

10 Point Plan: Towards Democratic Elections in Zimbabwe

#WillToReform

1. Government needs to immediately align all electoral laws with the Constitution of Zimbabwe. **THE IMMEDIATE ALIGNMENT OF ELECTORAL LAW WILL ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION BEFORE ELECTION.**
2. Enhance the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission independence and capacity. **THE EXECUTIVE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH ZEC OPERATIONS. REVIEW CLAUSES IN THE ELECTORAL ACT AND STOP ACTIONS THAT COMPROMISE THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZEC.**
3. Zero tolerance to political violence. **THERE IS NEED TO CREATE ENFORCEABLE PUNITIVE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND BUILD A CONDUCIVE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH GUARANTEES THE ENJOYMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.**
4. Transparency in electoral processes in particular the voter registration, voting and results management processes **MUST ADHERE TO REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES** such as **COMPREHENSIVE, INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE, TRANSPARENT, ACCURATE AND INTEGRITY.**
5. Right to Vote and Contest should be enjoyed by all eligible citizens as provided for in the Constitution. **ZEC MUST EXTEND THE RIGHT TO VOTE TO ALL ELIGIBLE ZIMBABWEANS INCLUDING THOSE IN HOSPITALS AND PRISONS. REINSTATE SPECIAL VOTING.**
6. ZEC should **IMMEDIATELY** commence **COMPREHENSIVE, INCLUSIVE AND CONTINUOUS VOTER EDUCATION AND OPEN IT UP TO OTHER STAKEHOLDERS.** Voter Education needs to deliberately target women, youth, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups.

7. STRENGTHEN Conflict management mechanisms at all levels of the electoral cycle. **RECONSTITUTE THE ELECTORAL COURT TO CONFORM TO SECTION 183 OF THE CONSTITUTION.** Ensure access to and timeous resolution to election related disputes. The **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE** must be activated for all elections.
8. ZEC must ensure access to state media by ALL electoral contestants and **EQUITABLE** media coverage during elections. **THE STATE AND ZEC SHOULD ENFORCE THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL REPORTING.**
9. **FRAMEWORK FOR LONG TERM ELECTION OBSERVATION MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND THE SECURITY OF OBSERVERS SHOULD BE GUARANTEED.**
10. **STRENGTHEN** Institutions supporting democracy. **GOVERNMENT MUST ADEQUATELY RESOURCE THESE INSTITUTIONS AND ENSURE THEIR INDEPENDENCE.**