

Platform of the Citizens' Party of Sandus

Preamble

The foremost goal of the Citizens' Party of Sandus is to further the causes of socialism, proletarian democracy, and individual liberties within the State of Sandus. Sandus has always embraced Socialism as one third of the tripartite national philosophy. The Party seeks to uphold and develop this element of the Sandum Philosophy in all areas of the State, affirming that social ownership and management are essential to the welfare of both economy and state. To this end, the Party hereby adopts this Platform as the basis of its policies and actions. Its mandate is to represent the Sandum worker in all aspects of national life, and it must always strive to do so.

The Party and the State

The Citizens' Party is an essential component of the State of Sandus. It must be equal in power and status to the other primary branches of government: The Monarchy and the Council. Sandus follows the model of a classical republic, with the Party occupying the role of the aristocracy. This aristocracy is not hereditary, tyrannical, or arbitrary, unlike those in capitalist and feudal societies. It is instead meritocratic, voluntary, and rooted in consensus, consisting of those Sandum citizens who choose to take an active role in crafting national policy.

Within the State, the Party claims the unique responsibility of advising the Sôgmô and the Central People's Government on the implementation of Sandum socialism, as well as overseeing economic planning. The Party acknowledges the complementary roles of the Sôgmô and Council in setting national policy and calls upon these entities to uphold its status as a co-equal branch of the Sandum Republic and the legitimate representative of proletarian interests in the State.

The Party supports and wishes to develop further the Sandum republican constitution. It is important for the State to have a solidified, unified view of the balance of power between the three branches of government and the ways they ought to interact. The Party will ensure that the interests of labour are mainstreamed in all constitutional discourse so that Sandus will always remain a workers' state.

Representing the Proletariat

The Citizens' Party is the vanguard party of the Sandum proletariat. It exists to represent working-class interests and increase political engagement among workers.

The Party holds that the Sandum intelligentsia is essentially proletarian in character and indispensable to the effort to advance socialism.

All Sandum citizens committed to political action in the interests of the working class have a place in the Party. The Party is a mass proletarian organization open to all who accept its core values and pledge themselves to the work of the revolution. The will of the Sandum workers made known through the Party Congress and relevant decrees of the Council guides the work of the Party Secretary and Central Committee. The Party advocates for proletarian interests in all areas of government, including the Council when its debates might benefit from the input of the State's promoters of socialist policy.

The Party recognizes the diversity of its members and of Sandum citizens generally with regard to religion, gender identity, sexuality, ethnicity, educational background, and all manner of personal differences and social experiences that each person holds dear and which influence one's worldview. While the Sandum people are unified by the Sandum Philosophy of Buddhism, Socialism, and Sancta, there is plenty of room for each citizen and Party member to express their unique identity. For this reason, the Party views supporting pluralism as a key component of representing the Sandum proletariat. It therefore defends individuals' human rights, including freedom of speech, worship, and conscience.

Strengthening the Sandum Nation

Common ownership of all aspects of Sandum society is central to the Party's view of socialism. This extends to national culture and identity. Every Sandum citizen has a claim to see themselves reflected in the nation's life. This requires not only respect for pluralism and a continued embrace of Sancta, but also cultural work on each citizen's part. Culture properly comes from the people, so it is the duty of each Party member and citizen to contribute to a strong proletarian culture.

The Party supports programmes that encourage and incentivise popular participation in culture-building and celebration of national holidays, which have long been a focal point of Sandum culture. The Central People's Government should guarantee that cultural labour is fairly compensated as the productive effort it is.

Beyond the broad Sandum Philosophy, the Party specifically promotes cultural policies, practices, and activities that emphasise the dignity of labour, pluralistic community, environmental stewardship, and humanitarianism.

Building the Socialist Economy

Consistent with the theory of Philia, Sandus has long recognised the importance of cultural independence. This is the rationale behind Sancta. The Party holds that socialism is the way for the State to build greater economic independence. Building a more self-reliant nation through socialist development will lead to stronger national identity and greater freedom from capitalism. The Party therefore prioritises economic activities that support culture-building or reduce Sandum material dependence on outside society.

The Party supports the use of economic commands to engage cooperatives in work that furthers the legitimate goals of the State. This must not come at the expense of workers' self-management and should be balanced with the need for economic democracy. Instead, economic commands should align with popular wishes expressed by the cooperatives, in the Party Congress, and by the Council. The Party will always advocate for the cooperatives and the workers in these and other matters. The everyday operation and majority of decision-making of each cooperative should be the responsibility of its members.

The Party will seek and promote economic activities that encourage citizens to labour for the benefit of Sandus. This will include work on explicitly cultural endeavours such as holidays as well as productive projects that will better engage specific segments of the population.

All workers should be fairly compensated and able to enjoy the fruits of their labours. They are entitled to all they create, and the Party supports laws that guarantee each worker a just share of what their cooperative produces.

Doing Good Internationally

The Party acknowledges foreign policy as primarily within the sagamorial mandate. It nonetheless expresses support for Sandus's economic, political, and cultural independence from other micronations while endorsing international efforts that promote human rights, sustainable development, and more Realist micronationalism. The theory of Libera is consistent with doing good in the international community, as the Sandum humanistic message is inherently internationalist. The Party wishes to work with the Sôgmô and Council in determining together how best to navigate the natural tension between maintaining full independence while promoting justice internationally.