The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in collaboration with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) has organized a three-day conference on Human Rights to be held in Arusha from May 24th - 26th, reports the independent news agency Hirondelle.

The theme of the conference titled “African Dialogue II” is Promoting Justice and Reconciliation in Africa: Challenges for Human Rights and Development. The sessions will be held at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) complex where ICTR offices are located.

The Dialogue brings together over 100 African human rights experts, policy makers, judges, parliamentarians and civil society representatives from over 30 African countries. Representatives of the UN and other intergovernmental experts will participate as observers. On the scheduled list of participants and speakers include former Liberian President Professor Amos Sawyer and ex-Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Secretary-General Tanzanian Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim. Dr. Salim is currently the president of Dar-es-salaam based Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation. Other speakers will include the President of the ICTR South African Judge Navanethem Pillay, ICTR Registrar Senegalese Adama Dieng, Ugandan Justice Ms. Solomy Bossa - Judge to the East African Court of Justice and the Rwandan Minister of Justice Jean-de-Dieu Mucyo. The themes to be discussed include: Clarification of Concepts: Justice, Reconciliation and Impunity, Justice and Reconciliation as Tools for National Reconstruction and International Cooperation: Global Response to Enhance Justice and Reconciliation in Africa.