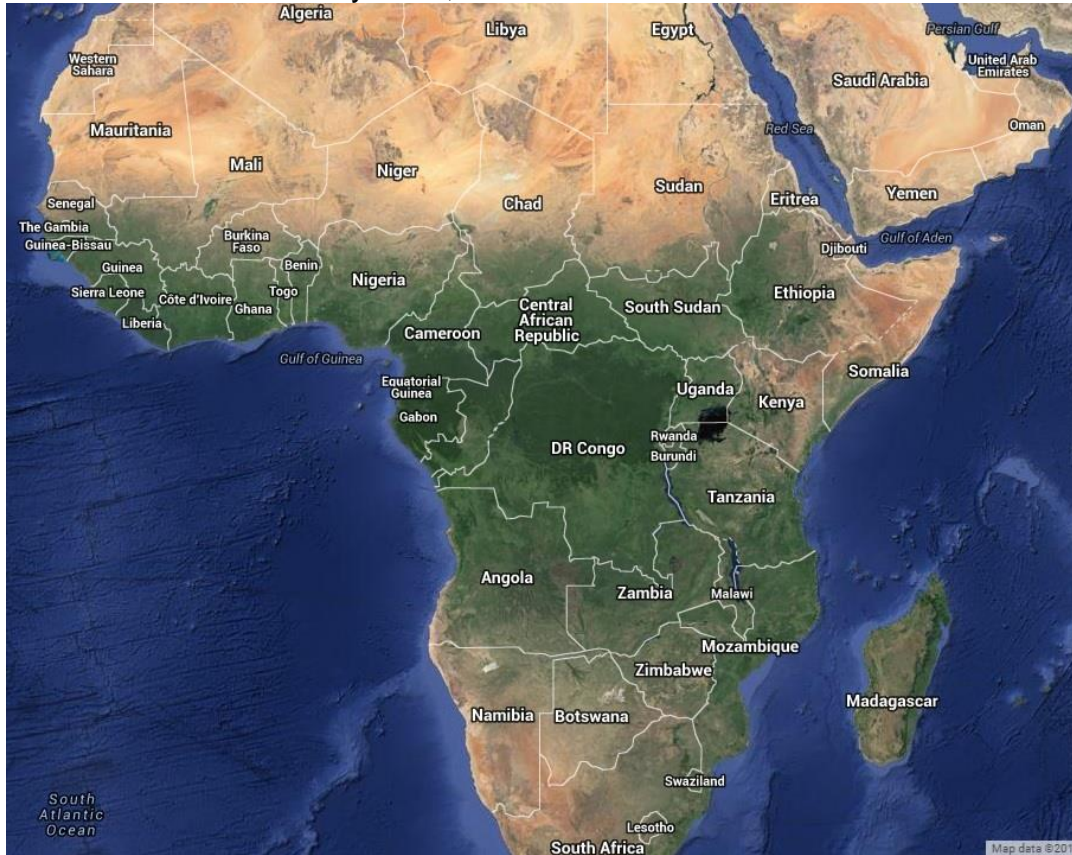


Congo Freedom Alliance

Mission statement

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Congo Freedom Alliance (CFA) is a humanitarian pro-democracy not for profit social welfare think tank created among University of Texas students and political science faculty. It engages in international community service to aid in solving problems for Congolese, which will benefit not only them, but also the entire African continent and the world that is and has been expending extraordinary human



and financial resources since the 1960s dealing with Africa Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) problems.¹

We research, study, proposes solutions, write position papers on DRC good governance ideas, make them available to the public, provide public lectures, and advocate policy utilizing First Amendment rights before government decision making bodies on topics such as:

- 1). Best society democracy practices,
- 2). Society and individual freedoms, liberty, equality, and human rights,²
- 3). Effective national, state and local constitutions. Thomas Jefferson said: "In questions of powers, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution." Of a "good" Constitution.
- 4). Efficient and effective separation of powers and checks and balances among legislative, judicial and executive branches of government in such a way to provide for the needs of the people, protect the State, and prevent abuse of power. How successful countries have adopted more effective restraints to prevent abuse of power. British Lord Acton said: "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."³
- 5). How create structure and law best to ensure honest fair elections whose results are respected by society?

6). How establish rule of just law, and a professional civil service criminal justice and court system, and a professional legal system to protect the rights of the people and bring violators to justice?

