



"WE ARE NOT ALONE. AFRICA, ASIA AND FREE AND LIBERATED PEOPLE FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD WILL ALWAYS BE FOUND AT THE SIDE OF THE CONGOLESE."

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## Friends of the Congo Action Plan

### Two Objectives:

1. End the conflict
2. Assure that the affairs of the Congo is determined by the people of the Congo

*How do we achieve the two objectives:*

**E**ducation – learn as much as you can about the root elements of the Congo challenge

**M**obilization – Get your family, friends, loved ones and others in your network involved

**S**upport – provide support to local Congolese institutions working in the interest of the people

*Actions you can take to end the conflict in the Congo and assure that Congolese control the Congo:*

- ✓ Complete the Friends of Congo participation form
- ✓ Sign-up for the Friends of Congo mailing list and join the global movement
- ✓ Invite Congolese speakers to your community
- ✓ Use your talent, skill or expertise to mobilize your community in support of the Congo
- ✓ Make a financial or material contribution to Friends of the Congo or one of its Congolese partners
- ✓ Host a meet and greet at your home or club to introduce the Congo to your community
- ✓ Lobby your city council to pass a resolution in support of the people of Congo. See [www.friendsofthecongo.org](http://www.friendsofthecongo.org) for sample resolutions.
- ✓ Call the White House and demand that President Obama make Congo a top foreign policy priority
- ✓ Write Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Johnnie Carson, Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region, Howard Wolpe to demand a diplomatic and political offensive on the Congo as opposed to the current AFRICOM focused military initiative of the Obama Administration.
- ✓ Divest from corporations (see [congoweek.org](http://congoweek.org)) directly involved in fueling the conflict or exploiting the people
- ✓ Let your Congressional and Senatorial representatives know that they ought to support legislation in Congress that support the interest of the Congolese people
- ✓ Send letters to Bill Clinton, Reverend Rick Warren, Ted Shultz and Andrew Young to implore them to pressure their Friend Paul Kagame to be a partner for peace in the region as opposed to the destructive force that he has been for over a decade

**It is our full expectation that the accumulation of the above action by a critical mass of ordinary people in the United States and throughout the globe will fundamentally affect the external forces working against the interests of the Congolese people so that peace and stability can have a chance in a land beleaguered by far too much unnecessary suffering.**