



5th Congress of the Federation of African Greens organized by Alliance des Ecologistes Congolais – Les Verts at the Hôtel Léon in Kinshasa, from May 23 to 26, 2024.

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**Speech by Mr Tapiwa Chengeta (Zimbabwe), Communication Secretary of AGF - FEVA**

## **Towards the total emancipation of the African Greens Federation and green ideology accross the continent**

Today marks yet another very important occasion for the green ideology across Africa. As we gather here to mark yet another milestone in the development of the green agenda let's also take time to reflect on the challenges that we face as individual nations and as a collective. The distance we have travelled will help us look back at the challenges we have faced, the lessons we have learnt and motivate us to look forward in finding solutions to the problems we face every day with a view to have the best solutions.

### **Green Agenda for Africans**

The green agenda for Africa is the best way forward. It is the only way to go although it has its own challenges. The Green agenda is very smart and is based on the total respect for democracy and good governance. The respect for each other is sustainable for it brings everlasting solutions to the general population and eventually the continent but however comes at a cost because it is very expensive and needs patience. To love, to respect, to understand and to appreciate each other as brothers and sisters without greed takes a long time. As we tackle the deep-rooted dirty and dictatorial tendencies brought by most leadership across the continent we really need to appreciate that it needs our patience and total support for each other.

Many countries that have embraced the green agenda are now a beacon of beauty across the continent. I would pick Rwanda and Morocco as outstanding democracy and governance icons whose people now strongly have respect for the green agenda. Look at the beauty that these countries have created. It took time but the people now see the good side of green politics. Governments should put in place resources to go green and preserve the natural ecological reserves they have. A respect for natural resources will also see the total respect for human kind.

### **AGF and way Forward.**

As we meet to put new leadership let's realise that Africa needs us more united than before. The journey travelled by the committee has had its ups and downs with many lessons learnt but the most important thing to learn is that we need more numbers. Look from Southern Africa I think we are only 2 or less. Where is Zambia, where is Mozambique, Where is Malawi, where is South Africa. The strengthening of our unit is something we need to put first and see the beauty of a United front. Regional Federations have been finding it difficult to operate because of funding. We need to ask ourselves why things are like that. Let's unite as a team and do the best that we can to see the best of Africa ahead. Let's remove

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all barriers to each other and open a new page in which there is total transparency which will invite partners to our beloved AGF and see it grow. Our operations as a team have been affected by a lot chief among them funding. Let's reconsider every move we have done and come together as Africa and be one people one nation.

Let's support individual countries for they face a lot of challenges from ruling parties. Many challenges are in Africa and some of our friends are not here because of those challenges. Let's learn from the African Union in which the ruling parties support each other and go behind everyone to caution each other again.

Let the green agenda shine as we go through the Congress and consider the importance of building a strong institution based on transparency, good governance, democracy and the respect for each other.

Thank you.

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