

## ZIMBABWE ELECTION SUPPORT NETWORK



### **Strengthening of the NPRC and ZHRC critical to fostering peace and tolerance in Zimbabwe - ZESN**

**21 September 2018 – Harare** - The Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) joins the rest of the world in commemorating the International Day of Peace. The International Day of Peace is observed on 21 September every year.

This year's celebrations are running under the theme "The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70". The celebrations mark the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) which Zimbabwe has sought to domesticate through a comprehensive Bill or Declaration of Rights under Chapter 4 of the Constitution.

As the nation commemorates this special day; ZESN calls for the strengthening of the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission and the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission as they are critical to fostering and enshrining a culture of peace and tolerance are enshrined in our societies.

In addition, ZESN calls upon the government to put in place conflict resolution mechanisms and early warning systems to ensure that peace, tolerance and respect of human rights are upheld in Zimbabwe.

ZESN is committed to the promotion of peaceful, democratic and credible elections in Zimbabwe.

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#### **PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN ZIMBABWE**

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