



"And now, let us build resilient democracies together."

Africa Seminar - 1 June 2021

12h Abidjan - 14h Brussels/Berlin/Harare - 15h Kampala

Simultaneous translation: French – English

Objective:

Democracies around the world are under pressure. The economic and socio-political performance of democracy has been challenged by right-wing populist movements and the mismanagement of several global crises. The future of social democracy depends in large part on how we can build together resilient, resistant and effective democracies, capable of facing the challenges of the future with our values?

The Progressive Alliance, in collaboration with the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and in cooperation with the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES), will address this question by organising a series of debates at regional level (Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe) with progressive personalities from various backgrounds, before presenting their results in November 2021 at the Global Progressive Forum conference.

We will debate the following questions:

- *What are the concrete pathways for democracy to become more resilient in your region so as to contribute to its longterm stability?*
- *What is the impact of extra-regional actors on the pursuit of this objective?*
- *How and which international actions, actors and alliances can support strengthening a model of resilient democracy in your region?*

Speakers :

Nelson Chamisa

President MDC-Alliance, Zimbabwe

Martin Ziguélé

President of the Central African People's Liberation Movement (MLPC)

Patricia Nseyo

Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS), Congo

Moderator :

Thilo Schöne, FES Ivory Coast

Course of the meeting:

- I. Welcome by the Global Coordinator of the Progressive Alliance
- II. First interventions by the 3 speakers (10 minutes maximum)
- III. Interactive exchange between the speakers (30 minutes)
- IV. Exchange with the participants
- V. Remarks by young academic observers
- VI. First conclusions / way forward

Registration:

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