

When is ZEC distributing woter's roll?

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) says it will publish a final list of candidates for Zimbabwe's 2023 Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Council elections on Friday, June 30, and start distributing area-specific voter's roll to candidates after the publication of the Government Gazette.

This is an updated dashboard of the election timeline.

ELECTORAL PROCESS	DATE
Proclamation of Election Date	31 May 2023
Sitting of nomination Court	21 June 2023
ZEC to publish final list of candidates for 2023 elections	30 June 2023
ZEC expected to start distribution of area-specific voter's roll to final candidates	1 July 2023
Publication of polling stations two days after release of final candidates	3 July 2023
Meeting of the Provincial Assembly of Chiefs to elect Council of Chiefs	3 August 2023
Convening of the Council of Chiefs to elect the President and Deputy President of the Council of Chiefs	10 August 2023
Polling Date	23 August 2023
Convening of the electoral college constituted by the Provincial Council of Chiefs	24 August 2023
Day of the Run Off (If necessary)	2 October 2023

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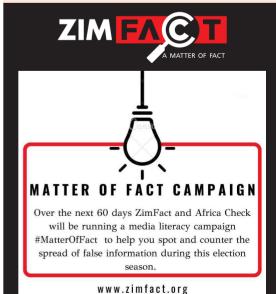
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ZEC Chief Elections Officer Utloile Silaigwana, https://www.sundaymail.co.zw/full-candidate-list-out-friday

Presidential Candidates for Zimbabwe 2023 Elections

The following are the Presidential Candidates for Zimbabwe's August 23 national general elections, which was announced by the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) on June 22.

Two other candidates, Elisabeth Valerio of the United Zimbabwe Alliance and Linda Masarira of LEAD, who sought to register for the presidential contest were not on the ZEC list and have raised questions over the \$20,000 entry fees and the processing of the fees by the electoral management body. Several other party leaders said they had not even tried to register as they regarded the fees as too high.





Emmerson D. Mnangagwa - ZANU PF



Blessing Kasiyamhuru - Zimbabwe Partnership for Prosperity (ZIPP



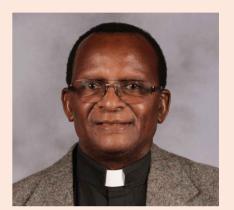
Saviour Kasukuwere - Independent



Nelson Chamisa - Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC)



Lovemore Madhuku - National Constitutional Assembly (NCA)



Henry Muzorewa - United African National Council (UANC)



Douglas Mwonzora - Movement for Democratic Change (MDC)



Harry Peter Wilson - Democratic Opposition Party (DOP)



Wilbert Mubaiwa - National People's Congress (NPC)



Josepha Makamba Busha - FREEZIM Congress



Trust Chikohora - Zimbabwe Coalition for Peace and Development (ZCPD)

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ZANU PF 2023 GENERAL ELECTIONS PROSPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, SENATE AND WOMEN'S QUOTA

Here is a full list of ZANU PF's candidates whose nomination papers were submitted ahead of the August 2023 general elections. The list includes names of party representatives for National Assembly, Senate and Women's Quota elections.



ZANU PF Leader - Emmerson Mnangagwa

MASHONALAND CENTRAL PROVINCE

Name Joseph Mapiki Kenneth Musanhi Remigius Matangira Tendai Pinduka Christopher Magomo Maximo Njanj Norbert Mazungunye Kazembe Kazembe Douglas Karoro Dzidzai Butau Labani Munemo Kudakwashe Mupamhanga Witness Jonga Soda Zhemu Benhamin Kabirika Tendai Nyabani

Isaac Chinodakufa Joseph Mapiki Tsungai Makumbe

Constituency	
Shamva South	
Bindura North	
Bindura South	
Guruve North	
Guruve South	
Mazowe Central	
Mazowe South	
Mazowe West	
Mbire	
Mt Darwin East	
Mt Darwin North	
Mt Darwin South	
Mt Darwin West	
Muzarabani North	
Muzarabani South	
Rushinga	
Shamva North	
Shamva South	
Mazowe North	

SENATE

Constituenc y
Bindura Shamva
Guruve-Mbire
Mazowe
Mt Darwin
Muzarabani

WOMEN'S OUOTA

Name	Constituency
Dorothy Mashonganyika	Bindura - Shamva
Gertrude Chibhagu	Guruve - Mbire
Tsitsi Gezi	Mazowe
Elizabeth Shongedza	Mt Darwin
Fesca Nhamo	Muzarabani
Chipo Masenda	Rushinga Darwin

