

CONSOLIDATED TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
CITIZENS COALITION FOR CHANGE

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CCC

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**ARTICLE 1. PREAMBLE**

- 1.1. Citizens Coalition for Change is a transformative national citizens' movement founded with the aim to mobilize, recruit, organize, educate and unite all progressive citizens at home and the diaspora to win the country for change and transformation.
- 1.2. Citizens Coalition for Change was founded in response to citizens' calls for convergence and unity in the struggle for change and transformation and that citizens must be at the centre of all programs and decision-making.

**ARTICLE 2. NAME**

The name of the organisation shall be Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC). The entity created under this constitution shall be a universitas personarum capable of suing and being sued in its corporate name and of doing any and all such things and executing such activities as a universitas personarum can at law execute, do and perform.

**ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE**

To contest and win elections, form the next and new government, lead to transform the country to a new exciting future, where the citizens prosper in limitless opportunities and boundless enjoyment.

**ARTICLE 4. OBJECTIVES**

- 4.1. CCC is a movement that puts the citizens at the centre. Citizens first; and being at the centre in policy choices, budgetary priorities, decision making and leadership selection.
- 4.2. CCC seeks to ensure that everything in our country shall be determined by the citizens.
- 4.3. CCC seeks to complete the unfinished business of the liberation struggle.
- 4.4. CCC seeks to ensure prosperity, opportunities and protection for all Zimbabweans wherever they are and whoever they are.
- 4.5. CCC seeks to ensure that we are all equal as citizens of our country.
- 4.6. CCC seeks to ensure that every person shall be accorded their inalienable rights irrespective of race, colour, creed, age, sex, religious affiliation, national origin or disability.

**ARTICLE 5. OUR VALUES**

- 5.1. Citizens Solidarity
- 5.2. Citizens Dignity
- 5.3. Citizens Accountability & Responsibility
- 5.4. Citizens Freedom and Justice
- 5.5. Citizens service delivery
- 5.6. Community Development
- 5.7. National transformation

**ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP**

- 6.1. Every Citizen of Zimbabwe and anyone owing allegiance to Zimbabwe can join the CCC as a change champion.
- 6.2. Non-citizens can join CCC as friends of Zimbabwe.
- 6.3. CCC is a new home for all citizens who want a New Great Zimbabwe for everyone with a quality life and equal access to prosperity, opportunities and enjoyment for all who live in it.

6.4. The CCC shall keep a certified register of members per village and street guided by the rules of the movement.

6.5. The Organizing bureau shall keep a certified citizens register of all the members.

#### ARTICLE 7. CITIZENS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

- 7.1. There shall be a Citizens National Assembly (CNA) comprising Cluster Leaders from across the length and breadth of Zimbabwe to champion the CCC cause and objectives tasked by the generality of Zimbabweans on the basis of their commitment to transformation.
- 7.2. The CNA shall be the supreme decision-making body of the CCC and shall have the unlimited power to make any decision on any matter concerning the CCC, constitution, documents, policies, activities, members, leaders, structures and representatives.
- 7.3. There shall be a leader and Change Champion in Chief (Adv Nelson Chamisa) who shall be the Administrator and President tasked by the citizens to champion, lead and guide processes of the movement in between sessions of the CNA until an elective citizen convention is held. The Change Champion in Chief shall be the chief spokesperson and chief representative of the CCC as well as the custodian of its documents, property and wellbeing.
- 7.4. The CNA shall be convened by the Change Champion in Chief through the Organizing Bureau and shall meet once a month and from time-to-time task its members and other change champions outside of the CNA to carry out key movement initiatives and duties. The CNA quorum shall be half of its members.
- 7.5. The CNA shall constitute Bureaus to champion various objectives of the movement.
- 7.6. CNA members shall be tasked to carry out key roles according to their competencies.
- 7.7. The movement shall function on the basis of resolutions of the CNA which shall form an integral part of this constitution and provide content to its provisions.
- 7.8. The CNA shall set up structures, adopt rules and make any decisions for the proper functioning of the movement.
- 7.9. The CNA shall have the power to amend the constitution through a resolution. Such amendment shall be effected to the consolidated version of this constitution and signed off by the Change Champion in Chief.
- 7.10. Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to limit the powers of the CNA on any matters concerning the affairs of the CCC.

#### ARTICLE 8. THE BUREAUS

- 8.1 The executive and day to day functions of the CCC shall be carried out by Bureaus established by the CNA which shall define their functions.
- 8.2 A Bureau shall have at least two members.
- 8.3 Change champions assigned to a Bureau shall become *ex officio* members of the CNA.
- 8.4 The CNA shall assign any champion to a Bureau.
- 8.5 The Bureau chairpersons shall present a report at each session of the CNA.
- 8.6 The following bureaus shall be established -
  - 8.6.1 Organising Bureau
  - 8.6.2 Fundraising Bureau
  - 8.6.3 Information Bureau
  - 8.6.4 Elections Bureau
  - 8.6.5 Policy Bureau
  - 8.6.6 International Relations Bureau
  - 8.6.7 Discipline and Grievance Handling Bureau
  - 8.6.8 Women Bureau

8.6.9 Youth Bureau

8.6.10 Any other Bureau as the CNA may deem necessary.

#### **ARTICLE 9. GOVERNMENT, PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

- 9.1. Representatives of CCC shall be selected by community consensus through a process conducted by the Citizens Candidates Independent Selection Panel (CISP) established by the CNA.
- 9.2. The CNA shall approve the final list of the selected citizen representatives for government, parliament and local authorities.
- 9.3. The tenure of all CCC representatives in government, parliament and council shall be determined by the CNA and any such resolution signed off and communicated to relevant authorities by the Change Champion in Chief.
- 9.4. There shall be a Parliamentary Caucus to set the Parliament Agenda for Citizens' Parliamentary Representatives.
- 9.5. There shall be a Local Authorities Caucus to set out the Local Authorities Agenda for Citizens' Representatives in Local Authorities.

#### **ARTICLE 10. FINANCES**

- 10.1. The CCC shall be financed by citizens' contributions, political parties funding, donations and any investments by the movement.
- 10.2. The CNA shall prescribe the manner in which funds shall be kept and administered.
- 10.3. There shall be an annual audit of CCC funds by a firm of reputable auditors in Zimbabwe and a report of such audit shall be made annually to the CNA.

#### **ARTICLE 11. SECRETARIAT**

- 11.1. There shall be a National Secretariat consisting of employees of the movement with such offices as defined by the CNA.
- 11.2. All employees in the Secretariat must subscribe to the aims and objectives of the Party; and be vetted and approved by the CNA.

#### **ARTICLE 12. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Constitution and its subsequent consolidated versions shall take effect on the date of signature by the Change Champion in Chief.

Signed



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Further to discussions on the above subject matter, please find enclosed the CCC Constitution.

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