Zimbabwe Europe Network (ZEN) would like to welcome you to a roundtable conference in the European Parliament on

THE SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE TWO YEARS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE GLOBAL POLITICAL AGREEMENT AND HOW EUROPE CAN ASSIST

Organised by Zimbabwe Europe Network (ZEN) with presentations by Zimbabwean Civil Society leaders and European decision makers

EVENT INFORMATION

Venue: **European Parliament Altiero Spinelli 7F 387**
Date: **14th September 2010**
Times: **2:00pm - 5:00pm**

Hosted by
- **Ana Gomes**, MEP, S&D Party (Portugal).

Speakers include
- **McDonald Lewanika** • **Irene Petras**
- **Roger Moore** • **Wellington Chibebe**
- **Gertrude Hambira** • **Gideon Shoko**
- **Judith Sargentini** • **Machinda Marongwe**
- **Steve Kibble** • **Filip Kaczmarek**

A limited number of places are allocated for external persons. Priority will be given to representatives of ZEN members. External persons need to apply for a seat to Tor@ZimbabweEurope.org before 8 September.

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EVENT TIME TABLE

14:00 Opening by Ana Gomes, MEP, S & D (Portugal) and McDonald Lewanika, Coordinator, Crisis Coalition of Zimbabwe
14:20 Global Political Agreement (GPA) two years on, what changes are there? Irene Petras, Director, Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights on behalf of the Civil Society Monitoring Mechanism (CISOMM)
14:30 What has been the contribution of the EU? Roger Moore, Director for Horn of Africa, East and Southern Africa, Indian Ocean and Pacific, DG Development in the EU Commission and Annick de Smedt, Belgian Foreign Office, Representing the office of the EU High Representative of Foreign Affairs
14:40 - 15:00 Discussion
15:00 Gertrude Hambira, Secretary General of GAPWUZ the farmworkers' union will present the film "House of Justice" on the plight of farm workers after the signing of the GPA
15:20 Gideon Shoko, Deputy Secretary General of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) will talk about the situation for the workers after the signing of the GPA
15:30 Dr. Filip Kaczmarek, MEP, EPP (Poland) outlines the European Parliament's current and past engagement on and with Zimbabwe
15:40 What is the way forward by Machinda Marongwe, Programmes Director, National Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (NANGO) and Judith Sargentini MEP Greens (Netherlands)?
16:00 - 16:40 Discussion / questions
16:40 Closing by Dr. Steve Kibble, Chairperson, ZEN and Ana Gomes, MEP
17:00 ENDS

BACKGROUND: ZEN is organising a public meeting on Zimbabwe on the 2nd Anniversary of the signing of the GPA with high profile civil society leaders from Zimbabwe who have a long-standing commitment to the social and political improvement of their country. Two years after the signing of the GPA ZEN sees it as necessary to take stock and look at ways forward. We have therefore worked closely on this with civil society in Zimbabwe so as to make an assessment along with the leading politicians and officials in Europe that work on Zimbabwe.
The Civil Society Monitoring Mechanism (CISOMM) was formed after the inauguration of the IG to monitor the Government's adherence to the GPA. CISOMM issues reports on the adherence of the IG to the GPA every two months. The Zimbabwean speakers are linked to CISOMM and will present the report of CISOMM for the first six months of 2010.

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