

JUSTIFICATION

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is a State whose development has been compromised by the quality of its past and present leaders, who impose widespread practices of poor governance across society.

In the DRC, a population living in indescribable poverty survives within a failed State, at the mercy of a political class widely regarded as mediocre and perpetually driven by the pursuit of opulence and the unmerited preservation of political power to secure personal enrichment. The inconsistent and irresponsible actions of the ruling political class have negative repercussions across the entire Nation, weakening the State and rendering it an easy prey to foreign interests. Hence the persistence of wars and insecurity throughout the country.

The Congolese people are therefore victims of their political class. As a result, Congolese civil society is now compelled to defend itself and to defend the Nation against this political class both those in power and those in opposition. The characteristics of the current Congolese political class make it urgent to organize civil society in order to enable the Congolese people to reclaim their status as primary sovereign, confiscated by a small group of individuals who have come to treat the Congolese population with contempt. The ultimate goal is to change this political class by enabling Congolese citizens to make their

voices heard and respected effectively before, during, and after the 2028 elections (or later, hence "2028+").

This change entails the near-total renewal of political personnel, as well as the electoral disappearance of the more than one thousand political parties whose current modes of organization and operation have turned them into mere private enterprises serving their founder-presidents. These parties function primarily to institutionalize mediocrity in the behavior of elected officials and civil servants representing them in public institutions.

Project DRC 2028+ elevates the transformation of the political class to the status of a "national cause", as the future of the Congolese Nation, its development, and the well-being of its population depend on it. Beyond the ethical deficiencies of the political class, the predatory system that holds its successive members "prisoner" has generalized incompetence and inefficiency, institutional anomie and entropy, and mediocrity and poor governance within the State apparatus. This has resulted in the advanced destruction of the State's capacity for public action across its institutions.

Consequently, the authority of the Congolese State has collapsed entirely, rendering it incapable of successfully implementing any public project in the social, economic, administrative, or security domains.

Moreover, if no significant change occurs, this advanced destruction of human and institutional capacities threatens the very survival of the Congo as a unified State in the near future.

Promoting this national cause does not mean antagonizing Congolese civil society and the political class. Several current politicians openly acknowledge the need to change the political class. It is therefore not excluded that Project DRC 2028+ may find allies among them—particularly senior party leaders whose socio-economic survival no longer depends on participation in political life. As every revolution requires allies within the opposing camp, the call to engage in the struggle for political renewal is also addressed to them.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Project DRC 2028+ are:

1. To foster the emergence of a powerful national and international social movement of Congolese citizens aimed at transforming the Congolese political class.

2. Renew the political leadership composed of elected officials at all levels (national, provincial, and local) and electorally eliminate the majority of the more than one thousand existing political parties.

3. Restore the Congolese people to their role and capacity as primary sovereign.

4. Transform the behavior of newly elected officials from 2028 onward toward efficiency and effectiveness in the management of public affairs.

5. Build a civil society capable of defending democracy and the socio-economic rights of the population before and after 2028.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The expected results of Project DRC 2028+ are as follows:

1. The vast majority of elected officials in the next legislature, at all levels, no longer belong to the current political class, but instead emerge from local communities.

2. The Congolese population becomes capable of exercising its power as primary sovereign, including the ability to collectively remove all elected officials—or at least the vast majority of them—through elections.

3. Elected officials are compelled to work in the general interest and to perform effectively in the delivery of public services, out of fear of electoral oversight and sanction.

4. A national civil society, built from the grassroots, exists and is strengthened through its dynamic and well-developed decentralized components.




TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience of Project DRC 2028+ consists of Congolese citizens residing in the Congo and in the diaspora in general, and more specifically those of voting age and those eligible to stand as candidates.

GOVERNANCE, SUPPORT, AND ADHESION

Project DRC 2028+ is promoted by the Congolese NGO CARSOC. To ensure broad ownership by Congolese citizens, its governance will be carried out within the framework of a consortium—referred to as the DRC 2028+ Consortium—which will include Congolese civil society organizations and prominent individuals of national interest. Project DRC 2028+ requires substantial financial support from Congolese citizens and friends of the Congolese people around the world.

Congolese citizens (individuals and groups) are invited to participate in Project DRC 2028+ by joining the MCCP-RDC en masse.

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