MASHONALAND EAST PROVINCE

Constituency
Chikomba East
Chikomba West
Marondera Central
Marondera East
Marondera West
Goromonzi North
Goromonzi South
Goromonzi
Tichaona Karimazondo
Mudzi North
Mudzi South
Mudzi West
Murehwa North
Murehwa South
Murehwa West
Mutoko East
Mutoko North
Mutoko South
Ruwa Central
Seke
Uzumba
Wedza North
Wedza South

SENATORIAL

Name
Constituency
Mike Bimha
Odor Nyakudanga
Mutoko
Michael Makanda and Apollonia
Munzverengi
Ramson Marufu
Gerry Gotora
Bertha Chinyanga and Jacob Stanley

Constituency
Mutoko
Marondera - Wedza
Marondera - Wedza
UMP - Mudzi
Murehwa

WOMEN'S QUOTA

NameConstituencyFaith ChivayawaMarondera - WedzaPetronella MusarurwaMurehwaNyarai TsuvuraMutokoMoreblessing MushureSeke - ChikombaHope ZimutoUMP 0 MudziEmily JesayaGoromonzi

MANICALAND

NameConstituencyAdmire MahachiMutare NorthJoseph MuwombiMakoni NorthLincoln DhliwayoChipinge EastAngelin GataMusikavanhu MutemaSupa MandiwanziraNyanga South

SENATORIAL

NameConstituencyKhumbula WilsonChipingeJosephine GandiyaMakoni

WOMEN'S QUOTA

Name Happiness Nyakuedzwa Constituency Makoni

MASVINGO PROVINCE

Constituency Name Sheila Chikomo Mwenezi East Pupurai Togarepi Gutu South Tanatswa Mupomberi Masvngo South Nhatiso Makusha Bikita West Zevezai Koti Bikita East **Energy Mutodi** Bikita South Priscilla Moyo Mwenezi West John Paradza Gutu West Winston Chitando Gutu Central Davis Maparira Zaka Central Ophias Murambiwa Zaka North Clemence Chiduwa Zaka South **Exavier Maoneke** Chivi Central Francis Moyo Chiredzi Central Master Makope Mwenezi North George Vengere Gutu East

Chivi East Felix Maburutse Chivi North Godfrey Mukungunugwa Rov Billa Chiredzi North Darlington Chiwa Chiredzi West Siyaki Mandungehama Chiredzi East Joel Sithole Chiredzi South Edson Zvobgo Jnr Masvingo Central Wellington Mahwende Masvingo Urban Ezra Chadzamira Masvingo West Bryan Mudhumi Masvingo North

SENATE

Name	Constituency
Winnie Sikhala and Edmore Mhere	Masvingo
Lovemore Matuke	Gutu
Annah Rungani	Bikita
Otilia Maluleke and Roy Chitaka	Chiredzi
Cuthbert Muzara	Chivi - Mwenezi
Robson Mavhenyengwa and Angeline Chipato	Zaka

WOMEN'S QUOTA

Name	Constituency
Sharon Marombedze	Masvingo
Yeukai Simbanegavi	Gutu
Svodai Dzika	Bikita
Samson Alginia	Chiredzi
Faith Makaza	Chivi - Mwenezi
Alletah Makomeke	Zaka

MIDLANDS PROVINCE

Ngezi Jaravaza Meki

National Assembly	
Name	Constituency
Barbra Rwodzi	Chirumanzu South
Selemani Kwidhini	Chiwundura
Davison Masvisvi	Gokwe Central
Spencer Tshuma Kabuyuni	Gokwe
Kana	
Owen Ncube	Gokwe
Mapfungautsi Tawanda Karikoga	Gokwe
Paul Mavima	Gokwe Sengwe
Madrol Matiza	Gokwe Sesame
Alex Mukwembi	Gweru Urban
Energy Ncube	Kwekwe Central
Tinashe Shumba	Mberengwa Central
Tasara Hungwe	Mberengwa East
Tafanana Zhou	Mberengwa West
Vongaishe Mupereri	Mbizo
William Gondi	Mkoba North
Wellington Magura	Mkoba South
July Moyo	Redcliff
Wilson Mhuri	Shurugwi South
Joseph Mupasi	Shurugwi North
John Nyevera	Silobela
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Zvishavane

