, Bonn, Germany

[21:00]

Closing

Friday, June 26 2015

## Strategies to Realize Human Rights – Law Enforcement and Traditional Social Institutions?

[09:00]

Statements and Panel Discussions

Traditions of Violence against Women in Europe

*Prof Dr Herta Däubler-Gmelin*, Lawyer, former Federal Minister of Justice in  
Germany, Berlin, Tübingen, Germany

How to overcome Violence against Women: Criticism of Cultural Traditions in  
the Name of Human Rights

*R. R. Auxiliar Bishop Dr Stefan Zekorn*, Auxiliar Bishop in Münster, Germany  
*H.G. Archbishop Buti Tlhagale OMI*, Archbishop of Johannesburg, South Africa

Chair: *Gertrud Casel*, German Commission of Justice and Peace

[10:30]

Coffee

[11:00]

Conflicts between Traditional Practices and Health: Presentation of a Study of  
the German Bishops' Conference on HIV/AIDS

*Dr Marco Moerschbacher*, Missio, Aachen, Germany

[12:00]

Key Experiences from the Exposure Programme: Dealing with Traditional Values  
in Human Rights Work

Participant(s) of the Exposure Program

Chair: *Judith Mulenga*, Zambia Civic Education Association, Executive Director,  
Lusaka, Zambia

[12:30]

Lunch

[15:00]

Synergies with Traditional Values in Human Rights Works: Key Experiences from the Exposure and Dialogue Program

Working in parallel Groups

WG 1: Working for the Rights of Children

*Judith Mulenga*, Executive director Zambia Civic Education Association

Rapporteur: *n.n.*

WG 2: Right to health (HIV AIDS)

*Lilian Kiefer*, Executive Director, Panos Southern Africa

Rapporteur: *n.n.*

WG 3: Access to and Delivery of Land in Zambia

*Daniel Legutke*, Justice and Peace Commission, Germany

Rapporteur: *n.n.*

WG 4: Overcoming Violence against Women

*Gertrud Casel*, Justice and Peace Commission, Germany

Rapporteur: *n.n.*

[17:00]

Coffee

[17:30]

Reports to the Plenary (three main points from each group)

Comments:

*H.E. Bernd Finke*, German Ambassador to Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia

*Florence Simbiri Jaoko LL M*, Lawyer, former chairperson of Kenyan National Commission for Human Rights, Nairobi, Kenya

Chair: *Prof Andreas Hasenclever*, Institute of Political Science, University of Tübingen, Germany

[19:00]

Dinner

Saturday, June 27 2015

## Strategies and Actors to Support Best Practices

[09:00]

Harmonizing Tensions between Empowerment and Traditions: Pitfalls of the Banjul Charta?

*Reine Alapini-Gansou*, African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights, Special Rapporteur for Human Rights Defenders, Cotonou, Benin

The Challenges of Traditional Values for Development Cooperation

*Martin Mauthe-Käter*, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin

Chair: *Florence Simbiri Jaoko LL M*, Lawyer, former chairperson of Kenyan

# Traditional Values: Facilitating or Obstructing Human Rights?

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National Commission for Human Rights, Nairobi, Kenya

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[10:30] Coffee

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[11:00] 'Inculturation' of Human Rights in Law and Practice: How to Manage Risks and Potentials of Traditional Values

*Dr Joseph Katema*, Minister of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs, Government of Zambia

[11:30] Closing and Wrap up Session

Chair: *Heiner Bielefeldt*

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[12:30] Lunch and Departure