

# **CHARTER OF THE PAN AFRICAN UNION OF PEACE BUILDERS (PAUPB)**

## **PREAMBLE**

We, laureates of the University of Peace in Africa (UPA),

Appreciating the privilege we had to be initiated to the richness conveyed by the campuses of the UPA, richness that constitutes its philosophy and culture of the peace joined to methods and techniques of "exclusion" of Conflicts,

Driven by the same desire to work together that our predecessors have often expressed, as by the most telling example of 2012 Goma Campus laureates,

Have decided to set up a network responsible for organizing and promoting our solidarity: the Panafrican Union of Peace Builders, PAUPB in acronyms.

## **1. WHO WE ARE**

The Panafrican Union of Peace Builders brings together all international peace builders initiated by the University of Peace in Africa (UPA) to build peace, first in themselves, then spread it out towards the other, towards the society and to the environment; Peace Builders initiated through the particular integration of remarkable UPA methods such as biographical approach, the 'real inner power', true communication, effective negotiation and dialectic mediation.

## **2. OUR STATE OF BEING:**

To add on in:

- Strengthening the synergy between peacebuilders in Africa and around the world;
- Promoting a culture of peace in Africa and its diasporas;
- Prevention, management and peaceful transformation of conflicts in the various spheres of social, economic, political and cultural life;
- Capacity building of individuals and organizations engaged in peacebuilding activities.

## **3. OUR APPROACH**

Rooted in THE REAL INNER POWER, to create Peace Training Groups (GEPs) that allow us to work together for:

- Promoting throughout Africa the paradigm "be-do-have-share" as a pledge of peaceful coexistence, solidarity and sustainable development;

- Training ourselves continuously for to use and spread methods and technics of peaceful conflict resolution.

To this end, we are committed to:

- Keep in touch and to practice a lively communication between the UPA laureates of all campuses of the years;
- Facilitate the organization of permanent training of the laureates;
- Ensure the follow-up of our back home activities until good end of their execution;
- Capitalize and publish the results of the members' commitments;
- Become the first provider of international peacebuilders to the INOVAR program (Active and Fast Nonviolent Peace Intervention in Africa);
- Share our best practices;
- Advocate for civil interventions for sustainable Peace in Africa and around the world;
- Make largely known UPA and to find ways to multiply the annual CAMPUS trainings.

#### **4. OUR ORGANIZATION:**

Each member of the Union is part of a Peace Training Group (GEP) which is his or her place of resourcing and action.

Local GEPs are organized in the National Union. The coordination of National Unions constitutes the Pan African Union.

#### **5. OUR OPERATING SYSTEM:**

We want to adopt a non-pyramidal governance that distributes to each and every one of our GEP power and responsibility. A holocratic system.

#### **6. THE UPA LAUREATES ADHERE TO THIS CHARTER BY THEIR SIGNATURE.**

Done in Ouagadougou on July 24, 2017.

**Signatures:**