Edmore Samambwa Zhombe Brown Ndhlovu Vunau

Freddy Moyo Zvishavane Runde Chirumanzu Zibagwe Jacob Chokururama Torerai Movo Gokwe Chireya Gokwe Gumunyu Stephen Ngwenya

SENATE

Name Constituency Gweru - Chirumanzu Tsitsi Muzenda and Fredrick Shava Miriam Makweya and Edson Chiherenge Gokwe South Maybe Mbowa and Jephias Mavokorasha Gokwe North Francis Nhema Shurugwi Joram Gumbo Mberengwa Daniel Ncube Kwekwe

WOMEN'S QUOTA

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Constituency Name Violet Nhari Chirumanzu - Gweru Gokwe South Rugare Dziva Ntombeni Spiwe Gokwe North Shuruqwi - Zvishavane Dorcas Masango Tsitsi Zhou Mberengwa

Kwekwe

Muzvezve

Chakari

Makonde

Zvimba South

Hurungwe Central

Hurungwe North

Hurungwe West

MASHONALAND WEST PROVINCE

Name Constituency Polite Kambamura Sanvati Nessy Dinha Zvimba West Chamunorwa Chiwanza Mhondoro Mubaira Mukuhlani Tawengwa Mhondoro Naezi Chenjerai Kangausaru Hurungwe East Douglas Mombeshora Mhangura Simbarashe Ziyambi Makonde Supermonga Madiro Magunje Thomas Chidzomba Chinhovi Marian Chombo Zvimba North Francis Mukwangwariwa Zvimba East Farai Last Chigavazira Cheautu West Webster Shamhu Chegutu East Constance Shamhu Norton Tichaona Nigel Shamhu Kariba Kadoma Central

Cosmas Daka **Evangelis Haritatos** Dexter T Malinganisa Richard Ziki Parks Muringazuva Chinjai Kambuzuma Andrew Nkani

SENATE

Name Constituency Zvimba Joseph Chirongoma and Tsitsi Mugabe Mike Chimombe and Prisca Mupfumira

Hurungwe Reuben Marumahoko James Gumpo Tsikalela and Christine Nyere Kariba Christopher Mutsvangwa and Bybite Tsomondo Cheautu Komalala Rose and Tarusikirwa Locias Kadoma

WOMEN'S QUOTA

Name Constituency Margret Woshiki Zvimba Jennifer Mhlanga Makonde Nyembesi Nyamukurira Hurungwe Ruth Chari Kariba Nyarai Chari Chegutu Kadoma Abigail Gava

HARARE PROVINCE

Name Constituency Nobert Jinjika St Mary's Lovemore Chamatova Dzivarasekwa Tauya Mauka Kuwadzana West Tellme Maiavhura Kuwadzana Fast Moreen Nvemba Southerton Tafdzwa Chidawa Warren Park Tongesai Madambo Hatcliffe Charles Matsikwa Churu Godwin Gomwe **Budiriro North** Tatenda Makweva **Budiriro South** Spencer Machangara Chitungwiza North Goodwell Mafuratidze Chitungwiza South Taurai Kandishava **Epworth North Epworth South** Tafadzwa Mutana Mupindu Muchineripi Glen Norah Witness Zamanga Glen View North Orphard Muchuwe Glen View South Harare Central Nyasha Zenga Mavis Gumbo Harare Fast Trymore Kanopula Harare South Patrick Zindoga Harare West Paidamoyo Nyamakanga Hatfield Taka Mashinganyika Highfield

SENATORIAL

Bhidhu Gwasira

Loice Magweba

Tongan Mnangagwa

Tafara Scott Sakupwanya

Name Constituency Douglas Mahiya and Rosemary Sithole Chikomo Charles Tavengwa and Omega Hungwe Hwata Obadiah Moyo Chitungwiza Stalin Mau Mau and Faith Mango Chisipiti Godfrey Gijima Mvurachena Last Mbizvo and Idah Mashonganyika Chizhanje

