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REGIONAL NEWS

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Editorial

Dear readers,

■ Please read the article about Switzerland's support to Zimbabwe's Museum of African Liberation which is going to be built in Harare. The museum represents a significant milestone for Africa's collective memory and will serve as a reference for researchers from the continent and the world, accessing archives and documents, sharing information and analysing data and facts to reflect different opinions and help to better understand the fight for self-determination.

■ Warm regards,
Gisela Piercey



GISELA PIERCEY,
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SOUTHERN AFRICA»

Switzerland pledges support to the Museum of African Liberation

Switzerland has pledged material support towards the establishment of the Museum of African Liberation which will be constructed in Harare, Zimbabwe. The support will be made in the framework of the continued strengthening of friendship and goodwill between Switzerland and the African continent.



(From Left)
Switzerland
Ambassador
to Zimbabwe,
Mr. Niculin Jäger
and the head
of INSTAK
secretariat,
Ambassador
Kwame Muzawazi
at the proposed
site of the
Museum of
African Liberation.
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of Switzerland.

The museum, which is a continental project meant to document, preserve and promote Africa's liberation legacy is being spearheaded by the Institute of African Knowledge (INSTAK).

Speaking following a meeting with Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa (who is hosting the museum), Swiss Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Mr. Niculin Jäger, said Switzerland had always been committed to the correct reconstruction of history from all angles, with many archives opened in recent decades on crucial moments of Swiss history: "Therefore, the Museum of African Liberation represents a significant milestone for Africa's collective memory. Zimbabwe and the African continent will now have a rallying point to engage with their own culture, history and heritage on African soil. Furthermore, the museum will serve as a reference for researchers from the continent and the world, accessing archives and documents, sharing information and analysing data and facts to reflect different opinions and help to better understand the fight for self-determination."

Switzerland has significant expertise on digitisation and archiving, which it has agreed to avail to the Museum. Moreover, the Swiss Solidarity Movement worked closely with various liberation movements on the continent such as the ANC, SWAPO and ZANU, thus playing an important role in supporting Africa's struggle against colonialism and apartheid. Switzerland also hosted historic talks on Zimbabwe in Geneva in 1976.

Switzerland holds inaugural tennis tournament in Zimbabwe & helps launch "Total Greatness International"

At the beginning of May, the Embassy of Switzerland held its inaugural Zimbabwe-Switzerland ("Zwiss Open") Diplomatic Tennis Tournament in Harare to underline the cordial relations that exist between the two countries.

The tennis tournament provided an opportunity for high-level representatives including senior government officials, foreign diplomats, church leaders, business executives and civic leaders among others to interact in a relaxed and fun social environment.

The "Zwiss Open" also provided the platform for the official launch of Total Greatness International (TGI), a national non-profit organisation led by one of Zimbabwe's eminent international tennis players and sports ambassadors, Takanyi Garanganga, with support from the Embassy of Switzerland.

(From Left) Zimbabwe Minister of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation, Kirsty Coventry; young tennis star Crispin Kapangura; Switzerland Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Mr. Niculin Jäger and Total Greatness International founder, Takanyi Garanganga during the "Zwiss Open" Diplomatic Tennis Tournament and launch of Total Greatness International.
© Embassy of Switzerland.

The TGI initiative plans to increase sporting opportunities and nurture young aspiring Zimbabwean tennis players, including those coming from underprivileged backgrounds. TGI will also revive the sport in all parts of Zimbabwe, working closely with the Zimbabwean Tennis Federation to organize regular nationwide junior tennis tournaments and competitions. The ultimate goal will be to set up a national High Performance Centre.

Switzerland Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Mr. Niculin Jäger described the event as a huge success in the history of bilateral relations between Switzerland and Zimbabwe. "Sport is without borders. Sport has played, and continues to play a significant role in diplomacy, state-to-state relations and in promoting peace and the values of tolerance. Sport is also about friendship. Zimbabwe and Switzerland continue to enjoy cordial bilateral relations and the "Zwiss Open" tournament is also about celebrating 42 years of our great friendship," Ambassador Jäger said.



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