

## UPF CAR: The search for a sustainable peace in the Central African Republic

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In search for a sustainable peace in the Central African Republic, UPF Central African Republic, in collaboration with two NGOs (ORSODED (Social Organization for Sustainable Development) and IOM (International Organization for Migration), held a peace conference on July 21, 2017 in the theater of the YOUTH HOUSE in 8th District of Bangui.

We had about 50 participants. Miss ZAYBE Zita, President of the Social Organization for Sustainable Development (ORSODED), was among participants.

Following the military-political unrest in our country, in order to educate the population in general and young people in particular about the notion of peace and social cohesion, our aim was to new understanding of peace to all the participants.

Our program included:

- 5 Principles of Peace

- Necessity of Character Education

### Reflection

All the participants appreciated the content of the education. A young boy said that the education he received will allow people to change their behavior and thus transform the tarnished face of the young people of the 8th District. A mother asked for the floor to say that the teachings received were very appropriate for our children today. Another participant suggested that the UPF Central African Republic

could teach at the schools of in our country. He believes that if we do this now, after five or ten years there will be many changes taking place in our country.

Ms. Mayemasson Julie Doriane, Community Mobilizer of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) also wishes to continue working with the UPF in future activities of this kind.



**Our staff included:**

Rev. Noel SALOGBA, National Leader and Secretary General of the UPF / CAR,

Jean Paul GEREKOMBWANGA, Assistant to the National Leader,

Pastor Jean Louis KAMANGO, Director of Testimony and Education,

Steve MOKALO, the Secretary General of the FFWPU/ Central African Republic.

Caps and T-shirts were distributed to the participants followed by refreshment offered by the NGO ORSODED.