7). How provide a framework for conflict resolution as DR Congo rated among 10 least peaceful places on earth, which includes truth and reconciliation conventions, and encouraging legislation that will contribute to peace and stability such as stopping illegal dealing in conflict minerals that fuels violence and instability?⁴

8). How control and prevent corruption, which is destructive to society, by joining international partnerships discouraging it? DR Congo rated the 21 most corrupt countries on earth while Denmark ranked the least corrupt and the USA ranked as among top 15 least corrupt.⁵ Congolese want a civilian government of, by and for all the people in the DR Congo, rather than rule by corrupt foreign and domestic civilian and military dictators benefiting only the few. Congo Freedom Alliance studies how government can be inclusive of the many Congo voices, rather than the dictatorial personalities past and present who ignore and marginalize the will of the people.

9). How create a professional well trained professional government civil and military service that services society rather than autocratic dictators and corrupt allies? Congolese want the development of civil and military government agencies where these public servants deliver essential services to all Congolese in a neutral fair efficient and effective manner absent of corruption, and so government is no longer the feared oppressors of the people, but instead they are servants of the people. Government must be reconstructed so it not only can accomplish all the things people need government to do, but also to construct restraints in law that forces government to control itself.

10). How solve society problems such as nonexistent or inadequate infrastructure, unsafe drinking water, extreme poverty, starvation and extreme malnutrition, unemployment, inadequate health care, inadequate education, inadequate transportation, inadequate electricity, inadequate conflict resolution and tribalism, inadequate State security and public safety, and an inadequate free market economy. Congolese want to know that governments and businesses are working together to provide the basic needs of the people. Congolese want to encourage new institutions to protect society from external and internal threats, so they no longer live in a perpetual state of fear.

Congo Freedom Alliance seeks to evolve with a consensus of best ideas and needed resources to provide charity that actually solves society problems. The goal is to achieve society harmony by encouraging all policies contributing to Congolese happiness, safety, and wellbeing. Congo Freedom Alliance seeks to encourage society policies that furthers achieving UN General Assembly Resolution 65/309 titled "Happiness: towards a holistic approach to development."⁶ Congo Freedom Alliance encourages government policies best for society as identified by 35 developed democratic nations (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) that includes 11 topics identified as essential to human well-being, such as "*material living conditions*" (housing, income, jobs) and "*quality of life*" (community, education, environment, governance, health, life satisfaction, safety and work-life balance).⁷

United Nations peacekeeping troops have been in Congo for 22 years from 1960 to 2017. Today, 125 nations contribute to maintaining some 22,590 personnel in DR Congo. The United Nations peacekeeping mission in the DR Congo is very expensive. The one year UN cost to June 2017 in Congo is \$1,235,723,100 billion US dollars. The USA contributes 28.3626% of that amount; thus the USA contributes \$350,483,199.9606 million US dollars for just this one year.⁸

Thus the USA alone since the 1960s has contributed billions that if had not been needed, could have been used at home for USA problems. The DR Congo peacekeeping mission is the single largest contribution of UN resources anywhere in the world. Very costly. This adds up to a large amount of scarce financial and human resources over decades tied up there that could be used elsewhere, if solutions were found to the Congo problem. It is Congo Freedom Alliance's purpose is to be part of the solution so the DRC is no longer a drain on African continent and world resources.

Congo Freedom Alliance welcomes any ideas that contribute to improving the lives of all Congolese - especially for the children, who are the future.

¹ See CIA World Fact Book for Congo overview <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/cg.html>

² see <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/bill-of-rights>

³ See Federalist Papers # 51 on government checks and balances

<https://www.congress.gov/resources/display/content/The+Federalist+Papers#TheFederalistPapers-51>

⁴ <http://162.243.170.40/#page/indexes/global-peace-index/2016/COD/OVER>

⁵ See <http://www.transparency.org/cpi2015#results-table> and see http://www.oecd.org/daf/anti-bribery/ConvCombatBribery_ENG.pdf and see <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/>

⁶ For text of the United Nations Resolution 65/309 see http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/65/309 and see further details on the United Nations encouraging world governments to adopt policies that lead to happiness <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/documents/NOTEONHAPPINESSFINALCLEAN.pdf>

⁷ For details on OECD topics essential to human well-being see <http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/#/111111111111>

⁸ See http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/contributors/2016/dec16_1.pdf and see <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml> and see <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/monusco/facts.shtml> and see budget http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/C.5/70/24 and see UN Security Council Resolutions [http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2211%20\(2015\)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2211%20(2015)) and see <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/monusco/background.shtml>