

The Constitution
Of
Project Vote 263
2021

PREAMBLE

We the Project Vote 263;

Acknowledging the commitment and diversity of young people in Zimbabwe, their commitment to national development and sustainable inclusion.

Recognizing the role of youth and the need for inclusion in all aspects of the political-economy.

Appreciating national, regional, and international legal instruments that seeks to guarantee the rights of young people.

Alerted by the Constitution of Zimbabwe's quest on empowerment of all citizens without discrimination, mostly Section 20 (Youth), Section 67 (Elections) and Chapter 4 the Declaration of Rights.

Cognizant of the need for young people to participate in electoral and governance process of the country for a sustainable transformation

ARTICLE 1: ESTABLISHMENT

- The official name of the association shall be **Project Vote 263** hereinafter referred to as **PV263**
- **Project Vote 263** is established as a non-profit charitable association, non-partisan and non-religious service organization.
- **Project Vote 263** shall be an independent legal entity, which shall have powers to sue and be sued and operate under the **Constitution of Zimbabwe**
- **Project Vote 263** shall establish an office in Harare, to constitute its registered office and headquarters in the Republic of Zimbabwe and can establish office anywhere in Zimbabwe.
- **Project Vote 263** shall have powers to establish other offices and or regional structures as the Association shall deem fitting and appropriate within its operational boundaries.

ARTICLE 2: VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

VISION

To create an informed and organised citizenry which accurately represent the diversity of the Zimbabwean population and to be the leading voice on democracy, governance and constitutionalism

MISSION

Project Vote 263 is a non profit and non partisan organisation, a youth led initiative that was founded to foster and promote inclusive participatory, multiparty democracy and constitutionalism through mobilizing young people to register to vote, conduct civic and voter education as well as advocating for electoral reforms

SHARED VALUES

(1) All activities carried out in the name of **Project Vote 263** by any of its members shall respect and promote:

- a) Fundamental values of the Zimbabwean Constitution
- b) Non-discrimination
- c) Peace and non-violence,
- d) Transparency, Ubuntu, Impartiality and Fairness.
- e) Consultative, Integrity, Teamwork and Accountability

f) To promote gender equality

(2) Any person who benefits from activities carried out in the name of Project Vote 263 is requested to respect these values.

(3) Project Vote 263 is based on the belief that these values are universal and that their origin cannot be claimed by any culture or society.

ARTICLE 3: BENEFICIARIES

In the broadest sense, the Beneficiaries of Project Vote 263 shall be young people, students and all citizens of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

ARTICLE 4: OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of Project Vote 263 are to:

- To provide a platform for Zimbabwean citizens to air their concerns pertaining to voting rights to the Zimbabwean government
- To assist Zimbabwean citizens especially the youth and virgin voters to register to vote through provision of information and transport to registration centres
- To facilitate the acquisition of documentation which enables people to vote through provision of transport and information to Zimbabweans
- To carry out civic and voter education exercise using various platforms targeting Zimbabweans home and abroad
- To assist in the transportation of Zimbabweans in the diaspora especially SADC who want to register to vote and during voting time

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP

- **Project Vote 263** membership shall be open to all young people and students and those that support the values and Objectives of Project Vote 263 as stated in this constitution.
- Membership shall be granted upon completing a membership form and subject to meeting the selection criteria.
- **Project Vote 263** reserves the right to accept or reject any application for membership.

ARTICLE 6: Project Voter 263 (PV263) STRUCTURES

6.1 Upon its formation PV263 shall elect / select an Advisory Board for a **Three-Year**

year term, which shall spear be the policy advisory arm of **Project Vote 263** as stated in this constitution.

