

***BANJUL, Gambia, September 23 (Infosplusgabon) - President Adama Barrow of the Gambia has stressed the need for the maintenance of peace in the fight for freedom, justice and sustainable development for all Gambians.***

He was contributing to the debate on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during United Nations General Assembly held in New York, US.

"We must prove that—in the fight for freedom, justice and sustainable development —peace is the best path to take. And to sustain peace, we must have a development path that works for all Gambians," President Barrow said.

"Our people, and indeed the whole world, put faith in our peaceful transition to democracy. We shall live up to that promise, and not to shy away from the weight of high expectations."

According to the Gambian leader, his country's story was still developing as it was just nine months ago, when the country emerged from 22 years of dictatorship.

"Together, we navigated beyond the brink of conflict and stepped onto a new path of democracy – with the efforts of our people and the support of our partners in Africa and from around the world."

"Today, my government carries with it the hopes and trust of all Gambians: young and old, women and men, rich and poor, rural and urban. Gambians gave peace a chance and we are determined to use this chance wisely," President Barrow added.

He said his government had taken steps to reinstate The Gambia into the global and regional organizations and rejoin the Community of Nations.

Meanwhile, former President Yahya Jammeh had embarked on an isolationist policy by removing the Gambia from many international organisations like Commonwealth and the International Criminal Court.

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