



2023 General Assembly Declaration

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Recommendations on the theme: 20th anniversary as a crucial platform for advancing liberal values, democracy, and human rights across the African continent.

ALN's 2023 General Assembly took place on 6 December 2023 in Dakar, Senegal with the theme; Positioning Africa Liberal Network in Africa for the next 20 years.

A vision for the progress to be made for the well-being of our continent and its inhabitants, and this is unfolding on different axes.

- It is a matter of reaffirming the founding principles of the Africa Liberal Network to create a prosperous and integrated Africa of flourishing democracies at peace; creating an environment where people can fulfil their full potential;
- The question of democratic ruptures is a fundamental issue in institutional stability with repetitive coups of states both constitutional and military that interrupt the democratic processes of our states;
- Education and good governance as an essential pillar of development;
- The mechanisms to be put in place to ensure the effectiveness and protection of the rights of each individual or company and to protect the weakest from abusive practices;
- A key function of the ALN is to shape the Network's internal and external functions;
- Its objective is to facilitate internal processes, strengthen democratic principles, and shape its image and influence in the broader political sphere;
- Fostering a platform for debate, decision-making, shaping the Network's policies, strategies and performance; selecting leadership positions and mobilizing members.
- Considering that without stability and peace, all nations are doomed to fail to bring peace and opportunities to residents;
- In order to promote economic and social development in a stable and safe; environment that does not damage the environment or raise inflation unnecessarily;
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The Africa Liberal Network (ALN),

- Encourages African states to work with other international groups such as the United Nations and the African Union to support their work in securing their borders;
- Support political parties and civil society organisations who are working together to promote and fight for transparent, fair and free elections enshrined in constitutions across the continent;



- Furthermore African States are encouraged to conduct elections in compliance and in the spirit of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance;
- Align with the 2023 RENEWPAC summit theme of : Fostering sustainable development;

The ALN formulates the following recommendations in the spirit of its constitution and liberal solutions discussed at its 2023 General Assembly:

1. Develop and nature relationships between various stakeholders to ensure open and clear communication between organisations as to mitigate against electoral disputes, offer and education citizens on the best ways to protect themselves and to ensure coordination between group working to address the strongholds of extremist groups while protecting residents;
2. The promotion of women, essential actors of our continent: more and more women are employees and mothers, it is important that they can benefit from protection and incentive mechanisms allowing them to peacefully ensure this double role;
3. The youth are the strength of our continent. It is essential to support our young people and give them concrete prospects for the future;
4. Innovation and new technologies are an axis to be developed for this highly connected population typology;
5. Moreover, it is important to provide concrete solutions to the concerns of citizens, particularly those working in the informal sector where social protection is almost non-existent;
6. Place special emphasis on the economic development of communities in order to make community members less vulnerable to the rhetoric of extremist groups and organisation seeking to stoke up violence during electoral seasons;
7. Renewable energy and the stainability within Africa, is highly useful to work on environmental issues and fossil fuel alternatives to address sustainability issues and thus reduce the vulnerabilities of our countries;
8. Foster continued growth and development of youth and women within our member parties;
9. Building closer networks with emerging liberal bodies, who can assist ALN with continued democratic growth;
10. Advocating for closer inter-party cooperation or sharing experiences within the liberal democratic space;
11. The mechanisms to be put in place to ensure the effectiveness and protection of the rights of each individual or company and to protect the weakest from abusive practices.