



National Peace and Reconciliation Commission: Press Statement

Today the 31st of January 2019, the NPRC acting in terms of its mandate provided for in Section 252 (d) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (Number 20) of 2013 initiated a planning process for National Dialogue with key stakeholders who included Government, Traditional Leaders, the Church, Arts and Culture, Civil Society, Business, Academia, Persons with Disabilities, Women and Youth among others. The objective of the meeting was to jointly develop a framework for a comprehensive dialogue process.

While the NPRC has set the creation of dialogue platforms as a key activity in its strategic plan, the events of the past few weeks have made it imperative to move with speed to create a space for national conversations towards social, economic and political transformation. In an effort to come up with a framework for national dialogue, conversations centred around the following key questions:

- Why are Zimbabweans not talking? ,
- What are the key pillars of national dialogue?
- Who should participate, how and at what level?
- How should a dialogue process be structured?
- What does a successful dialogue look like?

The outcomes of the meeting include but are not limited to:

- Issues of inclusivity across regions, sectors, and communities
- The process must be a hybrid of top down and bottom-up approaches
- Transparency, Honesty & Genuineness, Trust building, Principles of ubuntu

The meeting noted the need to address immediate issues as well as putting in place medium and long-term plans for dialogue. The Commission will refine the contributions made today and come up with a frame work that will be shared with all stakeholders.

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