6.2 Project Vote 263 shall, for the attainment of its objectives and for the purposes of smooth administration and organization, have the following major organs:

(a) The Board of Advisors

- **PV263 shall** have a Board of Advisors composed of a minimum of **five (5)** and not more than **seven (7)** people. Their rolls shall be:
 - Advice on good ethics and practices which build a good image of the association
 - Impart skills and knowledge to the Secretariat on issues relating to the mission and vision of the association
 - Link the association with other organizations, institutions and groups of individuals who share the same vision and promote **Project Vote 263** objectives.
 - Advice on financial management, auditing, accounting and investment projects
 - Any other duties as may be required to fulfill organizational objectives
 - The Board Term of office is three years and may run for two terms as guided by PV263 Board of Directors/ Trustee or Founders.
 - The Board of Advisors shall elect/appoint members for the positions of Board Chairperson and the Board Secretary, Board Treasurer and Committee members

(b) Secretariat

- The institution will have a full-time Secretariat led by Executive Director which shall be responsible for **Project Vote 263** programming, partner engagement and program implementation. The secretariat shall report to the board on the progress and/or lack of it in the implementation of the goals set by the sesecretariat. The executive director will be responsible for the team that will constitute the secretariat. He or she is responsible for making sure that every employee works towards the vision of **Project Vote 263** as well as maintaining discipline and coherence within the team.
- The Secretariat shall be the main program implementation body for **Project Vote 263**
- The Secretariat shall be composed of such officials as stipulated under this Constitution or as may be determined from time to time by the organization strategy or other policies.
- The full duties and responsibility of the office bearers shall be specified in the

Human Resource Manual and other policies of Project Vote 263

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS

In the conduct of its business, Project Vote 263 shall have the following main categories of meetings:

(a) Board Meetings

- The Board Meetings shall be held once quarterly is conducted. Members of the Board will be given at least **twenty-one (21)** days of notice before such meetings will be held.
- The Board Chair and the Executive Director shall convene the Board as stated in this constitution.
- The quorum required for purposes of conducting the Board Meetings shall be at least **two-thirds (2/3)** of all members. The Board members must give a written notice when not able to attend.
- The Secretariat will keep Board Minutes
- Functions of the Board of Advisors will be clearly elaborated in the Board Charter.
- The Executive Director will sit in the Board Meetings.

(b) Management Meetings

- The Executive Director will convene management meetings
- The meetings may be attended by senior management of PV263 or all Secretariat members depending on the agenda and scope.
- These meetings may be weeks or monthly meant for the programming and monitoring the implementation of the Project Vote 263 programs and activities
- Minutes of the Management meetings must be kept by the secretariat

ARTICLE 8: INTERPRETATION

In the event that there does arise a dispute in respect to the interpretation of the Project Vote 263 Constitution those affected parties may appeal for a resolution from the Board and Trustees.

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- No part of this **PV263** Constitution shall be repealed or amended and new rules thereafter made, **UNLESS two-thirds (2/3)** majority of **PVT263 Trustees** are present and voting at a duly convened Meeting.
- For the avoidance of doubt whatsoever, prior notice of such meeting to either repeal and or amend the Constitution shall be given to the Trustees within **twenty-one (21)** days of the Meeting or **fourteen (14)** days for the EGM.
- Provided that at least **thirty-five (35)** days notice before the Meeting of intention by any registered **PV263** member to either repeal or amend the Constitution shall be given in writing to the Board, which shall thereafter communicate this within **seven (7)** days to the Trustees.

ARTICLE 10: DECLARATION

We the representative of Project Vote 263 (PV263), in Harare, Zimbabwe hereby declare to abide to all terms as stated in this Constitution, in pursuance of our aims and objectives.

Signed by

Name.....	Youngerson Matete	Executive Director & Trustee
Signature.....	<i>Matete</i>	07-06-22
Name.....	Falon T Dunga	Admin Officer & Trustee
Signature.....	<i>F Dunga</i>	07-6-22
Name.....	Allan chipoyi	Finance Director & Trustee
Signature.....	<i>Chipoyi</i>	07-06-22
Name.....	Tafadzwa Madori	Trustee
Signature.....	<i>Madori</i>	07-06-22
Name.....	Brendan A Malaba	communications officer & Trustee
Signature.....	<i>A.B Malaba</i>	07-6-22