



Fred Bauma is a member of **The Struggle for Change** (*La Lutte pour le Changement, LUCHA*), a non-violent and non-partisan civil society movement founded in June 2012 in Goma, the capital of North Kivu. Both its location and the time of its founding correspond with the height of the M23 rebellion, led by renegade Congolese soldiers and backed by Rwanda. The movement campaigns for social justice and accountability in the DRC, and encourages Congolese citizens to fight for the promotion and respect of human rights.

Human rights defender Fred Bauma was arrested in March 2015 and he is currently detained in Kinshasa's central prison. On 1 February 2016, the Supreme Court of Justice in Kinshasa postponed the hearing on his provisional release, but he and other LUCHA activists eventually were released. Bauma currently resides in the United States.