

Participate and Speak Out Campaign!!!!

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Constitutional Rights Card: Environment, Natural Resources and Land

Natural Resources and Environmental Rights

- Every citizen shall have the right to an environment that is not harmful to health or wellbeing;
- Every person shall have access to environmental information and to participate in environmental decision and policy making processes;
- Every person shall have the right to derive equitable economic, social and cultural benefits from natural resources found in their area;
- Every person shall have the right to have the environment and natural resources protected and used sustainably for the benefit of present and future generations,

Land Rights

- Every Zimbabwean must have access to land and be afforded security of tenure in resettlement, communal and commercial areas and farms;
- Property rights in relation to land ownership should be protected
- Adequate compensation must be paid for land acquired;
- The courts must be empowered to adjudicate on land cases
- Establish an Independent Land Commission to carry out a land audit and ensure equitable distribution of land;

How to get involved?

- Ask your local leadership or civil society or government departments on the venue and time of constitutional consultation meetings in your ward
- Attend and actively participate in meetings in your ward
- If there is not enough time for all people to speak, identify community champions/individuals who can effectively speak on behalf of the community
- During outreach and consultation meetings write your views (guided by this brochure) on paper and give to the outreach teams
- Write petitions or letters to the Constitutional Parliamentary Select Committee
- Write letters to newspapers on your concerns and positions
- Approach public interest civil society organisations for legal or other public interest assistance

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