

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
PAMOJA KWA AMANI" CONSORTIUM**



Grouping of civil society organizations from the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo

**PRESS RELEASE N°005/2025 CONCERNING THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF CONGO AND THE ALLIANCE FLEUVE CONGO /AFC-M23**

The Consortium Pamoja kwa Amani, a grouping of civil society organizations from North and South Kivu working for peace, justice, community recovery and living together, has followed with particular interest the signing today, July 19, 2025, in Doha, of the Declaration of Principles between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Mouvement de l'Alliance du Fleuve Congo - AFC/M23.

Consortium Pamoja Kwa Amani congratulates the various parties involved on this giant step forward, and calls on them to do more for the good of the battered populations of Kivu and the entire Great Lakes sub-region.

Bearing in mind the experience of the past, the Consortium Pamoja Kwa Amani, on behalf of the local communities ravaged by these repeated wars, invites all the national and foreign belligerents to strictly and unconditionally respect all their commitments so that the long-sought peace becomes an effective reality, not only on paper, but also and above all on the ground.

For the Consortium Pamoja kwa Amani, local communities, the first victims of these repeated wars, swear by peace, a peace that must necessarily and compulsorily pass through and be made by them: "Peace for and by local communities", and recommends the inclusion and effective participation of all in all present and future steps, as a guarantee of collective ownership of the various agreements and peace processes.

The Consortium Pamoja kwa Amani invites the parties involved, notably the Congolese Government and the AFC-M23, to put an end to inflammatory and contradictory speeches and declarations likely to aggravate the situation and compromise this great step forward achieved today thanks to the efforts of the United States of America and Qatar.

In any sincere quest for Peace, there have never been winners or losers. In this case, only the Democratic Republic of Congo should triumph.

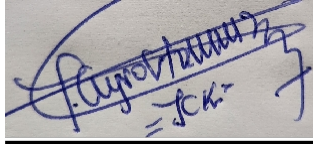
In conclusion, the Consortium Pamoja kwa Amani invites the Congolese people as a whole to remain mobilized and ready to do anything to impose strict and unfailing respect for all agreements and commitments made: tired, the people are no longer prepared to accompany you in your selfish wars and conflicts. Thirty years on, peace must be earned and imposed.

The Consortium Pamoja kwa Amani, through its barometer for monitoring and citizen surveillance of Peace in the DRC, is committed to ensuring permanent follow-up and collective and citizen appropriation so that the peace so desired and expected by all Congolese populations and the Great Lakes sub-region becomes an absolute reality.

So done and made public this July 19, 2025

For the Pamoja kwa Amani Consortium,

Mr Jean Chrysostome KIJANA, Moderator.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jean Chrysostome Kijana', with a large circular flourish and a checkmark-like mark at the end.

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