**New possibilities after acts of restitution**

It is clear that in general relationships in South Africa are tense and race relations are at an all-time low with high levels of suspicion, anger and frustration. There are hopes for new possibilities during and after restitution; hopes such as:

* The possibility of living in peace with each other, remembering that *making peace* is about ensuring that the root causes of the injustice are addressed, and *peace keeping* is about making sure the status quo is maintained.
* The possibility of (re)conciliation between erstwhile enemies. Due to the general disappointment with the absence of restitution in the post-democracy reconciliation project, prospects of reconciliation will in future depend on the doing of restitution.
* The possibility of forgiveness if and when victims are ready to do so (forgiveness should never be forced on any person).