

To the Sister Parties and Partner Organizations in Africa

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Progressive Alliance in Africa Conference Reaffirming Solidarities for Justice Democratic Renewal May 23-24, 2024 in Douala, Cameroon

Dear comrades, dear friends,

Africa is undoubtedly of strategic importance in terms of economic and demographic change. The continent holds tremendous economic potential with its available resources and energy potential. Many countries in the continent consistently have higher than average economic growth rate and are likely to continue to do so in the next decade.

Africa also holds historical significance. Its diverse peoples have suffered through centuries of oppressive colonialism (its aftereffects still reverberating up to now) but also successfully liberated themselves from imperial rule. However, Africa like other regions of the Global South continues to deal with the contradictions that exists in its societies. Alongside economic growth, development, and rising incomes are ever present issues of poverty, inequality, social unrest, and ecological destruction. Since 2020, West Africa and the Sahel regions experienced 15 coups and continues to grapple with unstable

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government. In other regions, illiberal and undemocratic regimes continue to persist. Also, ageing and male dominated governance continue to be the norm. It is in these context that progressive and democratic leadership and governance is needed to create the momentum for change in the continent.

We are pleased to invite you to join us in the Progressive Alliance Africa Conference on 23-24 May 2024 to be held in Douala, Cameroon. The Progressive Alliance, the global network of progressive, social democratic, and socialist political parties founded in Leipzig in 2013, opens this platform for dialogue for Africa's progressive forces to renew, rebuild, strengthen ties and networks of cooperation. The conference aims to contribute to the discourse of transformation in the region by sharpening analyses on issues, fostering progressive values, affirming the role of progressive parties as vehicles for change, and creating space for collective visioning among African progressives.

You will find attached the preliminary documents for this activity:

- 1. Provisional Program
- 2. Technical Information

To confirm, we ask you to **register on before 30 April 2024**. Please refer to the Technical Information the needed details for your registration.

We aspire to have a gender-balanced participation in all Progressive Alliance activities so we ask you to take this into account when registering your delegation. For any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at <u>contact@progressive-alliance.info</u>.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Douala.



In solidarity,

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