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Women's March Global Supports Peace in Upcoming Democratic Republic of Congo Election

Women's March Global supports Fonds pour les femmes Congolaises in their mission to spread peace during the upcoming election in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

World | 20 December 2018 - [Women's March Global](#) is supporting [Fonds pour les femmes Congolaises \(Fund for Congolese Women\)](#) in their mission to spread peace during the upcoming election in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Due to take place on 23 December 2018, the election will see the country emerge from President Joseph Kabila's 17-year rule.

At least [seven](#) people have been killed in the run-up to the election, with [more than 50](#) wounded. Past elections have seen [extensive violence](#) with at least 30 lives, including election workers, civilians and peacekeepers, taken during the election violence in 2006.

Determined to promote peace this election, Fonds pour les femmes Congolaises is spreading their message of nonviolence throughout the country. The organization provides support, financial and technical resources to women-led grassroots initiatives and organizations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

"The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has never witnessed a peaceful transfer of power. Let us commit to peace in this election so that there can be peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The only way to move forward is through peace," said Julienne Lusenge, Director of Fonds pour les femmes Congolaises, President of [Female Solidarity for Integrated Peace and Development](#), and Women's March Global board member. Lusenge is a noted human rights leader, having received the Human Rights Award from the Embassy of France, [The Ginetta Sagan Award](#), and the 2018 International Women's Rights Award from the [Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy](#) among numerous other recognitions. Lusenge has also been named a [Knight of the Legion of Honour](#) by the French government.

Women's March Global is uniting with the Fonds pour les femmes Congolaises in their mission to spread peace before, during and after the presidential election. In September of this year, Women's March Global presented a youth workshop in partnership with the [Women's International League for Peace and Freedom](#) in Cameroon to share communication tactics and the use of social media for the promotion of peace.

“We support the Fund for Congolese Women in their commitment to spreading peace during this tense time in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC),” shared Uma Mishra-Newbery, Interim Executive Director of Women’s March Global. “We are urging participants to make this election a positive one.”

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