

Our Political Ideology

Introduction

History has revealed us that it was ordinary people like you and me who have influenced our world (cultures, societies and communities).

Every century has its own history. Our human history has been marked by challenges and obstacles which have led us to find alternative ways of survival, to circumvent and even better, not just to overcome but to convert challenges and obstacles into opportunities.

Ideologies have always been a preferred tool with the principles serving to unify and integrate particular steps into a consistent course to popularize and convey clear concepts that are meant to meet the expectations of the population and to respond to their interests.

Thus, by its definition, an ideology has been and remains a body of ideas, thoughts, opinions, and beliefs shared within a group of people, by a social class or in a particular historical period. A good ideology must therefore respond to the contextual circumstances, as well as to the community's social needs since Man is both of these at the same time: The author and the beneficiary of his own ideas.

In order to benefit from the merit of political support, an individual is called to make efforts to adapt his lifestyle to the accurate circumstances, events and environment – since politics is dynamic and ever evolving.

Union du Peuple d'Avenir, UPA, is a political movement which was established by the ordinary Diaspora Congolese: UPA is represented in DRC, Africa, and we also operate, since June 2009, in the western world with a headquarters in Great Britain. The movement emerged in response to the cries of suffering, agony and despair rising up from our country the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the Congolese people are facing economic, social and political stakes which threaten our national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Therefore, UPA takes on the task and makes it its duty to bring fundamental change through our ideology; thanks to our political leader's proficient sense, who is determined to give UPA the immediate scale we need in order to reach our final goal: To take a leadership role in the DRC and to not only improve the political situation but also the economic and the social.

Our Political Ideology

Our ideology can be summarized as follows: *“Build and Promote the DRC”*. This ideology is based on aspirations, preoccupations and expectations of the rural and urban Congolese populations.

Accordingly, UPA endorses a political ideology based on aspirations, needs and expectations of these rural and urban Congolese populations. We believe in a new orientation concerning the future of Congo in particular and Africa in general. We are confident that the New Congo has an important role to play in the transforming the world, a world which steps into a new globalization chapter with maturity. We want to draw a clear line that separates the Congo of yesterday – i.e. between a Congo with a dark and painful past and a new Congo, called to build new social architecture, a Congo which is aware of its very prominent place in the world of today. A Congo called to pave the way for the rebirth of a Democratic Republic of Congo.

These are some fundamentals reasons of our patriotic commitment:

- We undertake to fight in a battle that we deem just and noble.
- We are committed to fight anti-values, which have caused the socio-economic decay of our nation and all dictatorial systems characterized by an illegitimate occupation that is crippling and oppressing the population in general.

These motives have inspired us to put together our ideas, thoughts, opinions and convictions, summed up in this ideology that we would like to share with all Congolese people. A political ideology that goes beyond our borders in order to solidify our reputation and to respond to the need of globalization which becomes more and more necessary, and probably an obligation.

Our approach is as follows:

Ideology – Methodology – Impact

It is important to remember that people of the current DRC have lost their human dignity and identity. It is therefore necessary to restore it at any cost in order to give them back their worth.

We opt for a Centrist political ideology, which justifies our ideal: we believe in the social well-being of all Congolese people which will be in the center of all and in the enhancement of personal growth in their own environment.

That is why we choose to formulate our ideology as follows: The restoration and defense of the human dignity is our sacred duty. *This is the reason for our political position*

Our Political Philosophy

We take the commitment to vigorously defend a political ideology based on *freedom, justice, equity and mutual respect*.

Freedom

Human freedom is a fundamental human right in a community and in a country. We will make sure that all Congolese people will benefit from this right according to the *Divine Charta* and the *Human Rights Universal Charta*. Moreover, UPA will make sure that all kind of abuses are eliminated and we will also reduce the crime margin in the new Democratic Congo.

Justice

Social justice will be our battle cry to help establish a state subject to the rule of law: *Justice exalts a nation*.

Equity

The struggle to find the right social balance in the society is the responsibility of the political leaders in order to promote social cohesion, not only between rich and poor but also between the rural and urban Congo population.

Mutual respect

Our main point is that national interest would have greater and central value and must therefore always take precedence over the rights of individuals in the new chapter of our relationships with our national and international partners.

Our Political Doctrine

UPA recognizes the worth of the Congolese people and their essential role in the development of our country.

We endorse the national standard values which are presented in our manual « *Master Plan of Reform and Reconstruction of the DRC* ». These values are: morality, discipline, mutual respect, integrity, human dignity, forgiveness, service and honesty. We will promote democratic values and oppose anti-values in order to build upon new foundations, remembering that the value

of a man does not depend on his goods but on his aspirations. ***This is our political belief***

Our Political Regime

Through our centrist opinions, we will introduce or initiate new policies which will seek to serve and benefit the Congolese people and Nation. That is why the legitimacy of the power of UPA will be the will and choice of the Congolese people. Once in power, and after we have got everything on track again, we will make sure that the Congolese people recapture « people power ». Congolese will be able to decide about their future and also be able to make wise choice of their leaders during elections which will be free, transparent, fair and democratic.