Hunvani

Mabvuku

Mt Pleasant

Sunningdale

WOMEN'S QUOTA

Names	DCC
Julia Chapwanya	1
Mercy Mugomo	2
Betty Nhambu	3
Nyasha Chikwinya	4
Miriam Chikukwa	5
Memory Mamhiyo	6

MATABELELAND PROVINCE

Albort Nauluula	– .
Albert Nguluvhe Beit	bridge East
Tusani Ndou Beit	bridge West
Phuti Dingumuzi Bulil	lima
Lungisani Ncube Gwa	anda North
Omphile Marupi Gwa	anda South
Sindisiwe Muleya Mar	ngwe
Edgar Moyo Mate	obo
Soul Ncube Mat	tobo-Mangwe
Farai Raruvinga Insiz	za North
Levi Mayihlome Umz	zingwane
Fisani Moyo Gwa	anda-Chitaudze
Reeds Dube Hwa	ange Central
Alois Sikuka Hwa	ange East
Philani Moyo Hwa	ange West
Simelesizwe Sibanda Bub	i
Sibanganiso Tsh	olotsho North
Musa Ncube Tsh	olotsho South
Stembiso Nyoni Kha	yi
Mathe Stars Kha	yi South
Richard Moyo Umg	guza North
Mavula Kudakwashe Munsaka Bing	ga North
Challenge Phiri Bing	ga South
Patisiwe Ncube Lupa	ane East

SENATE

Mpumelelo Ndlovu

Name	Constituency
Edson Mbedzi and Tambudzani Mohadi	Beitbridge
Richard Ndhlovu and Ntombiyakhe Ndhlovu	Bulilima
Japhet Dube and Almah Mkwebu	Gwanda
Ester Nyathi and Patrick Hove	Insiza
Nicholas Nkomo	Matobo
Themba Mathuthu and Abigail Sipambekile Damasane	Umzingwane
Obert Mpofu	Umguza - Bubi
Rebecca Funwell	Binga
Headman Moyo	Lupane
Mkandla Moli Fati Mpofu	Hwange
Caine Matema and Alice Dube	Tsholotsho

WOMEN'S QUOTA

Name	Constituency
Sibongile Chauke	Beitbridge

Evelyn Ndlovu	Bulilima
Rayne Kivi	Gwanda
Patricia Ndudzo	Insiza
Elizabeth Ndiweni	Mangwe
Rose Mpofu	Matobo
Sarah Banda	Umzingwane
Juliana Musikwe	Binga
Siphiwe Mafuwa	Hwange
Mail Nkomo	Lupane
Elizabeth Masuku	Umguza
Sithandazile Moyo	Tsholotsho

MANICALAND PROVINCE

National Assembly

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Name	Constituency
Samson Matema	Buhera Central
Phillip Guyo	Buhera North
Ngonidzashe Mudekunye	Buhera South
Tafadzwa Mugwadi	Buhera West
Kenneth Muchina	Chikanga
Joshua Sacko	Chimanimani East
Wilson Maphosa	Chimanimani West
Raymond Machingura	Chipinge Central
Lincoln Dhliwayo	Chipinge East
Enoch Porusingazi	Chipinge South
Clide Jani	Dangamvura
Farai Mapfumo	Headlands
Shepherd Nyika	Makoni Central
Joseph Muwombi	Makoni North
Esau Mupfumi	Mutare Central
Admire Mahachi	Mutare North
Tawanda Dumbarimwe	Mutare South
Brighton Manengureni	Mutare West
Innocent Benza	Mutasa Central
Obey Bvute	Mutasa North
Misheck Mugadza	Mutasa South
Chido Sanyatwe	Nyanga North
Angeline Gata	Musikavanhu-Mutema
Jenfan Muswere	Makoni West

SENATORIAL

Name	Constituency
William Mutomba	Buhera
Thembinkosi Chiororo	Chimanimani
Shadreck Chipanga and Josephine Gandiya	Makoni
Irene Zindi	Mutare
Monica Mutsvangwa	Zimunya-Marange
Michael Nyambuya and Hubert Nyanhongo	Mutasa-Nyanga
Khumbula Wilson	Chipinge

Lupane West

WOMEN'S QUOTA

Name

Beauty Muzhingi Patricia Kudvande **Eveline Mutwetwa** Gertrude Mutandi Oppah Muchinguri-Kashiri Theresa Nyapokoto Happiness Nyakuedzwa

Sources

ZANU PF National Command Centre

CITIZENS' COALITION FOR CHANGE (CCC) LIST OF NATIONAL CANDIDATES FOR THE 2023 GENERAL **ELECTIONS**

Here is a full list of the Citizens' Coalition for Change's (CCC) prospective National Assembly candidates whose names were submitted for nomination ahead of the August 2023 general elections.



