

# 'Hate free, fear free and greed free world' meeting taking place this week

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"If I want to see changes happening in the world around me, the best person to start with is myself," this was stated yesterday by Ambassador John Mhina, president of the Moral Re-armament As-

sociation (MRA) of Tanzania. Mr Mhina gave his views when he was talking to journalists at the Tanzania Information Services Auditorium. He used the occasion to announce the Moral Re-armament Association Africa conference on reconciliation and corruption which will be held in Dar es Salaam. Vice - Pres-

ident Dr Omar Ali Juma will open the meeting on Thursday May 13.

According to Ambassador Mhina, Moral Re-armament was a world-wide programme calling upon men and women of all faiths to rebuild their lives morally and spiritually and work towards a hate free, fear free and greed free world.

He said the inner voice was available to show all of us what we can do to address the root causes of conflicts.

"The practical tools are the four pillars of absolute honesty, purity, lack of selfishness and love," he added.

He called upon the people to observe the pillars as the best way to eradicate corrup-

tion which is described by MRA as "the poison that kills."

"If we do that, we can put an end to the corruption that prevents effective development in our communities," he said.

On reconciliation, he said it can take place between individuals, parties or groups,

and between groups.

The opening ceremony of the MRA meeting would be held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Thursday May 13, and the rest of the session would take place at the Tanzania Episcopal Conference Centre at Kurasini in the city until May 17 when it would be closed.

A diplomat from Somalia, a

former Vice-President of the Sudan, the chairmen of MRA South Africa and Kenya and 15 other representatives from 15 foreign countries are expected to attend.

Moral Re-armament was launched in 1938 when Europe was rearming. Frank Buchman, MRA's American initiator, called for a

programme of "moral and spiritual re-armament" to address the root causes of conflict, and work towards a "hate free, fear free and greed-free world."

Since then people of all backgrounds and traditions have been active in the programme on every continent.