



2026 New Year's Greetings to the Congolese People

LET US REMOBILIZE CHRISTIAN SECULARS AND CIVILIANS TO SAVE THE DRC

Congolese, fellow citizens,

At the beginning of the year 2026, let us recall the historic March of Christians of February 16, 1992, which forced Marshal Mobutu to reopen the National Sovereign Conference an initiative he had blocked in order to preserve his selfish political interests.

Today, more than ever, the Democratic Republic of Congo needs a similar commitment from lay people and Christian civilians to confront the political challenges that determine public governance, the consolidation of peace and security across the national territory, and the alleviation of the socio-economic misery endured by our people.

This commitment must no longer take the form of a single symbolic mobilization, as in 1992, but rather that of a structured, permanent citizen organization, capable of sustained action to block any project or policy that undermines the common interest of the Congolese people.

Since January 2025, our Fathers of the Catholic and Protestant Churches who together represent more than 90% of the Congolese population have launched a vital initiative entitled **“The Social Pact for Peace and Living Together in the DRC and the Great Lakes Region.”** In pursuit of this initiative, they deployed personally, both nationally and internationally, throughout the year 2025.

Conceived as a **moment of philosophical pause for Congolese elites to reflect on the state of the nation and refound it**, this initiative is intended to culminate in an **inclusive national dialogue**. However, selfish interests in power not only oppose it fiercely, but also seek to systematically undermine the moral integrity of the Church Fathers by mobilizing their supporters and certain revivalist pastors against them.

Yet, throughout this struggle led courageously by our Church Fathers in 2025, the silence of Christian laypeople and civilians has been deafening. This silence bears witness to the deepening decay of Congolese civil society as a force for social and political transformation.

Faithful to its mission **“to organize civil action to transform the political field,”** CARSOC has launched a project aimed at deploying at local, national, and international levels a framework for mobilizing Congolese citizens to achieve a democratic revolution through the comprehensive renewal of the country's political class.

This initiative is called the **“Democratic Revolution Project in Congo 2028+ (DRC Project 2028+)”**, and its operational framework is the **“Movement to Change the Political Class, Rebuild, and Democratize the Congo (MCCP-DRC).”**

CARSOC has already informed the leadership of the Catholic and Protestant Churches (CENCO and ECC) in detail about this project. It has also contacted, in person or in writing, several Congolese civilian elites, including the Nobel Laureate Dr. Denis Mukwege. Others will be approached in due course.

For obvious reasons of political neutrality, beyond being informed, the Churches should neither be expected to support nor to formally participate in this project. This initiative must remain the exclusive work of lay citizens. In any case, the Church Fathers have already fulfilled their mission amply and honorably.

As for secular Congolese elites, the time has come for concrete commitment to civil action aimed at transforming the political field of our country. We must move beyond empty criticism on social media, which merely serves to soothe our consciences. History will judge us.

Together, let us give rise to a **powerful social movement** capable of changing Congo and restoring its dignity. Let us build a strong team of new, competent, and honest leaders—faces in whom both the Congolese people and the international community can once again place their trust.

Today, both are exhausted by the same political actors who, over four consecutive electoral cycles, have demonstrated their inability to cooperate or to conduct political struggles that genuinely benefit the Congolese people.

It is in this spirit that, at the start of 2026, CARSOC is making available to secular Congolese elites (Christians and others) and to non-partisan civilians effective mechanisms for information and participation in this project. These include dedicated websites, social networks, and a governance structure known as the **CONSORTIUM RDC 2028+**.

The X account **@mccprdc**, upon its creation, followed several civilian elites known for their intellectual rigor and political independence, as well as non-partisan opinion leaders. All those who feel called upon are invited to come forward via the contact details indicated on, the websites www.changecongordc.org and www.mccp-rdc.org, or by direct message on X via **@mccprdc** and **@CARSOCasbl**.

May God bless the Congo and its wonderful people.

Thank you.

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