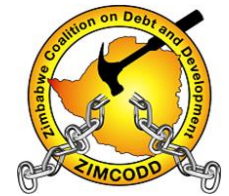


WEEKEND READER



NATIONAL, REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOR ZIMBABWE

Facing the challenges of social and economic injustices and human rights abuses at the hands of the State, Zimbabwe today is more in need of a framework of good governance and shared national development that is locally owned but informed by the practice of international solidarity. The call for SOLIDARITY has therefore never been more imperative!

One of the Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development's core values is SOLIDARITY. ZIMCODD believes that "Displaying unity and camaraderie with organizations and individuals who share ZIMCODD objectives," is fundamental toward the achievement of Sustainable socio-economic justice in Zimbabwe through a vibrant people-based movement. Therefore, it is all about the people and for the people of Zimbabwe and without genuine solidarity the struggles of the peasant farmer, youths, human rights defenders, women and persons living with disabilities won't be executed in great strength, tenacity and resilience.

In this context, ZIMCODD is expressively amazed by the levels of solidarity and camaraderie that is being extended to the people of Zimbabwe by Africans, activists globally, and international celebrities for social and economic justice through the #ZimbabweLivesMatter hashtag movement that has been trending throughout the week, particularly, on Twitter and on other social media platforms.

Social justice arguably, depends on bound solidarities among peoples of different nationalities, hence, the importance of the prevailing #ZimbabweanLivesMatter movement. Solidarities bind and connect struggles and nationalities, a value system that can help further augment and cement the strength of local civic society organizations' actions and advocacy efforts to make Zimbabwe a better place where the full realization of social and economic rights can be a living reality for all citizens. Arguably, the present #ZimbabweanLivesMatter movement is a critical expression of regional, continental and international solidarity that Zimbabweans are in desperate need of as they forge ahead with the struggle for a shared national economy, social transformation, the rule of law, good governance and respect of the national constitution. The entire world therefore, must remain consistent and clear on the present hashtag while Zimbabweans on the ground continue to organize, mobilize and conscientize each other on the need for a more responsive and caring government.

To further argue the cause for socio-economic justice and people-to-people solidarity, ZIMCODD as the national convener of the Fight Inequality Alliance, a civic society and social movement-based platform, initiated online fight inequality alliance meetings. The meetings were designed to galvanize and mobilise citizens to use online platforms like twitter and WhatsApp using the hashtag #fightinequality so as to fuse the cause for equality. In addition, ZIMCODD was part and parcel of the three-day Global Inequality Gatherings that used the ZOOM platform for global citizens who are organizing, mobilizing and advocating for a more just and equal world.



Participants met and exchanged experiences and ideas to deepen global solidarities while at the same time mobilizing and speaking against the worrying levels of inequality the world over.

As the world and Africa in particular, has its eyes on Zimbabwe following the #ZimbabweanLivesMatter movement, the Southern Africa Peoples' Solidarity Network Trust of which ZIMCODD is the host Secretariat, will conduct the virtual SADC Peoples' Summit on the 18 -19th of August 2020. There couldn't have been a momentous and critical time for such a solidarity-based movement to convene when the entire region and world is grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic that has ravaged SADC economies, destroyed livelihoods of millions, devastated intra-regional trade and more importantly, hampered intra-regional travel. ZIMCODD's solidarity with the marginalised for socio – economic justice continues!

Solidarity in the struggle for emancipation of the poor!

Solidarity in the struggle for economic justice in Zimbabwe!

Solidarity in the struggle against inequality and poverty in Zimbabwe!

Solidarity in the struggle for fair and equitable distribution of wealth in Zimbabwe!

Solidarity in the struggle for fair and equal access to means of production in Zimbabwe!

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