

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

The Leader of the Democratic Green Party of Rwanda (in-formation) and President of African Greens Movement (AFGM), **Mr. Frank HABINEZA**, honored by presence of the President of Green Party of Benin and also the Coordinator for West African Greens Network, **Mr. Toussaint HINVI**, and Board member of Burundi Green Movement, **Ms. Anne Marie BIHIRABAKE**, who came to assist in the founding Congress of the Democratic Green Party of Rwanda on 2nd October 2009.

Mr. HINVI and **Ms. BIHIRABAKE**, were present at the opening ceremony where over 900 people coming from all the 30 districts of Rwanda had gathered. Suddenly and regrettably, somebody from the district called the Party Leader to come and pick a letter signed by the Mayor of Nyarugenge District stopping the meeting, which prior permission to hold the meeting was in possession. This permission is evidenced by the Letter he signed on 25th Sept 2009 Ref.No.4073/01.01 and the denial is reference number is 4155/01.01 of 01/10/2009 which realistically was received on 2nd October 2009 in the morning hours. This was the third congress being cancelled, using legal pretext.

The guests were unable to speak to the cancelled Congress, though they were able to talk with the delegates from various districts and members of the Party' Steering Committee. They encouraged them to move forward and not to lose hope and courage.

Mr. HINVI and **Ms. BIHIRABAKE** in collaboration with the *Rwandan Green Democrats* call upon the *International Community* and all *Green Parties of the World* to support the growth of genuine democracy in Rwanda and the *Democratic Green Party of Rwanda*.

We encourage and request for regional and International cooperation from all Green Parties and Movements in the world to continually stand with us in this struggle for genuine democracy in Rwanda.

Done at Kigali, 3rd October 2009

Signed by:

Mr. Toussaint HINVI


President, Green Party of Benin/
Coordinator, West African Greens Network

Ms. Anne Marie BIHIRABAKE





Burundi Green Movement

Mr. Frank HABINEZA


Founding President of DGPR

President, African Greens Movement

WITNESSES:

1. Ms. UWIMANA Suzanne, 
2. Mr. GASHUGI Leonard, 
3. Mr. MUGISHA Alexis, 
4. Mr. NTEZIMANA Jean Claude, 