

Alliance for a Responsible, Plural and United World

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Regional Group

CENTRAL AFRICA

Peace and Governance

1. Promote the current national and international legislation concerning the sales and circulation of weapons, the use of children as soldiers, and the exploitation of natural resources.
2. Open up forums for dialogue, consultation, and mediation, bringing together civil society, the state and other international partners.
3. Set up educational structures for peace and the environment at local, national, regional, and international levels.
4. Promote democracy and freedom of expression.
5. Set up an NGO network to monitor and expose the offenses or the misconduct of multinational corporations as well as the complicity of states and of the civil society in Central Africa, in particular in the privatization of public companies, the devaluation of currencies, etc.

Regional integration

1. Organize, reinforce, and federate the exchange and dialogue structures of civil society at the economic, cultural, social, and humanitarian levels, in order to ensure integration in Central Africa.
2. In cross-border zones at war, organize meetings and processes gathering political decision makers and civil society actors of different nationalities.

Economic, social, and cultural development

1. Set up and strengthen networks or organizational platforms of grassroots economic actors (family farmers, fishworkers, rkers, informal sectors, support NGOs, etc.).
2. A world campaign should press the UN to identify money generated by corruption and embezzlement, as illegally obtained money (as well as money from drugs, counterfeiting, laundering, etc.) and repatriate these funds in exchange for the remission of the debt, which ought to be used for Africa's development.
3. Mobilize financial resources to support grassroots development actions, by setting up decentralized financial systems, granting subsidies, setting up or reinforcing Development Banks.
4. Set up alternative social-welfare systems managed by, and designed for the poor so as to facilitate their access to basic social services (water, health, housing, education, etc.).
5. Promote, strengthen, develop and protect wealth, great works of art, and cultural heritage.