

# CODE Policy



**CODE**

Coalition Of Democrats

# Economic Revival



## Kickstarting Zimbabwe's failed economy.

The economy is on a free fall, registering negative growth, lack of liquidity, massive job losses and company closures. Revenue collection by government is dwindling by the day and as a consequence government's ability to pay is also disappearing. The lack of disposable income and the general negativity are feeding and strengthening the economic decline. The situation is going to be much worse by the time the next general election will take place. People are now being forced into survival mode i.e. SURVIVE TODAY TO LIVE TOMORROW. The current Government has shown that it is completely clueless, corrupt and in denial. In addition to its key policies (see Policy menu above), RDZ will do the following;

### ECONOMIC GROWTH

**CODE will achieve sustained double-digit economic growth, which is shared at all levels.**

CODE will attend to structural issues to make Zimbabwe a LOW COST efficient producer to be able to compete with the best in the world. This will entail reforming the state enterprise sector and making them an integral part of economic activity and growth.

### DEBT FORGIVENESS

CODE will resolve the currency and liquidity issues. CODE will ask and work for DEBT forgiveness, thereby creating **extra room to grow the economy** without the burden of repaying old debt. CODE will give title to current agricultural land occupants, thereby not only ensuring security of tenure but also making Zimbabwe's biggest asset, LAND, contribute extensively in the economic performance for the **benefit of all**.

### INVESTMENT

CODE encourages **private sector investment**, inclusive of domestic, diaspora and foreign. The private sector will lead in JOB creation. Other numerous JOBS will be created through the revival of agriculture and Infrastructure development. Infrastructure development includes road construction, railways, new power generation plants, Information technology, dam constructions, irrigation development, and housing development. The Zambezi Water Project will be implemented and will cause massive development along the corridor.

## TECHNOLOGY & KNOWLEDGE

New technologies will be adopted and **new industries created**. Value addition will be the order of the day. Diamonds for example will be polished in Zimbabwe and significant JEWELLERY industries will be set up. There will be development everywhere and there will be no need for Special Economic Zones. Zimbabwe will be the Economic Zone.

Knowledge industries will be set up. This will be led by a massive education and health industries. We can care for the worlds aged population here. There will be provision of back offices in information technology, legal services, accounting and financial management services, architecture and engineering services and call centers.

**CODE will convert the country's economic potential into real wealth and prosperity in the people's pockets.**

# LAND

Supporting land rights for all.



All the people (irrespective of race, tribe or gender) on land must have security of tenure, and therefore must not be moved. The security title must be bankable enabling them to pledge the land as security with financial and other institutions. The security of tenure should enable them to lease, transfer and pass on to their heirs.

Land must be productive, and this requires skills and capital. CODE government will make available extension services and the private sector will also play a critical role in the provision of both the skills and financing, e.g. through contract farming and consultancy services.

CODE will put closure on previous land acquisitions through agreeing on compensation to the previous farm owners.

CODE government will have the right to resettle citizens, provided the new areas of resettlement are not only better, but serviced with schools, clinics, roads and business centres.

# TOURISM & CONSERVANCY PRESERVATION

**Sharing and preserving our  
natural beauty.**



Tourism shall be a key component in the development of Zimbabwe. The current tourism environment has been politicized and made a preserve of the few. Local communities around the tourist attractions centres will benefit from the tourism developments near them. CODE will ensure that tourism development will be undertaken on a sustainable basis including the preservation of the environment.

Conservancies shall be preserved in their natural form. Security shall be upgraded in these conservancies to curb on poachers and other nefarious activities in the sector. Licenses' to operate the conservancies shall be granted on merit and not on political, tribal or religious grounds.

## DISABLED CITIZENS

# No one left behind.



CODE will assist the disabled to have independent and fulfilling lives. The disabled are equal stakeholders and citizens of this country. The disabled will receive free education and job and skills training.

The aids used by the disabled will be subsidized. The aids include wheelchairs, hearing aids, braille, albino skin lotions, etc. Special classes will be provided at the schools to ensure that the disabled are fully integrated into society.

CODE will ensure the disabled have access to loan and venture funds, are trained in entrepreneurship and supported with production logistics and market access.

The disabled will be equitably represented in government and parliament. The public service will have a quota for the employment of the disabled.

