

ELECTION 2023

# JEAN- CLAUDE BAENDE

FOR PRESIDENT



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM



# CHANGE IS STILL POSSIBLE.

## A DRIVEN AND PASSIONATE LEADER

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### Background:

- Born in Basankusu (DRC), on May 24th, 1963. Married and father of 5 children.
- Philosophy Graduate, Theology Graduate, Labor Sciences Graduate (ULB Belgium), Special Studies Masters Graduate in Human Resources Management (3rd cycle ULB Belgium).
- Ordained Priest of the Roman Catholic Church by His Excellency Monsignor Etsou Zambi Bamungwabi in 1990.
- Parish Vicar and Priest in DRC and in Belgium until 2001.
- Honorary Provincial and National Deputy, Honorary Vice-Governor and Governor of the Province of the Equateur.

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# JEAN-CLAUDE'S PLEDGE

## MY VISION FOR CONGOLESE PEOPLE

Our ambition for the Presidential election in the Democratic Republic of Congo aims to respond to all of the concerns of the Congolese people in a pragmatic and authentic way. In this regard, our vision can be summarized in a sentence: "Refound the Republic et revitalize Congo"; by putting the human (Man) at the center of political action, giving him [humanity] bread, guaranteeing his well-being and living together through state reforms and the promotion of ethical values.

## WHAT THE CONGOLESE WANT

- 1 The end of the war and insecurity in the Eastern part of our country
- 2 A strong, dissuasive and fighting army force
- 3 National unity
- 4 Feel the presence of the State's authority throughout the national territory
- 5 National police that protects its citizens and their property
- 6 A fair and equitable justice system to avoid the "Law of the Strongest"
- 7 Improving their quality of life; decent salaries to provide for their families
- 8 Improving their ability to travel within the country and outside of our borders (transportation)
- 9 Electricity and reliable drinking water supply for all
- 10 The best schools and education system for their children
- 11 Quality and reliable healthcare for their families
- 12 Reducing unemployment through job and career creation
- 13 The end of misery, poverty and all forms of suffering

# COMMITMENT TO THE CONGOLESE PEOPLE

## Restoring Peace & Integrity

- Ending the war in the provinces of North-Kivu and Ituri as well as throughout the national territory;
- Restore the integrity of the national territory with respect to the borders drawn by the Great Powers at the Berlin Conference of 1885;
- Restore the authority of the State throughout the national territory through thoughtful, innovative and responsible leadership

## Creating a Deterrent and Combative Republican Army

- The restructuring of our armed forces and the restoration of discipline within our ranks will be prioritized.
- An audit of our armed forces will be conducted to remove unauthorized personnel and soldiers that do not serve the interests of Congo.
- Our soldiers will receive thorough training in world class academies and receive higher salaries.
- Our forces will be equipped with modern combat equipment and the latest technology.
- The living conditions of our forces will be improved (in barracks, on camps and on the front lines) so they are able to vigorously defend national borders and respond to any enemy attack.

## Building Modern Hospitals

- Building modern hospitals with equipment and technology that meet international standards. Doctors will receive world class training and certification. Ensuring doctors' wellness so that they can prioritize caring for the sick.



## Establishing Police Forces

- Establishing both a national police force local police forces that will ensure the protection of citizens and their property, rather than one that bothers peaceful citizens in road traffic and in neighborhoods through arbitrary arrest.

## Training National Security

- Training our national security services and equipping them so they have the ability to apprehend any threat to be national and territorial security before they become significant threats.

"IMPOSSIBLE IS  
NOT  
CONGOLESE"

# Strengthening National Unity. Congo will remain United and indivisible



## Organizing a Reformed Judicial System

- Our country will need a fair and equitable judiciary system to avoid the Law of the Strongest or double-speed justice. Repealing all laws and articles of the constitution that were tailored to favor individual interests of rulers. The Law must be fair and unbiased.

## Improving State Officials' Salaries

- Providing state officials' with better and more consistent salaries to ensure their staff no longer has to suffer from monetary fluctuations or instability.

## Restoration of the State

- Restoring the Nation State to the fundamentals of a modern State by respecting the proper operations and functioning of all institutions of the Republic;

## Anti - Corruption

- Fighting against anti-values such as corruption, tribalism, clientelism, retro-commissioning, embezzlement of public funds, nepotism, social incivism, political actors', personality cults, urban and peri-urban banditry, cheating and other immoral acts.



"A Brighter Future"



# EDUCATION

## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Providing quality schooling so that students receive a stronger foundation; No more than 35 students per classroom at maximum.
- Building and revitalizing school infrastructures and equipping them with desks, chairs and school materials in accordance to international standards.
- Educating of students in Patriotism, morality or ethics, citizenship and religion.
- Granting a decent salary to teachers within the national budget so they can effectively devote themselves to educating Congolese students; Free secondary education will need to be reformed.
- Continuous training and opportunities for teachers to adapt to new teaching technology and curriculum.

## UNIVERSITY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

- Establishing a rigorous selection process for higher education(especially in fields such as Law and Medicine)
- Adapting lessons to the socio-cultural realities of our country as well as to our natural resources to incite innovation
- Building modern universities and higher institutions throughout the Republics
- Eradicating immoral acts including corruption, cheating and grades received by depraved behavior;
- Increasing the number of trade schools to create a middle class
- Creating jobs for young university graduates as well as for idle young people

# Transportation

- Creating public transportation companies, increasing the number of buses in circulation and creating tramway and metro lines in large agglomerations;
- Creating an urban and longline train company to connect the provinces;
- Significantly increasing the air fleet to make our aviation company a leader within the continent;
- Rehabilitating the river, lake and maritime transport company through the modernization of port infrastructures and increasing the number of boats.
- Building urban roads following international standards as well as roads and highways to connect provinces to each other in order to facilitate the export of agricultural goods and products as it is done in every country in the world.
- Reducing official processions and reducing noise on our roads.



# Economy

- Making DRC's economy competitive in the international market through the creation of production companies and companies that transform raw materials into finished goods and products, will create jobs.
- Reducing the lavish lifestyle of the political elites and equitably redistributing national income to all of its people.
- Diversifying DRC's economy through reform of the agricultural and mining sectors. This will enable DRC to locally process our agricultural products and increase their value before export. By revisiting leonine contracts in the mining sector, we can ensure all parties are adequately compensated.
- Providing a large budget for national defense and basic social services.
- Establishing infrastructure to better provide electricity and drinking water services for all.
- Regulating hours, times and places of worship. Following worship, people can return to work for the development of our country and for the creation of wealth for their families: Praying and working will be the great principle that we will observe in the country. "Ora et Labora".