It will be therefore the task of the leaders to prepare the people very well, to teach them and to help them to understand the advantages of the democratic culture. UPA will establish and promote a Congolese democratic system, without neglecting our socio-anthropological reality which reflects our ethnical and authentic culture. That's why we aim to introduce the *multicultural* and *Bantouism* system which reflects the unique context of our country: The only country in the world surrounded by nine neighbors. Our goal is: To meet the needs of our linguistic, tribe, ethnic and regional diversity.

1. Our Foreign Policy

The strategic geographical position of the DRC in the center of Africa, gives our country the unique and strategic position of being a patented indicator for both the development and underdevelopment of the entire African continent: One country surrounded by nine direct neighboring countries with all the collateral effects it involves.

We are favorable to the diplomacy of sustainable peace, stability and development, which we will demonstrate by introducing far-reaching reforms tailored to the particular context and circumstances that our country is experiencing.

To that end, we commit ourselves to extensive restructuring of the Foreign Affairs Ministry in order to make it modern, flexible and personalized, "*Smart Diplomacy*" so that the DR Congo may gain back its tarnished image.

The Congolese Diaspora will also be involved in the development and emergence process of the new DRC.

We will build special relations assessed on a case by case and especially a *win-win* basis on the regional level as well as on the continental and

international level with our partners with whom we will have solid and friendly relations.

We are favorable to the principles of good neighborly relations and respect the sovereignty of other states. We will seek to strengthen friendly, bilateral and multilateral relations with great governmental institutions (AU, EU, & UN) and non-governmental and financial organizations (ADB, IMF & WB, etc.).

UPA undertakes to preserve and defend, at any cost, mutual interests with true allies of the DRC (partners or investors), with the aim to strengthen relationship in the interest of the people of both Countries. *This is our top priority.*

2. Our Judicial Policy

We will promote rule of law and strong institutions in DRC. We commit ourselves particularly to reform the judiciary in order to fight against impunity, laxity, corruption, inhuman treatment and sexual violence. No one will be above the law. We will undertake a far-reaching reform of the whole judiciary and the justice system (Supreme Court of Justice) in order to eradicate the corruption which rules in all sectors in the DRC. Not only do we plan to update the legal system, we are also targeting a progressive replacement of the high ranking judiciary by suitable people and, if necessary, by competent Congolese from the Diaspora who will boost and bring a new approach and add fresh value in this sector.

We pledge to transform the judiciary and justice system into a healthy and thriving body for the benefit of the Congolese state.

3. Our National Security Policy

We opt for a reform of our national security ministry in all military sectors: Army, Air Force and Navy and we also espouse a complete restructuring of our national security policy.

We undertake to entreat friends, countries and partners of the DRC to participate in the military training of the Congolese citizens who will benefit from their experience in this area.

We undertake to commit sending trainee officers to military academies of our friends and partners, as well as to continue their training in the DRC, depending on the terms of the contract.

4. Our Economic Policy

We endorse, for the boost of national development, the policy of market economy. A mixed economy: Free enterprise, the protection and prosperity of the Congolese people.

UPA will offer a long-term opportunity for sustainable development and required economic growth in order to ensure: Job creation, investment security and promotion of free enterprise with small and medium size companies as basic components of the Congolese economic growth. A currency capable to keep the rate of inflation low and stable; an investment capability in an economic diversification system; an improvement of living conditions for the Congolese people by investing in sustainable social projects: education, health, transport, etc. Last but not least, a fair distribution of wealth for the benefit of all Congolese people and all our partners. ***This is the basis for our economical commitment.***

5. Our Social Policy

We advocate social management policy which can be summed up as follows: “To invest in people” starting with “*social welfare*” as a national priority.

UPA will adopt an education system free of charge for all children from 3-17 years (official age); and for any person above the age of 18-63 years, a good quality progressive training system with the objective of creating a sustainable job market; a higher education system (university level) oriented towards social and scientific researches with a view to support and or facilitate a sustainable and integral development of our country. A free public health care for all children aged 0-17 years in order to reduce high child and infant mortality rates. A quality health care service based on health and hospital insurance, affordable for everyone above 18 years.

A social welfare system which will provide assistance for the welfare and well-being of those underprivileged, vulnerable, deprived and elderly people, who are above the age of 65 years and people living with disabilities. ***This is our political will.***

6. Our Public Service Policy

The public administration service of a country is a focal and defining body and has a central role in a modern state. It helps to formulate policies, to manage and implement public policies.

As a result: We will undertake profound reforms of decentralization by organizing the territorial administration to effectively and efficiently achieve the objectives laid down in the government's scheme and in the electoral calendar.

UPA aims to improve the status and working conditions of officers, government officials and private sector agents in order to maximize performance and productivity.

We will assure that both, employer and employee (women and men, native or foreigner), feel protected by the law of the Congo Labor Code.

UPA opts for an efficient and effective policy in the field of human resource management based on: Motivation and good salary, in order to eradicate corruption.

UPA will make use of new recruiting methods, training and internship of state's executives based on competence, experience, talent and ability without discrimination.

We will ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct and professional Ethics for state employees and we will respect public property and manage properly public funds for the benefit of the entire population.

Conclusion

Finally, UPA strongly believes in the Rebirth of a United Congo that is stable, strong and prosperous.

For UPA, it is a sacred task and a privilege of serving the Congolese people and caring for the Land.

Let us stand united behind a pragmatic and centrist ideology capable of changing and transforming the daily lives of both urban and rural Congolese people by building and promoting our beloved country: The Democratic Republic of Congo.