



## CHARTER OF TOURNONS LA PAGE

Since its inception on October 15, 2014, Tournons La Page (hereinafter “TLP”) is a **non-partisan citizen movement** bringing together members of a broad range of civil societies with the objective of **promoting democratic alternation**. Any organization and/or individual is free to join TLP to contribute to this collective mobilization in accordance with the values and principles set forth in this charter.

Through their commitment, TLP’s members pursue together the same vision and call for the formation of a broad citizen alliance and the realization of joint mobilizations – within the same country or for a specific group of countries – with a view to building and sustaining the conditions of a true democracy on the African continent and elsewhere.

### Vision

Tournons La Page aspires to a World where:

- People are truly represented by their elected officials;
- Officials are accountable to the citizens;
- National laws, including Constitutions, are not modified to allow leaders to remain in power;
- Real political alternation is possible and respected;
- All citizens are equal before the law and their rights are respected;
- Human rights defenders are protected.

### Objective

The movement’s main objective is to promote democratic alternation. In this regard, it has given itself several missions:

- Contribute to the consolidation of citizen mobilization for the promotion of democracy and human rights;
- Put an end to the confiscation of power and ensure the respect for democratic rules and principles.

## Values and Principles

The following values are shared by all members:

- The **respect and safeguard of human rights and fundamental freedoms**, economic, social and cultural rights and access to national resources;
- The **universal character of democracy** and the defense of the main democratic principles;
- The central role of **citizen counter-powers** and intermediary bodies in political and social life;
- **Equal rights and opportunities** for all individuals;
- **National and international solidarity**;
- Justice and its **impartiality** for all citizens;
- The importance of **individual and civic liberties**;
- The **transparency of public action** and the accountability of elected officials to citizens.

The movement bases its actions on the following principles:

- **Union and overcoming political, ethnic and/or religious divisions.**
- **Independence from political parties.** The activities carried out cannot be used for partisan purposes. No one may be a member and/or affiliated to a political party in which he or she exercises responsibilities. No one may claim to be endorsed by TLP in any political activity.
- **Independence from funding sources.** TLP carries its political message freely and without constraint, regardless of the sources of its financial resources.
- **Collective dynamics.** Members commit to contribute collectively to the facilitation of the network, to work together and share their respective experiences and knowledge.
- **Sharing of information and experience** between all members of the movement.
- **Collegiality in the decision-making procedures** related to the strategic and political orientations of TLP.
- **Autonomy of national coalitions** in the design and implementation of activities at the national level. This autonomy is exercised in combination with a responsibility to inform the International Secretariat.
- **Pacifism and non-violence.** The true foundation of TLP's actions is non-violence. It is the core and inviolable principle of the movement.

*I understand and commit myself to respect the elements set out in this Charter.*

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