

CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE: Legal causes and political outcomes.

Do you want to know more about the political crisis in Zimbabwe? These are a few of the topics that will be covered at an upcoming seminar:

- Rule of law in Zimbabwe?;
- Up coming Zimbabwean elections;
- Movement for Democratic change(MDC) split;
- Laws used to suppress the population of Zimbabwe.

Join us for an informed discussion and a panel on the current political situation in Zimbabwe and a prediction of things to come in the near future. It can be confusing and frustrating to know and understand the political situation in Zimbabwe, and we want to inform and help you understand better!

Speaker:

Mr. Tapera Kapuya, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, National Endowment for Democracy. Tapera is the coordinator of the South Africa office of the National Constitutional Assembly, a civic movement that campaigns for a new constitution in Zimbabwe. He is former Africa regional secretary for the International Union of Students, an umbrella organization representing 125 national student unions across the globe. Among his activities as regional secretary, Mr. Kapuya helped to raise financial support to student activists otherwise denied access to education due to their political beliefs. An original working-group member of the World Youth Movement for Democracy (WYMD), Mr. Kapuya is currently working to establish a regional chapter of the WYMD in Africa. As a Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy, Mr. Kapuya is developing new strategies and opportunities for involving youth in the struggle for democracy in Zimbabwe.

Commentator:

Mr. Blessing Chimwanda, Movement for Democratic change (MDC) Executive Board Member Blessing graduated from St. Johns University, NY, after majoring in Finance and is now working as a legal intern whilst attending The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

Moderator:

Prof. Karla W. Simon, Professor of Law at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America and Co-Director (with Dr. Fred Ahearn) of the Center for International Social Development at the Catholic University of America. Her professional activities include co-founding the International Center for Civil Society Law and working in Zimbabwe on issues related to the laws governing civil society organizations.

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