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## CONTESTANTS CALL FOR PEACEFUL PARTICIPATION IN NORTON BY-ELECTION

Ahead of the 22 October 2016 Norton by-election, contestants urged people to shun violence and intimidation and show political maturity and tolerance. The calls were made during a public meeting conducted by ZESN at the Matia Kalembe Catholic Church in Katanga Norton on 6 October, 2016. The public meeting was aimed at discussing the importance of citizen participation in elections.

Speakers were Mr Madock Chivasa the Chief Election Agent for NCA, Mr Assam Mtembo of Transform Zimbabwe, Mr Tommy Mwanza the Chief Election Agent for ZANU PF and Mr Goodwell Zinyama the Chief Election

Agent for the Independent Candidate for the Norton by-election and the ZESN Chairperson Mr Henry Masaya.

Mr Mwanza called for political tolerance he said "elections are seasonal and life must go on after the by-election. We must therefore shun violence remembering that we are neighbours at the end of the elections." The other speakers from the NCA, Transform Zimbabwe and the Independent candidate representatives were in agreement that there is need for peaceful



Mr Tommy Mwanza the ZANU PF Chief election agent speaking during the ZESN public meeting

participation and respect for human rights that would culminate in voters expressing their will freely without fear.

The Independent Candidate Chief Election Agents raised concerns over the absence of the Special Police Liaison Committee as stipulated in the Electoral Act Section 133H which states that "For the purpose of every general and by-election, the Commissioner General of Police shall, in consultation with the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission, appoint a senior police officer for each provincial

centre who shall be the special police liaison officer responsible for the expeditious investigation of cases of politically motivated violence or intimidation..."

The election agents expressed their displeasure on the decision to reduce the number of polling stations from 64 in the 2013 harmonised elections to 57 for the by-election.

There have been cases of defacing of posters belonging to all the political parties in the constituency and speakers

called for the respect of the Political Parties' Code of Conduct and urged supporters to desist from defacing campaign posters and materials of any political party.

ZESN Board Chairperson Mr Masaya called for peaceful campaigns and participation and urged the electorate to demonstrate political maturity in the Norton by-election.

ZESN is committed to the promotion of democratic electoral processes in Zimbabwe.

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## Varikukwikwidza musarudzo dzekutsiva aimbove pachigaro, vakurudzira kuti sarudzo dziitwe murunyararo



Picture above shows de-faced posters in Norton constituency

Takatarisana nesarudzo dzekutsiva aimbova pachigaro dzichaitwa musi wa18 Gumiguru 2016 kuNorton, varikukwikwidza musarudzo idzi vakurudzira kuti ruzhinji rwutaridze kukura nekugona kugamuchirana kunyangwe vanhu vaine mafungiro nemaonero akasiyana pane zveematongerwo enyika. Vakakurudzira zvakare kuti sarudzo dziitwe pasina kurwisana nekutisisidzirana. Kurudziro iyi yakaitwa pamusangano weruzhinji waitungamirirwa neZESN.

Musangano uyu wakaitwa musi wa6 Gumiguru 2016 paMatia Kalembe Catholic Church iri muKatanga muNorton. Chinangwa chemusangano uyu kwave kuita hurukuro pamusoro pekukosha kwekuti zvizarwa zvenyika zvipinde munyaya dzesarudzo.

Vatauri vaivepo vanosanganisira VaMadock Chivasa vanove Mukuru anona nezvesarudzo kuNCA, VaAssam Mtembo veTransform Zimbabwe, VaTommy Mwanza vanove Mukuru anona nezvesarudzo muZANU PF, VaGoodweel Zinyana vanoona nezvekufambiswa kwesarudzo vakamirira vari kukwikwidza vakazvimirira vega musarudzo

dze kuNorton dzekutsiva aimbove pachigaro. Unwe aive pamusangano uyu, Mutungamiri weZESN vaHenry Masaya.

VaMwanza vakakurudzira kuti vanhu veMapato akasiyana-siyana vagamuchirane kunyangwe vaine maonero nemafungiro akasiyana. Vakati, "sarudzo dzinoitwa munguva dzakatarwa uye dzinopfura asi hupenyu hunofanira kuramba huchienderera mberi mushure mesarudzo Naizvozvo tinofanira kurega nyaya dze kurwisana torangarira kuti tinoramba tiri vakakidzani kunyangwe sarudzo dzapfuura."

Vamwe vatauri vekuNCA, Transform Zimbabwe nevari kukwikwidza vakazvimirira vakabvumirana kuti zvakosha kuti vanhu vese vapinde musarudzo uye kuti sarudzo dziitwe murunyararo nenzi dzinoremekedza kodzero dzevanhu. Izvi zvinobatsira kuti vanhu vakwanise kutaura zvanofunga vakasununguka pasina kutya. Vanoona nezvekufambiswa kwesarudzo vakamirira vari kukwikwidza vakazvimirira vega vakataura nyaya yekushaikwa kweKomiti yakatsanangurika

yeMapurisa (Special Police Liaison Committee) sezvakatarwa muMutemo wesarudzo Chikamu 133H. Mutemo uyu inotaura kuti, "Kana pachaitwa sarudzo dzezvigarozvakaasiyana siyana kana sarudzo dzekutsiva aimbove pachigaro Komishina vemapurisa pamwe naKomishina anoona nezvekodzero dzevanhu vemuZimbabwe vanofanira kudoma Mupurisa mumwe chete paPorochini imwe neimwe anoita basa rekutona kuti mhosva dze kurwisana kana kutisisidzirana dzaongororwa nekukasika uye nemazvo."

