

**PARLIAMENTARY MONITORING
TRUST ZIMBABWE**



(Source: ZEC Referendum Brochure/www.zec.org.zw)

**INFORMATION ON
PARTICIPATION IN THE
REFERENDUM**

What is a Referendum?

This is a vote held to ascertain the views of voters on an issue of national Importance.

Zimbabwe will hold a referendum on the 16th March 2013 to decide whether the country should adopt the new draft constitution or not.

Who proclaims a Referendum?

Referendum Act Section 39 of the Electoral Act Chpt 2.13 mandates the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe to

proclaim the date(s) and times when the referendum is to be conducted.

**The Referendum will be held on 16
March 2013**

Who is entitled to Vote?

Any Zimbabwean citizen who is 18 years and above and is eligible to be registered as a voter on the Voters' Roll.

**Polling Stations will be open from
7.00am to 7.00pm**

Is Registration Required?

The current Law does not require persons to register to vote in a referendum but it requires one to bring his/her national identity.

Where Does One Vote?

For this referendum Zimbabwe is a single constituency
At any polling station set up by the

Zimbabwe Electoral Commission
countrywide.

**What Documents should be carried to
the Polling Station?**

- A National Identity card or
- Green Waiting Pass with picture of holder or that is clear not washed or disfigured.
- A valid Zimbabwean Passport.
- A certificate of citizenship of Zimbabwe together with a national identity document, a waiting pass or a valid Zimbabwe passport.

Why Participate in a Referendum?

- It is your democratic right to do so.
- It is your chance to shape the future of your country.
- It is your opportunity to take part in the governance process of your country.
- It is your chance to express your voice and views through the ballot on an issue of national importance.

- It is an opportunity to take part in the historical process of your country.
- It is your chance to stand up and be heard.

Who should take part in the Referendum?

All Zimbabwean citizens who are 18 years and above irrespective of gender, political persuasion, religion, colour or creed should vote in the referendum.

How to Vote?

Upon production of proof of identity a voter shall be issued with a ballot paper containing the question under consideration.

As a voter you are expected to vote either **YES** or **NO** with regards to the Question by placing an X in the appropriate marking space of your choice.

Example of a Ballot Paper:

Question	Answer	Marking Space
	YES	
	NO	

TOLERANCE

In the run up to the referendum, ZEC urges all electorate or public political players to be tolerant to divergent views and to desist and shun political violence.

"Go Ahead Inform Someone"

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