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Conference: Political Change in Central Africa and the Role of Social Democracy

09 - 10 September 2019, Yaoundé, Cameroon

Dear comrades, Dear friends,

I would like to cordially invite you to the conference "Political Change in Central Africa and the Role of Social Democracy", which will take place on 9-10 September 2019 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, and be organised in cooperation with the Central African Progressive Alliance and hosted by our Cameroonian sister party, the Social Democratic Front (SDF).

Our meeting will focus on the question of how we can achieve social cohesion and economic progress especially in the countries of Central Africa. Overexploitation of natural resources often stands in the way of sustainable and qualitative growth; in some countries of the region, insecurity and violence have not gone away; repressive regimes restrict political freedoms; some use ethnic and religious diversity to undermine state integrity.

As socialists and social democrats, we cannot accept such a state of affairs. We want to make the world and our countries a place where people are inspired by cooperation, solidarity, humanity and progress. Our political opponents speak of solidarity. But they use the term to exclude others and differentiate from them.

These are the topics we wish to discuss and we would like to learn in particular from the strategy of our member party from the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS), which won the presidential elections, despite great challenges faced by the UDPS as an opposition party.



Dear comrades, dear friends, this conference will not only be an excellent occasion to continue our political debates. It will also be a splendid opportunity to exchange experiences, to learn about best practices and to deepen our progressive network.

For more information about the conference, please find enclosed the draft program and the registration form.

Please get registered for the conference in Cameroon at the latest on 26 August 2019.

We are looking forward to the confirmation of your participation and to seeing you in Yaoundé.

Kind regards,

Konstantin Woinoff