CCC leader - Nelson Chamisa

HARARE PROVINCE

Name

Constituency

Chimanimani

Buhera

Chipinge

Mutare

Mutasa

Nyanga

Makoni

Susan Matsunga Darlington Chigumbu Godfrev Sithole Maxwell Mavhunga Trustworthy Chikomo Edwin Mushoriwa 7ivai Mhetu Kudakwashe Chatambudza Grandmore Hakata Lovemore Jimu Allan Markham Dorothy Musonza Joana Mamombe Agency Gumbo Donald Mavhudzi Lovemore Chinoputsa Charlton Hwende Johnson Matambo Munvaradzi Kupahakuzizwe Starman Chamisa Fadzai Mahere

Bridget Nyandoro

Brighton Mazhinda

Chimbaira Godrich

Innocent Zvaipa

Maureen Kademanange

Shakespeare Hamauswa

Epworth South Glenview South Harare Central Harare Fast Harare South Harare West HatCliffe Highfield Hunyani Kuwadzana East Kuwadzana West Mabvuku Tafara

Constituency

Budiriro North

Budiriro South

Dzivarasekwa

Foworth North

Churu

Chitungwiza North

Chitungwiza South

Mount Pleasant Southerton St Marys Sunningdale Warren Park

Zengeza East

Zengeza West

Mbare

MIDLANDS PROVINCE

Name Patrick Cheza Orbet Manyere Blessing Murondiwa Hope Shava Joseph Gumbo Misheck Chabata Givemore Tshuma Tsikadzashe Nemato Tawanda Kulambone Daniel Bangure Diamond Manyika Nhamo Padzakashamba Blessina Mhishi Judith Tobaiwa Takavafira 7hou Davies Shoko Onias Movo Amos Chibaya John Kuka

Lloyd Dzikamai Mukapiko Phillip Mhindu

Constituency

Chirumanzu South Chirumanzu-Zibagwe Chiwundura Gokwe Central Gokwe-Chireva Gokwe-Gumunyu Gokwe-Kabuyuni Gokwe-Kana Gokwe-Mapfungautsi Gokwe-Nembudziva Gokwe-Sesame Gokwe-Sengwa Gweru-Urban Kwekwe-Central Mberengwa Central Mberengwa East Mberengwa West Mkoba North Mkoba South

RedCliff

Shuruawi North

Shurugwi South Michael Mhlanga Ephraim Ndlovu Silobela Lawrence Ndlovu Vunau Beniseni Ntini **Zhombe** Zvishavane Runde Gift Muchengwa Leopold Mudisi Zvishavane Ngezi

MATABELELAND SOUTH PROVINCE

Name Constituency Renatho Ndou Beitbridge East Bekezela Maplanka Bulilima Desire Nkala Gwanda North Jastone Mazhale Gwanda-Tshitaudze Patrick Dube Gwanda South David Masuku Insiza North Sifaniani Movo Insiza South Vincent Sihlabo Manawe Collen Ngwenya Matobo Madalaboy Ndebele Matobo-Mangwe Mcebisi Ndlovu Umzingwane

MATABELELAND NORTH PROVINCE

Name Constituency Prince Sibanda Binga North Fanuel Chumanzala Binga South Bhekithemba Mabena Bubi Hwange Central Daniel Molokele Vusumuzi Moyo Hwange West Bright Vanya Moyo Lupane East Mxolisi C Sibanda Lupan West Mandla Ndlovu Nkayi North Jabulani Hadebe Nkayi South Libion Sibanda Tsholotsho North Tapson Nganunu Sibanda Tsholotsho South Queen Maligwa Umguza

MASVINGO PROVINCE

Name	Constituency
Bonface Mudzingwa	Bikita East
Barney Nyika	Bikita South
Pikirayi Gutuza	Bikita West
Ropafadzo Makumire	Chiredzi Central
Godfrey Maluleke	Chiredzi East
Fungai Chamisa	Chiredzi North
Douglas Gumbo	Chiredzi South
Nhamoinesu Machigiri	Chiredzi West
Alexious Peter Makotose	Chivi Central
Emmanuel Chidaushe	Chivi North
Danisani Chikondera	Chivi South
Matthew Takaona	Gutu Central

