



Minister Nangolo Mbumba (signing), beyond Ambassador Hans-J. Verau, Esther Muinjangué, Minister Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul, Eppie Kaanjuka, Mayor Henning Scherf (from left / Foto: Senate Chancellery Bremen)

Signing the Golden Book  
of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen  
at the international Conference:  
» 1904-2004. Realities, Traumas, Perspectives. «

"Wer kauft, muß sich nicht  
erinnern, wer liebt muß vergessen",  
hat Peter Beyer gesagt:

In dieser Liebe zu Maria  
Streu was in unser Verstand  
und nehmen unser Verstand  
was."

Weidmanns Willkomm-Ziel

Internationales Symposium  
"Der Herero - Krieg -  
Hundert Jahre danach"

19. November 2004

We the descendants of the victims of the 1904 German-Herero wars as well as our contemporary - the descendants of the perpetrators of the crimes of that war here in Bremen, we come together to confess our sins and shake hands in the preparation of a new chapter for the future of our children.

M. M. G. G.

As the Secretary of the Coordinating Committee for the First official Commemoration of the Ovaherero Genocide (1904-1908) 100 years after, I am very thankful to be part of this historic Bremen conference. It is a platform to share ideas and build together the future and relationships between the two involved groups, i.e. Hereros and Germans.

As member of the Coordinating Committee for the first official commemoration of the Ovaherero genocide (1904-1908) I'm very pleased to be part of a conference that is talking issues regarding the genocide that my forefathers went through, I want to be one of those people who will be responsible to make sure that the blood of my forefathers was not in vain, but their ancestors will get something that will remind them of the parents. From this, I hope we will reconcile and become one happy Nation since we know that the world has become a global village.



This is the time to talk, for  
what we think is for the future  
of our two countries.  
What left is up to the people  
to come up with the answers to  
the issues.

For a new Chief of  
Hereso  
~~Herero~~ Kwana Rendo

O Kambazembi. Oukirituramotize-  
mbura. Kozjitiro. O Tjindjandja-  
tjomuhokomova Hereso.

O hunga nombandjasesoije ni,  
mokuhinaturisiro, ndi nombesi-  
mengaso. ijo. maendo. O mounzen  
mbuc tuje ta. Kozondekurona.  
Za ndoi tji. Vetareko honganen-  
no. ndji ituku tukumue.

~~Irambani~~

I am church leader in NAMIBIA -

This church breakaway from Rheinische Mission in 1955 for some seasons in the country - But today after a long-time - The church agree to work together with the Current Evangelical Lutheran Church - led by Bishop Kameeta - we are together as members of the (C.C.N) Council of Churches in NAMIBIA - Let us forget about the past and build new bridges which was destroyed in the past.

~~A. C. Kambisina~~ 19/11/2004  
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May God bless this international symposium that is remembering the German-Herero War of 1904. I hope that the Bremen spirit will impact on future relations between our people and respective government.

W. Freitag

I am very pleased to be part of this initiative to begin what may lead to an important dialogue between Germany and Namibia in remembering the devastating wars of 1904-1908. Adolf Luderitz who may be regarded as the initiator of Namibia's colonisation came from Bremen. It is only appropriate to see that the city of Bremen and its people have taken on a positive role both in the decolonisation of Namibia or its development. This augurs well for German & Namibia relations. God bless the effort

A. Havirue



Pleased at this historic occasion  
to be at the City of Bremen,  
in my various capacities  
on behalf of NPCO, Natchik  
the 15th Chief Secretary of  
I wish the City of Bremen  
to score another historic  
success within the cente-  
nary 1904-1908 to the  
successfulness of negotia-  
tions between Germany  
& the people of Namibia  
 19/11/04


Unser christes Wille offert  
uns den Weg.

Auswärtiges Amt


Hans-J. Bergau

In honour of a very good friend the Lord Mayor  
Dr. Henning Schell.


From Bishop Dr. Z. Kamukwa  
Namibia 19.11.2004

Versöhnung braucht 1000 Schritte! Heute gehen wir  
wieder einen. 

OKSAMI SENAKOU JE KANDJII, UO TSISEU.  
O HAUPTMANN JO TSISELANDA. MBEI MO  
Blennon, MOTEZA OMISINDU JO UATERSO,  
NO KUKANGERA OVI TA VETA.

 18/11/2004

I am honoured to be part of this historical  
Meeting in Bremen 19-11-2004

 Juhiko A.R.  
Chairperson Coordinating Committee  
for the official commemoration  
of the Ovaherero Genocide

Die Vergangenheit zu verstehen hilft  
uns, den Herausforderungen der  
Zukunft begegnen zu können.

Hans-Erich Staby