

Press Release**LET US FIGHT FOR A NATION THAT GIVES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL ITS CHILDREN.**

The Institute named after the late Seth Sendashonga (Institut Seth Sendashonga pour la Citoyenneté Démocratique, ISCID asbl) is pleased to announce that it is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The ceremony will take place in Brussels on May 25 of this year. On that day, ISCID and the Rwanda Truth Commission (RTC) will hold public debates on the following topic :

REMEMBERING OUR VICTIMS OF THE 1994 RWANDAN GENOCIDE AND FOSTERING THE TRUTH BY FIGHTING LIES.

The discussions will take place between 2 PM and 6 PM and will be followed by socialization and refreshments.

Venue: Rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles, in the area commonly known as Châtelain, near Avenue Louise, Brussels.

The Seth Sendashonga Institute was created in May 1999, just one year after Seth Sendashonga was assassinated in Nairobi, Kenya, because of his ideals for fighting against injustice, ethnic discrimination and favoritism towards one section of the Rwandan people while oppressing the other. These ideals, which Seth Sendashonga fought for since his young age, caused him to be persecuted and to flee the country in 1975. After the RPF seized power in 1994, Seth Sendashonga became Minister of the Interior and Communal Development. However, a year later, he resigned from this post following a disagreement with Paul Kagame, then Minister of Defense and Vice-President of the country. The disagreement stemmed from security problems caused by the RPF forces and instigated by the top military leadership. It was in this context that Seth Sendashonga resigned and fled once again to Kenya, where Paul Kagame's assassins killed him on **May 16, 1998**.

Following that despicable act, some of the late Seth Sendashonga's friends decided to uphold this legacy of ideals which, for his entire life, he had fought for and which triggered his assassination. This led to the creation of the Seth Sendashonga Institute.

Over the past 25 years, the Institute, with the support of various individuals, has published three books and various other documents, and held public conferences and addresses aired on various radio stations and TV channels. The aim of this campaign has been to encourage Rwandans to overcome divisions and fight for their rights, true justice and full democracy.

The Seth Sendashonga Institute remains concerned that 30 years after the Inkotanyi RPF seized power through an exceptionally bloody war, the number of innocent victims keeps rising, due to the wars ravaging the region at the instigation of the Rwandan Government. It is alarming that the whole world is continuously informed, with no reaction whatsoever, of the atrocities committed by the Rwanda Defense Forces in the province of North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), which will undoubtedly have a heavy negative impact on relations between the people of Rwanda and those of the neighboring countries.

It is also worrying to see that Rwandans continue to be held hostage by a 30-year-old dictatorial regime, centered on one man with a handful of henchmen at his service, as was the case under past monarchical regimes.

The Seth Sendashonga Institute reiterates that it is the duty for all Rwandans to do their utmost to build a viable country for their children, in which they will all live together in harmony, without anyone being deprived of their opportunities based on their ethnicity, region of origin, religion or any other consideration, which does not interfere with public interests and the laws of the country.

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