Gift Gonese Gutu East Gutu South Hamandishe Gobyu F. Murudu Gutu West Masvingo Central Moses Mavhaire Masvingo North Madzivire Knowledge Mabvuure Masvingo South Murai Mureri Masvingo Urban Pedzisai Gasva Masvingo West Taruwana Taruona Mwenezi East Mwenezi North Patrick Mapfumo Brilliant Chifumuro Mwenezi West Peter Imbayarwo Zaka Central Munyaradzi Zanga 7aka North Saphiso Trust Manjengwa Zaka South

MASHONALAND WEST PROVINCE

Name Constituency Solomon Tembo Chakari Gabrial Mandere Cheautu East Admore Chivero Chegutu West Leslie Mhangwa Chinhoyi Christopher Musochi Hurungwe Central Blessing Mandava Hurungwe East Stanford Mangwaira Hurungwe North Innocent Zvarevashe **Hurungwe West** Gift Mambipiri Kadoma Central Shine Gwangwava Kariba Kusema Tonderai Muriwo Magunje Noel Tigere Makonde David Zungura Mhangura Vengai Chivaura Mhondoro-Mubaira Simon Tapera Chikudo Mhondoro-Ngezi Nicholas Marufu Muzvezve Richard Tsvangirai Norton Sanvati Vaida Tafirei Zvimba South Nelson Shayamano Oliver Mutasa Zvimba East Willard Jemaniss Zvimba North Mechiah Tanyanyiwa Zvimba West

MASHONALAND EAST PROVINCE

Name	Constituency
Muchengeti Chinembiri	Chikomba East
Emmanuel Punungwe	Chikomba West
Chenesai Muchuwa	Goromonzi North
Stephan Chagwiza	Goromonzi South
Tinei Munetsi	Goromonzi West
Caston Matewu	Marondera Central
Zhuwarara Kizito	Marondera East
Wellington Magwenzi	Marondera West
Kennedy Nyabinde	Murewa North

Murewa South **Timothy Bume** Lesley Mukurazhizha Murewa West Yeukai Kaseke Mutoko Fast Taurai Mavhoko Mutoko North Mapengo Mapango Mutoko South Paradzai Mututa Mudzi North Tichafa Nyambo Mudzi South Mudzi West Tatenda Maja Thomas Muwodzeri Ruwa Willard Madzimbamuto Seke

Chiratidzo Chimunhu Maramba Pfungwe Katsaya Mapfumo Wedza North Valentine Zinhumwe Wedza South Cosmas Konono Uzumba

MANICALAND PROVINCE

Name Constituency

Timothy Kandenga Buhera Central
Julias Magarangoma Buhera North
Solomon Hodhera Buhera South
Herbert Mangwanya Buhera West
Monica Mukwada Chikanga
Innocent Dube Chimanimani East

Canaan Matiashe Chimanimani West
Livingstone Dhlumo Chipinge Central
Mathias Mlambo Chipinge East
Clifford Hlathswayo Chipinge South
Sibongile Nyamudeza Mutema-Musikavanhu

Prosper Mutseyami Dangamvura Valentine Tinodyanazvo Headlands Patrick Sagandira Makoni Central Makoni North Shepherd Chitena Makoni South Danny Chenai Makoni West Godfrey Govha James Brian Leslie Mutare Central Tendai Takabika Mutare North McKenzie Fungai Saunyama Mutare South

Prayer Nemasasi Mutare West
Dickson Chekecheke Mutasa Central Godfrey

Chitsara Mutasa North
Revai Tsunga Mutasa South
L. Nyahabo Chifodya Nyanga North
Ruxandra McCormick Nyanga South

BULAWAYO PROVINCE

Name Constituency

Kapoikulu Sarenda Bulawayo Central
Minenhle Gumede Bulawayo North
Nicky Brown Bulawayo South
Pasho Sibanda Cowdray Park
Descent Bajila Emakhandeni
Prince Dube Entumbane-Njube

Eric Gono Lobengula-Magwegwe
Desmond Makaza Mpopoma-Mzilikazi
Desire Moyo Nkulumane
Gift Ostallos Siziba Pelandaba-Tshabalala

Sichelasile Mahlangu Pumula

Sources

Citizens Candidates Independent Selection Panel

EU election observers for Zimbabwe not monitors



Zimbabwe has extended an invitation to international organisations and other countries to observe its 2023 general elections, but underlined that their role will be "solely to observe not to monitor the election processes."