Vanoona nezvekufambiswa kwesarudzo vakataura kuti havasi kufara nedanho rakatorwa rekudzikisa huwandu hwenzvimbo dzekuvhota kubva pa64 muna2013 pakaitwa sarudzo dzeMubatanidzwa kusvika pa57 pasarudzo dzichaitwa dzekutsiva aimbova pachigaro. Pakataura zvakare kuti mapera ekushambadza varikukwikwidza vemapato

ezveematongerwo enyika akasiyana-siyana arikubvarurwa nekunyonganiswa mudunhu iri. Naizvozvo vatauri vakakohomedza kuti Mitemo inotaura nezvinofanira kuitwa neMapato ematongerwo enyika icherechedzwe nekuremekedzwa neMapato ese. Vakakurudzira zvakare vatsigiri vemapato ematongerwo enyika kuti vasabvarure kana kunyonganisa mapera ekushambadza varikukwikwidza.

Mukuru weZESN vaMasaya vakakohomedza kuti mapato aite sarudzo nekutsvaga rutsigiro pachishandiswa ndzine runyararo. Vakakurudzira zvakare ruzhinji rwuchavhota kuti rwutaridze kukosa panyaya dze zvekuvhota musarudzo dzekutsiva aimbova pachigaro muNorton. ZESN yakazvipira kukurudzira kufambiswa kwesarudzo kunokosha zvido zveruzhinji muZimbabwe.

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## What is Polling Station Based Voter Registration and Voting System?

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission is in the process of crafting a new voter registration model and has been piloting the Polling Station- based voter registration and voting system in constituencies where by-elections have been held including Norton.

The polling station based voter registration system entails that one can only vote at one specific polling station where they registered to vote.

For instance, if one resides in Ward 13 and registered to vote at Jenkinstown Primary School they will only be able to vote at that polling station and cannot vote at any other polling station within the Ward.

This new system is a departure from the ward-based where one could vote at any polling station within their ward of residence.



ZEC is set to introduce polling station based voter registration and voting system for the 2018 elections.

**Election in-**  
**NORTON CONSTITUENCY**

**22 OCTOBER 2016**

**Do not be left out...**

Vote in the forthcoming by-election.  
Your vote matters.  
Present yourself at your allocated polling station  
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The positives of the polling station based voting system include the fact that it will prevent alleged ghost voting and voting by ineligible persons as well as assist in the cleaning up the current voters' roll.

Supporters of this system also argue that it will prevent the alleged double voting whereby a voter will not be able to move from one polling-station to another within the same ward.

ZESN, while cognizant of the positives of the polling station-based voter registration and voting system,

the Network is aware of the fact that the absence of a conducive political environment could present various risks to voters.

The system increases opportunities for post-election retribution given that in the past, voters have been targeted for punishment for their voting choices. Therefore the adoption of the polling station-based voter registration and voting system needs to be accompanied by strict measures to ensure that voters are protected from intimidation, violence and that perpetrators of violence are brought to book.

## FACT

*ZEC has set up 56 Polling stations for the Norton National Assembly by-election. In the 2013 harmonised election there were 63 polling stations.*



## BULAWAYO CSOS CALL FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS



*A cross section of participants following proceedings during the workshop in Bulawayo.*

37 Civic Society Organisations (CSOs) operating in Bulawayo and Matabeleland called for the Government to implement key electoral reforms in preparation for the 2018 harmonised elections.

The CSO representatives were speaking at a workshop organised by ZESN, ERC and radio Dialogue in Bulawayo on 12 October 2016.

A number of key issues were identified including the Independence and adequate resourcing of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC), the creation of an enabling political environment free of violence and intimidation as well as the guarantee of the Right to vote for all Zimbabweans including those in the Diaspora, in hospitals and in prisons. "A vast number of Zimbabweans are in the Diaspora

and have been remitting funds that have been helpful in contributing to the financial wellbeing of the country thus it is only noble that the same individuals are given an opportunity to participate in electoral processes," said ... of ... In recent elections the participation of groups such as women and youths has been low compared to that of men. Participants therefore called for deliberate

mobilisation initiatives to encourage women, youths and persons living with disabilities to participate in the electoral processes.

Given that ZEC is set to start a new voter registration exercise in 2017, participants called for effective and comprehensive issuance of identity documents to ensure that people of voting age without IDs are able to participate in elections.

## Norton National Assembly By-election candidates



**Choga David**  
NCA



**Miswa Temba**  
Independent Candidate



**Chindeza Tinashe Ronald**  
ZANU PF