



ZIMBABWE CONFERENCE

How can Europe help improve the situation in Zimbabwe,
in particular during the run up to elections?

BRUSSELS 25 February, 1100 – 1600 hours, FOS Offices, Grasmarkt 105.

1100 hours Welcome and opening by Annuschka Vandewalle, Secretary General, FOS and by Cephaz Zinhumwe, National Director of National Association of Non Governmental Organisations-NANGO on behalf of ZEN's National Reference Group in Zimbabwe.

Current situation in Zimbabwe including EU position

1110 hours McDonald Lewanika, Coordinator, Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition: Civil society perspectives on the current situation in Zimbabwe after two years of the government of national unity.

1130 hours Roger Moore, Director Horn of Africa, East and Southern Africa and Indian Ocean, European External Action Service: Work of the EU in relation to Zimbabwe, including an update on the different measures currently in place.

1150 hours Panel discussion on the role of the European measures in Zimbabwe, with the two speakers, Gideon Shoko, deputy secretary general of ZCTU two representatives of the ZEN member organisations.

1230 hours General discussion.

1300 – 1400 hours Lunch break

Way forward, in the context that there might be elections in the near future

- 1400 hours Possible dates and scenarios for elections in Zimbabwe, Okay Machisa, National Director, ZimRights.
- 1410 hours Main human rights challenges and strategies for elections Susan Mutambasere, Project Lawyer, Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum.
- 1420 hours Different regions – different challenges? Kucaca Phulu, Chairperson, ZimRights.
- 1430 hours General discussion.
- 1500 hours ZEN workplan - useful in this situation? Dr. Steve Kibble, Chairperson ZEN.
- 1515 hours General discussion.
- 1600 hours Close of open meeting.
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1600-1700 hours Closed discussion between the ZEN member organisations.

Closed discussion between NRG and members of ZEN: Advocacy of ZEN in Zimbabwe, what is useful and what can create unnecessary tensions for members and partners on the ground?
Discussions following high profile coverage of the ZEN statement to the donors in December.

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