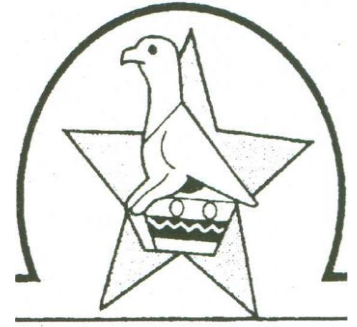


**The Zimbabwe Network is cordially inviting you
to the Annual General Meeting,
including the election of a new Board and exchange/seminar
from Friday, 24th till Sunday, 26th November 2023 in Bonn**



CJD Bonn, Graurheindorfer Straße 149

Dear Members, Dear friends of the Zimbabwe Network,

At our general meeting last year, 2022, we had decided to hold a series of events in 2023 to mark our 40th anniversary.

- ❖ There was a reading with NoViolet Bulawayo, during which she read from her latest book "Glory" and a small cultural festival in Bielefeld.
- ❖ A working group was formed on the topic of 'Climate Change and the Consequences', which initially wanted to plan "only" one event. Very quickly it became clear that this topic is far too extensive for one event and so a whole series of events was created. Two of the events will have already taken place by the time of our meeting this year. Therefore, on Saturday, 25.11. we want to report on them, take up questions that are still open and discuss them. A preview of the other events on the topic is also planned.

- ❖ The desire to look back on the 40 years of activity of the Zimbabwe Network and to produce a publication was also raised at our AGM 2022.

"The joint reflection was supposed to cover three aspects:

- Our motivation to be active in the ZN;
- Critical-solidarity review (strengths and weaknesses of the ZN) and stating learning experiences for the future;
- Reassurance of what we understand by critical solidarity and how we deal with different points of view in the ZN." (Invitation MV 2022)

We were able to engage Henning Melber as editor for this publication, "who, as a long-standing activist in international solidarity with Southern Africa, is intimately familiar with the history of development, especially of the West German solidarity movement, and as a renowned Africanist and experienced publicist, was able to contribute the wealth of his knowledge to the realisation of the publication project" (from the preface to the publication).

We will present the publication, which will be published by Brandes & Apsel in spring 2024.

- ❖ We would also like to address the elections in August 2023. We asked ourselves whether constructive cooperation is still possible at all when the ZANU regime has great influence down to the grassroots level. Here we will show an interview with the director of ZIMFEP, (Zimbabwe Foundation for Education with Production) Chiukira, among other things.

- ❖ Not only the Zimbabwe Netzwerk e.V. has been in existence for 40 years, but also the partnership between the Martin Niemöller Comprehensive School in Bielefeld and the Nkululeko High School in Zimbabwe. To mark this occasion, pupils from the Martin Niemöller Comprehensive School made a film which we will be showing.

Information to the Annual General Meeting

The annual General Meeting will take place on Friday evening, **24.11.2023** (reports & discharge of the board) as well as on **Sunday, 26.11.2023** (**identifying potential Board members**, changing the statutes, **Board elections** & planning 2024).

There are important decisions to be made:

Board: A new board has to be elected. Florence and Henrike are not standing for re-election.

Amendment of the constitution: in order to be able to hold meetings with a quorum in the future, we have to include corresponding passages on online meetings in our statutes. The exemption for Corona ended on 31.08.2022.

Board reports will be sent out at a later date.

Participation fee:

1 night accommodation & meals (Fr./Sa. oder Sa./Su.): for **members** 65€, reduced 39€, **non-members** 80€, reduced 56€, **single room supplement** 10€ per person & night.

2 nights accommodation & meals (Fr. bis So.) for **members** 90€, reduced 54€, **non-members** 100€, reduced 54€, **single room supplement** 10 € per person & night.

Day guests on Saturday 45€, reduced 35€, including meals.

The reduction is 40% and 30% (members/non-members) respectively.

Please note: cancellations up to 1 day before 24.11. 2023 will be charged 75% of the amount and 100% from 24.11.2023 onwards.

When registering, please indicate whether vegetarian food is desired.

Please register by **Thursday, 9 November by email to zimbabwenetzwerk@posteo.de or by telephone on 0152 - 264 83 400.**

Travel by train: Bonn central station – S-Bahn number 61, direction Auerberg to stop Innenministerium, after about 50 metres on the right side (towards the city)

from ICE train station Siegburg-Bonn - S-Bahn number 66, direction Bad Honnef Stadtbahn to Stadthaus stop, then S-Bahn 61, direction Auerberg, to Innenministerium stop, after approx. 50 metres on the right-hand side (towards the city centre)

by car: A 565 till exit Bonn-Auerberg in the direction of the city centre, after approx. 500 metres you will find the CJD Tagungs- und Gästehaus Bonn Castell on the right hand side.

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