

Human Rights Defenders on the Front Line: Voices from the Congo



A CONVERSATION WITH :

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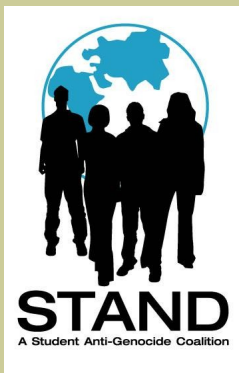
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(Lunch will be provided)

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Abbé Benoît Kinalegu is an activist who documents and exposes abuses by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and rehabilitates its victims in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Abbé Benoît became a powerful voice in the international community after helping to successfully advocate for US legislation to disarm the LRA and bring its commanders to justice. HRW honors Abbé Benoît Kinalegu for his fearless commitment to justice and to holding the perpetrators of mass atrocities accountable for their actions.

Ida Sawyer is Congo researcher and advocate in the Africa Division of Human Rights Watch in Kinshasa, Congo's capital, where she has been based since October 2011. Ida has conducted research across Congo and in areas of northern Congo and neighboring countries affected by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). She is one of the main researchers and authors of six Human Rights Watch reports and dozens of press releases and public letters. Ida also conducts outreach with local civil society groups.



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