

## **Servas Africa Regional meeting in Rwanda**

**Venue:** Centre de Soeurs Bénédictine de Kigufi - Rwanda

**Dates:** 26 August – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

**Theme:** Sustaining Servas in Africa: Strengthening national networks and building for the future

### **Objectives**

- To increase awareness on Servas in Africa
- To strengthen Servas national networks in Africa on how to make Servas a strong peace organization
- To evaluate the impact of Servas in Africa and create a development strategy
- To make links with other Servas networks from outside Africa
- To learn about the best practices within Rwanda in peace building after the Genocide against the Tutsi
- To share experiences about the transition to Servas Online so far and identify any issues to be addressed

### **Meeting Outputs**

The outputs from this meeting shall include:

- Understanding of opportunities and challenges of Servas in Africa among Servas country networks especially the neighboring countries of Rwanda including Uganda, Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, DRC
- New strategies for making Servas sustainable in African countries
- Write a Development strategy for Servas in Africa to be presented at SICOGA 2018.
- Youth mainstreaming strategy for Servas in Africa
- Give feedback to Servas International about the progress of Servas Online in Africa.

## Expected outcomes

- Increased knowledge among country networks in Africa on how Servas in Africa can be strong and sustained.
- Position paper on Servas in African countries to be presented at SICOGA 2018.

## Agenda of the meeting

- Visit to Kigali Genocide Memorial site
- Tour to Rubavu city
- Presentation on Servas International: current situation and future plans
- Understanding of opportunities and challenges of Servas among Servas country networks: each country presents on its current situation: achievement's, challenges and future plans
- Progress of transition to Servas Online
- How to build a strong peace organization
- Africa cultural evening
- Servas development strategy for Africa
- Peace building in Rwanda after the Genocide against Tutsi: What can the world learn from Rwanda
- Servas youth mainstreaming strategy for African countries
- Servas African countries and general assembly
- Capacity building, sharing information
- Accountability, leadership, membership in Servas African countries
- Resource mobilization strategies
- Position paper to the SI AGM
- Resolutions and way forward
- Closing ceremony

## Venue and Date

The meeting will be held in Rwanda, Rubavu district at Centre Benedictine de Kigufi on 28-31 August 2017. International guests will arrive on 26 August 2017 and will be hosted by Servas families on 26, 27 August and on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. For more details, visit [www.rwandaservas.org](http://www.rwandaservas.org) or e-mail [info@rwandaservas.org](mailto:info@rwandaservas.org) or [Rwanda@servas.org](mailto:Rwanda@servas.org)

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