

Nous Avons un Désir – There is Something We Long For
Book Project of the Intercontinental Theological Forum Tsena Malàlaka
<http://www.malalaka.org>

The intercontinental dialogue forum Tsena Malàlaka was founded in 2010 : Since then theologians (for now) from Switzerland, Germany and seven countries of sub-Saharan Africa ((Congo-Kinshasa, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Togo, Benin) have been discussing under its auspices - online and in the form of regional meetings and conferences - current theological and political questions of our time. An important focus lies on questions of biblical interpretation and hermeneutics. The regularly updated website <http://www.malalaka.org> informs about the forum's past and present activities

From the beginning, the forum that relies on the strength of personal relationships has given itself a simple sentence as its motto: "There is something we long for / Nous avons un désir". Now the group is planning to publish a book about this key phrase that expresses the common search for a better future of humanity in the vulnerable habitat earth. Sixteen authors from nine countries have already submitted abstracts for texts in which they will put up for discussion their deepest personal and theological concerns (see attachment). The project aims for a bilingual publication of approximately 150 to 200 pages. The essays in English or French will combine personal involvement with academic accuracy and appeal to a broad, primarily ecclesiastical target audience in Europe and Africa. Each text will be accompanied by a comment written by an author from a different context. There will be a detailed introduction by the editors and two synopses/responses, one from an European and one from an African perspective, written by two professors of theology.

The book's data in a nutshell:

Language : English and French with bilingual abstracts and a translation into the respective other language on an accompanying website. In the long term translations into African and European regional languages are planned.

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Target Audience: theologically interested audiences in European and African churches, secondarily an academic readership

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