



Center for Genocide & Human Rights Research
in Africa and the Diaspora

12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Monday, March 2, 2026
1:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Day 1

1:00 PM

INTRODUCTION/WELCOME REMARKS

1:20 PM

PANEL 1: REPARATIONS IN
CHICAGOLAND: CASE STUDIES

2:25 PM

PANEL 2: ADDRESSING GENOCIDE
IN AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA

Aissetu Barry, Cyril Adonis, Sharon Bethea, Sabah Carrim

Moderator: Jermaine McCalpin

3:50 PM

BREAK

4:00 PM

PANEL 3: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF
SILENCE: RECOGNITION,
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PREVENTION
OF GENOCIDAL VIOLENCE IN EASTERN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

*MBEMBA KABUYA Samuel Ministre des Droits Humains; MIKWA
IHENGALANI Pères, Conseiller du Ministre des Droits Humains; LILINGO
BONGOY Rachel, Membre du Cabinet du Ministre des Droits Humains;
WETSHI LOHATA Dominique, Expert au Ministère des Droits Humains.*

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CLOSING REMARKS

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PROGRAM



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Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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Day 2

PROGRAM

8:30 AM

LIGHT BREAKFAST

9:25 AM

INTRODUCTION/WELCOME REMARKS

10:40 AM

PANEL 4:
GLOBAL TRENDS AND LAYERED CRISES

Todd Schroer, Abdallah Bayyari, Selim Somaya

11:45 AM

BREAK

12:00 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Mamphela Ramphele

Introductions: Jermaine McCalpin

1:00 PM

LUNCH

2:00 PM

PANEL 5:
POLITICS AND PRACTICES OF MEMORY

Marina Spinola, Sandrine Irankunda, Bhaswati Bhattacharjee, Zainab Gidado

3:30 PM

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3:45 PM

FEATURED SPEAKER

Christopher Tounsel, University of Washington

4:50 PM

ECHOES OF SILENCE EXHIBIT IN ARMENIA

Lilit Martirosyan

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EVENING PROGRAM

6:30–9:00 PM Echoes of Silence Photo Exhibit

Victor Gerasimovski & Colette Ruchesnky



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Wednesday, March 4, 2026

9:15 AM – 5:45 PM

Day 3

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9:15 AM

LIGHT BREAKFAST

9:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

9:45 AM

**PANEL 6:
HEALING AND PREVENTION FROM THE
BOTTOM UP**

Ibrahim Ndagijimana, Hasset Hailu, Joseph Kubwimana, Chinaza Egere

11:15 AM

BREAK

11:30 AM

PANEL 7: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Larissa Mukundwa, Desi Yunitasari & Devi Yusvitasari, Noah Begashaw

12:45 PM

LUNCH

1:15 PM

CURATED ART WALK

1:45 PM

PANEL 8: TEACHING GENOCIDE

George Dalbo, Ismael Buchanan, Ehlimana Memisevic

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BREAK

4:10 PM

**DISCUSSION PANEL:
RESISTING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN THE
UNITED STATES**

*Pastor Phelps (Concord Community Organization),
Dulce Guzman (Alianza Americas),
Johannes Favi (Caged Dreams),
Fred Tsao (Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights)*

5:30 PM

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