

DECLARATION OF INTENT BY OVAHERERO, OVAMBANDERU AND NAMA TRADITIONAL LEADERS FROM BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA

Having converged in the village of Omauaneno in the district of Tsabong in Western Botswana on the weekend of September 25-28 on the occasion of a cultural festival under the auspices of the Ritungee Cultural Association under the theme “Breaking the Walls of Silence In Search of Our Roots;

- Cognisant of more than 110 ten years of the cultural deprivation and alienation of our people who are scattered all over the Globe;
- Cognisant of the cultural decimation of our people
- Recognising the essence of culture in the lives of a people, especially our people with specific reference and emphasis our people in the Botswana and South African Diaspora;
- Well aware of the craving of our people for their cultures, including their languages;

Herewith declare our intention to work resolutely towards reawakening the cultures of our people among them by reviving such and embarking on a widespread and vigorous cultural renaissance campaign by, amongst other;

- Spearheading and encouraging cultural exchanges between our people in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa;
- By imploring our governments in the three countries to rally squarely behind our efforts in this regard and helping financially in this endeavour;
- Pledging to embark on a vigorous conscientisation campaign to popularise our cultures among our people as well as educating the broader publics in our respective societies about the essence of our cultures;
- Pleading and encouraging cultural associations, leagues and youth leagues in the three countries to engage in such cultural exchanges between the three countries;
- Similarly pleading with such associations and leagues to further explore ways and modalities of embarking and enhancing such cultural exchange endeavours;
- By encouraging such associations and leagues, as well as other cultural organisations to embark on researching our cultures and for the dissemination of such research outcomes among our people in the three respective countries;
- By appealing to Regional, Continental and International governmental and non-governmental organisations to support such cultural endeavours;
- To particularly appeal to embassies of the government of the Federal Republic of Germany in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa to partner with our cultural associations, leagues and our traditional authorities in developing and enhancing our cultural tenets, as well as well as helping buttressing our cultural roots among our people.

Cognisant of the vexed question of GENOCIDE and REPARATIONS,

- We dedicate ourselves to untiringly reinforce unified and coordinated efforts for REPARATIONS so that we speak with one voice in our three respective countries;
- That individual and separate REPARATIONS campaigns and efforts in the three countries do not only carry along full knowledge of one country but full support and backing of all countries, the descendants of our people wherever they find themselves on the GLOBE; and
- Implores our respective GENOCIDE and REPARATIONS committee to further explore and design a unified structure for our GENOCIDE and REPARATION for the enhancement and consolidation of such a campaign; and lastly
- Pledge that onwards we shall be ceased with this issue untiringly as well as untiringly make the government of the Federal Republic of Germany aware of our resoluteness to have the issue of GENOCIDE and REPARATION ever on the AGENDAS of our respective governments as well as that of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany; and to place it also on the AGENDAS of our regional, continental and international governmental organisations like SADC, AU, United Nations organisation.

Signed on this day.....of September, 28, 2014 at Omauaneno in the district of Tsabong in the Republic of Botswana