THE ISSUES OF THE RUNOFF ELECTION BETWEEN MARC RAVALOMANANA AND ANDRY RAJOELINA

The lessons from the first round:

* A total rejection of Hery Rajaonarimampianina and his HVM regime
* A total rejection also of the other candidates including former president Didier Ratsiraka
* The people really want one of the two candidates who were banned in 2013 (Andry Rajoelina and Marc Ravalomanana) to run the country
* Big money, big parties and alliances, and big shows pay: the two candidates of the second round are those who raised and spent the most, they also have the largest political parties and alliances, and can stage the biggest shows around the country

Issue #1:

This will be the settlement through the ballot box of the conflict in 2009 and the controversy over the meaning of what happened:

The country is still divided by the “orange revolution” or the “coup” in 2009, which dragged the country in the longest crisis of its history:

* If you are supporter of Andry Rajoelina, you believe that there was a revolution against the “dictator” Marc Ravalomanana in March 2009,
* If you are supporter of Marc Ravalomanana, you believe that there was a coup d’etat engineered by the “putschist” Andry Rajoelina of in March 2009

Both men were banned by the international communist from running in the 2013 presidential election. This time, they have the opportunity to settle through the ballot box their political dispute

Issue #2:

The choice for the voters will be between two men who are both businessmen, but who come from two totally different worlds and hold two totally different visions of the country and how to develop it:

* Marc Ravalomanana: old, from rural family, and built his empire on agrobusiness (starting with dairy farm and yogurt manufacturing)
* Andry Rajoelina: young, from a middle class urban family, and built his empire on media industry (started as an entertainer, not as a “radio dj” as many pretend)