



## Zimbabwe heading for a new reform

**A conference on the constitutional process, referendum and the potential parliamentary elections.**

**Thursday December 9, 2010 at 14.30**

**Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke's rooms, Fælledvej 12, 2200 Copenhagen N.**

Zimbabwe's challenges are continuously growing while the international society debates what can be done to bring forward democracy and more respect for human rights. The Danish NGO-forum has invited several inspiring and motivating representatives from the Zimbabwean civil society to Denmark to participate in a conference on the current situation in the country.

The conference takes place the day before a group of donors meet in Copenhagen. The participating donors will be invited to this civil society conference.

### **Program:**

- 14.30 Opening of the Conference by Henrik Stubkjær, Chairman of the Danish NGO-forum
- 14.45 Keynote Speaker Dadirai Chikwengo, Chairperson for NANGO (National Organization of NGOs), on the situation in Zimbabwe. The focus of the presentation will be the constitutional process, the referendum and the parliamentary elections with special attention on how to prevent violence and injustice prevailing during the processes
- 15.15 Debate
- 15.45 Coffee break
- 16.00 Workshops
  - 1) Human Rights in Zimbabwe in relation to the Constitution process, the referendum and the parliamentary elections. Workshop facilitator: Stembile Mpofu (Center for Conflict Management and Transformation/MS). Co-facilitator: Gideon Shoko (Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions).
  - 2) Peace and Reconciliation in Zimbabwe in relation to elections. Workshop facilitator: Fradereck Chiromba (Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference).
  - 3) Elections, information and monitoring - the role of the media and the role of international/regional actors. Workshop facilitators: McDonald Lewanika (Crisis Coalition) & International Media Support. Co-facilitators: Abel Chikomo (Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum) & Research and Advocacy Unit
  - 4) Organization, mobilisation and support of the poor and disadvantaged/social sector support: focus on HIV and Aids + smallholder farmers. Workshop facilitators: Lillian Muzavazi (Development Aid from People to People) & Thomas Mupetesi (Farmers Association of Community Self Help Groups/MS).
- 17.00 Feedback from the workshop discussions followed by panel discussion
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.30 Music and entertainment

The conference language is English. The conference is open for all those interested, and participation is free of charge.

**Registration** by mail to NGO-forum on [slc@dca.dk](mailto:slc@dca.dk) **no later than Thursday December 2.** Please write name, organisation, position and which workshop you would like to attend – please note first and second choice.

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