



## Alliance Panafricaine pour la Citoyenneté (APC)

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## **APC joins the Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP): Tricontinental and co-construction of peace**

At the start of 2025, another step has been taken towards mobilizing African citizens to decide at grassroots level on peace and prosperity.

The « **Alliance Panafricaine pour la Citoyenneté (APC)** » has joined the « **Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP)** », a platform of over 200 organizations and associations based in Washington, DC, USA. APC itself is based on the coordination of associations, NGOs and individuals living, working, thinking and acting between Europe and Africa. This is why APC's membership of the « Alliance for Peacebuilding » outlines a tricontinental architecture on a human scale. Peace, by this yardstick, is a matter for grassroots initiatives, and will result from innovations and alternatives at various levels and with the help of heterogeneous and heterodox players. APC's resources are infinitely modest, but it uses the same tools as the Alliance for Peacebuilding: situation assessment, advocacy, the quest for human security and resistance to extremism.

AfP is supported by the United States Institute of Peace, a national, non-partisan organization founded by the United States Congress to envision a world free of violent conflict. The Institute has developed an African program in which African countries have been examined and supported with a view to achieving peace through the involvement of the population in citizen action.



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APC's aim, with the support of the Alliance for Peacebuilding, is to “invest in local people and associations to strengthen their skills and capacities, and to enable them to participate fully in the process of developing a peace that benefits society”. From this point of view, the idea is for public action to increase people's capacity for production (i.e., human capital), adaptation and resilience in the face of political and social risks, as opposed to the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) models advocated by the United Nations, which are failing in many parts of Africa.

This renewed conception of shared peace aims to contribute to the local formulation of employment policies, youth policies, education policies, health policies, delinquency prevention policies, housing policies and poverty alleviation policies.

The year 2025 opens with many African situations where local debate on the issues and ways of citizen participation could be part of the solution to the conflicts, wars and suffering experienced by populations.

APC looks forward to working with the Alliance for Peacebuilding.

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### **About « Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) » :**

The **Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP)**, named the “number one influencer and change agent” among peacebuilding institutions worldwide, is an award-winning nonprofit and nonpartisan network of 200+ organizations working in 181 countries to prevent and reduce violent conflict and build sustainable peace. AfP cultivates a network to strengthen and advance the peacebuilding field, enabling peacebuilding organizations to achieve greater impact—tackling issues too large for any one organization to address alone.

**AfP** forges strong cross-sectoral partnerships within and outside the peacebuilding field ensuring our members are leading the most important conversations impacting global conflict and building sustainable peace. PeaceCon, AfP's annual conference, in 2024 conference featured 107 sessions and welcomed 764 in-person attendees and 894 digital attendees from 80 countries, representing a dynamic cross-section of civil society, bilateral and multilateral donors, law and policymakers, academics, philanthropists, and leaders from the private sector.

**AfP** advocates and educates to ensure conflict prevention, violence reduction, and peacebuilding lessons and findings correlate to better policy, programming, and legal frameworks. AfP mobilizes the field to support collective action on urgent crises and promotes long-term policy change to center peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

AfP is also leading the peacebuilding field to embrace a more rigorous evaluative culture by strengthening design, monitoring, and evaluation (DM&E) capacity, conducting pioneering research, translating evidence to improve best practices, and convening joint learning.

**AfP’s presence in the media and on social media is powerful, engaging, and increasing.** AfP has more than 24,000 followers on Twitter and more than 41,000



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followers on LinkedIn and our reach is growing every day. AfP is also actively engaging the press and regularly publishes and is quoted including Just Security, The Washington Post, The Dallas Morning News, The Hill, DevEx, The Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio, CBS Face the Nation, and ABC News. AfP is also working to reframe the peacebuilding narrative through groundbreaking research in Building the Bridge to Peace: Reframing Peace and Peacebuilding with FrameWorks Institute.