In a statement at the signing of an agreement ahead of the deployment of an EU Election Observer Mission (EOM) to the Zimbabwe August 23 general election, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Amon Murwira said President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government expected all observers "to maintain strict impartiality, objectivity and independence" in discharging their duties.

What is the difference between election observers and monitors?

Election observers are by law and practice restricted to observing and collecting information on election proceedings, and largely limited to releasing their assessments after the elections. While the observers are free to engage stakeholders in the electoral processes, the protocols prohibit them from engaging in a manner that could be interpreted as interfering or affecting the election processes. On the other hand, monitors observe the election processes and

have some powers to raise issues and recommend changes in the conduct and management of processes during the actual elections to help improve the credibility of the vote.

What protocols govern deployment of Election Observer Missions (EOM)?

In line with international protocols, the EU, like all other observers, deploys an Election Observer Mission (EOM) at the invitation of the host country.

The European Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) selects election observers from candidates proposed by EU Member States.

The European Parliament may also decide to send a separate delegation to observe the elections. This parliamentary delegation is integrated in the EU EOM and works closely with the chief observer and does not issue a separate assessment.

Timing

The EU EOM is normally deployed in a country about between 8-6 weeks prior to election day, with long-term observers arriving to assess the preparations for the election at regional level around 5-4 weeks before polling. The short-term observers arrive shortly before election day in order to increase the observation capacities of the mission during polling, counting and the aggregation of results.

A preliminary statement is then presented by the chief observer at a press conference shortly after election day (usually 48 hrs. after election day) based on long-term and short-term observations of the entire process.

A final report contains the EOM's conclusions and recommendations regarding the whole electoral process. It is delivered within a month of the EOM ending its activities on the ground. This report gives guidance for electoral reform and possible future assistance.

Does the mission intervene?

Election observation missions (EOMs) do not interfere in electoral processes. They only have the mandate to collect and verify information concerning the election process, analyse the observations and then, after the elections, to publish their findings.

As a rule, EU EOMs always operate in a country on the basis of an invitation of the host government.

Key Areas

The assessment of the elections is based on seven key criteria that have been adopted by the European Union in assessing the quality of elections and which are assessed against regional and international standards.

These include:

The degree of impartiality shown by the election administration

- The degree of freedom of political parties and candidates to assemble and express their views
- The fairness of access to state resources made available for the election
- The degree of access for political parties and candidates to the media, in particular the state media
- The universal franchise afforded to voters

Any other issue which concerns the democratic nature of the election e.g. campaign violence, rule of law, legislative framework, the conduct of polling and counting of votes.

Long-term observers (LTOs) are ideally deployed around one month before election day and remain after the results are officially announced to observe the resolution of electoral disputes. They are located all over the country and observe the unfolding electoral campaign. They also address particular issues, such as the use of public resources by candidates.

Short-term observers (STOs) are deployed to observe the polling day and the early counting of ballots. They are deployed in teams of two. LTO report regularly and prepare the STOs observation programme in their area.

How big is the EU Election Observer Mission to Zimbabwe?

The EU Ambassador to Zimbabwe Jorbst von Kirchmann says the EU expects to have 150-member EOM - with 11 election experts coming into the country in the first week of July, 46 long-term observers in mid-July and 44 short-term observers coming in on the eve of voting day. These observers would be boosted by officials drawn from embassies of EU countries in Zimbabwe.

Who will lead the EU Election Observer Mission?

The team will be led Italian Member of the European Parliament Fabio Castaldo.

What does the EU-Zimbabwe agreement on the EOM cover?

The agreement signed in Harare on June 30 includes commitment to protocols on impartial election observation, respect for Zimbabwe electoral laws and EU guidelines on election observation that EU observers are obliged to apply universally and administrative and security support and guarantees from Zimbabwean authorities, according to both EU Ambassador to Zimbabwe Jorbst von Kirchmann and Minister Amon Murwira.

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