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What the people are expecting in 2021.

#ZambiaElections2021



The shrinking of civic space and deterioration has been mostly perpetuated and/or enabled by the promotion and formulation of regressive and archaic laws which regulates and limit freedom of expression and limit freedom of assembly

Denial to exercise rights of freedom of assembly and expression should stop

Freedom for all

I will exercise my civic right

Freedom of Assembly

Freedom of expression is a right

Respect Human Rights

Open the civic and cyber space

Zambia is currently witnessing the drastic **shrinking of civic spaces** for effective participation of citizens in the governance and decision process. It is also becoming difficult day by day for citizens to freely hold their elective representatives and/or government accountable as witnessed by the ever growing stifling of democratic tendencies. We are also witnessing the worst violation of human rights which included the denial to exercise rights of freedom of assembly and expression. It is now common for citizens to be killed while exercising civic right with the confinement of the law.

What We Want!

Political parties should, therefore, demonstrate their commitment to the opening of the civic space and promotion of human rights by expediting the review and amendment of the Bill of Rights, Penal Code Act of 1930, Public Order Act, Non-Governmental Organization Act of 2009, Independent Broadcasting Act and particularly the new Cybercrime and Cyber Security Act, which may threaten freedom of expression and liberties in cyberspace.



Climate change is a great threat to agriculture which is a potential sector for economic diversification as well as the energy sector which is the key driver of economic growth.

WHAT WE WANT

1. Political parties must demonstrate their policy commitment for climate change adaptation and emissions reduction through harmonized sustainable forest management, sustainable agriculture and renewable energy and energy efficiency.
2. Political parties must clearly demonstrate a policy road map to increase budget allocations towards climate change.

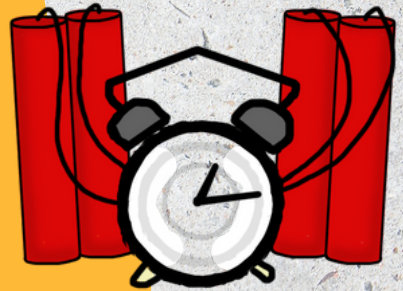


Zambia is currently grappling with high unsustainable public debt levels estimated to be at **104%** of GDP. This has not only affected the financing of gender responsive public services but has also worsened the already ailing economy and subsequently pushing most citizens to the extremes of the poverty line.

What we want!

1 Political parties must demonstrate their commitment in their campaign messages to expediate the process of reforming and/or amending of the public debt legal framework like the Loans and Guarantees Authorization Act and other related legislations to improve Zambia's primary legislation that will improve transparency and accountability and hence limiting the current debt problem which is crowding out public service financing.

DEBT



2 Political parties must demonstrate their policy commitment in deterring systematic tax avoidance and evasion by multinational corporations and the very wealthy to increase domestic revenue mobilization and subsequently reducing over reliance on external financing by the government

3 Political Parties should also demonstrate their commitment to take bold action on progressive fiscal reform such as cancelling and/or renegotiation of retrogressive Double Taxation Agreements (DTA's).





Although the youth in Zambia represent a larger portion of the population as well as an estimated of 60% of the total employable age, youth unemployment rates remains alarmingly very high. This has seen most youths resorting to involve themselves in crime, prostitution, drug abuse and alcohol abuse.



WHAT WE WANT

1. In the forth-coming elections, therefore political parties must demonstrate their policy commitment in mitigating youth unemployment as well as provision and financing of youth economic alternatives such as entrepreneurship and agriculture among others.



In recent times Zambia has seen an increase in **corruption** levels in the public sector with corruption indicators significantly deteriorating. Corruption is not just a development issue but also a social issue which perpetuates poverty, aggravates inequality, injustice and generally weakens socioeconomic governance systems.

Procured but undelivered materials

Unaccounted for Revenue

Wasteful Expenditure

Failure to Follow Procurement Procedures

Unaccounted for Revenue

Misappropriation of Funds

Misapplication of Funds

What we want!



In the forth coming general elections, political parties must commit to legal, institutional and governance reforms like review and amendment of the Anti-Corruption Act of 2012, introduction and/or actualizing lifestyle audit practice among public officers and assurance of the independence operation of law enforcement agencies like Anti-Corruption Commission to enhance prosecution rate of corrupt public officials.



≡ EQUALITY ≡



According to the census data **women** and **youth** represents the majority of Zambia's population, however, they remain on the periphery of decision making process as well as having little or no influence in policy formulation in the country in all three arms of government.

What we want!



Political parties should therefore demonstrate their policy commitment to address the gender imbalance and youth under representation in government in line with both national and international protocols and/or commitments.

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