## YOUTHS

# Investing in our future.



CODE will encourage the economic growth of youth through entrepreneurship by providing them the necessary support. The youth empowerment projects will be implemented correctly, looking at the viability of their projects and ensuring that youths have the technical ability to start the new ventures and providing mentorship and linkages within the value chain.

# HOUSING

Building from the ground up.



**CODE will make the allocation of stands and construction of Houses a top priority. All people in housing cooperatives' will be given title to their stands. People on housing waiting lists will be allocated stands.** This will be preceded by the planning and replanning of cities and towns to be modern taking into account commuting, vending, recreation, sewer reticulation, water supply, etc.

Houses will be built before the full servicing of the stands provided the area is properly planned. Long dated mortgages using the building as security House/building based mortgage loans as opposed to individual based loans will be made available making it possible for the old and those without permanent employment to build and own houses.

Construction of housing is a serious economic growth trigger, is labour intensive, whilst at the same time providing a critical human need. A house once built provides additional security for funds borrowed or to be borrowed. Citizens will have access to decent housing without the seasonal demolition of houses for political gain. Demolition of houses will not be allowed.

Rural settlements will be encouraged to be around communities to allow for cost savings in the provision of services like water, electricity and schools. Modern and permanent structures are encouraged in rural areas. New couples requiring homes should build within the villages and new settlements in areas designated for grazing or waterway is strongly discouraged.

# HEALTH

Health means prosperity.



CODE will have a health system that allows for private, government, council, community and religious institutions at all levels and be accessible to all. CODE will ensure that all citizens have access to primary health care and are served through local clinics.

All those suffering from communicable diseases will be treated as a matter of public health. This includes those affected by HIV and AIDS. Measures will be put in place to reduce the stigmatization and spread of HIV and AIDS.

Children under 5 years, pregnant women, women giving birth and those aged over 65 years will access free medical attention.

CODE will create and encourage health tourism. This entails making sure foreign patients not only come to seek very high level medical attention, but they come with their loved ones and also enjoy what the country can offer. This requires development of top-notch medical facilities, fitted with modern equipment and instruments, and manned by well-trained health personnel.

CODE shall also strive to maintain a patient – doctor/nurse ratio, which is manageable, and health personnel shall be adequately remunerated according to their skills.

# ENERGY SECTOR

## Powering our future.



The country is very short of Energy, which is a major enabler for economic development. CODE will cause the building of new power stations to provide over 10 000MW generation capacity over the next 10 years. These new power stations will be built through mostly Independent Power Producers and Build Operate and Transfer (mostly hydro). These will be spread over Solar 1000MW, Hydro (Zimbabwe's share on the Zambezi) 3000MW and Clean coal technology 6000MW. The regional project of Inga Dam hydro in the Democratic Republic of Congo will be pursued with vigour.

The grid will be upgraded to carry electricity more efficiently and reduce both transmission and distribution losses. The grid will become IT compliant. The maintenance will be enhanced to make the aged plant perform more reliably in the short term and will be replaced in the medium term

In the short term, pressure will be released from the electricity grid by encouraging the use of biogas and LPG for cooking and heating purposes. New houses would be fitted with biogas digesters instead of the normal septic tanks, including fitting biogas digesters before discharge into the sewerage system. Solar plants can be constructed quickly too and these will alleviate the load shedding during the day. Solar water heating will be encouraged.

CODE will ensure all schools and health centres have electricity. All boarding schools will be fitted with biogas digestors. Rural electrification will be intensified. Energy provision will be based on the FIVE As' principle of Applicability, Acceptability, Affordability, Accountability and Availability.

Wholesalers of fuel will be encouraged to store their product in Zimbabwe for onward supply into Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi Botswana and D R Congo. As much of the fuel as possible will be conveyed through the pipelines from Beira to Harare via Feruka. Additional pipelines will be constructed to cater for increased volumes and also expand to Bulawayo and Lusaka.

# EDUCATION

## A smarter Zimbabwe.



CODE will host an education system that allows for private, government, council, community and religious institutions at all levels and be accessible to all.

Primary education is a **RIGHT**. No child will fail to go to school on account of the financial status of their parents or as a result of being orphaned. Special attention will be given to the girl child to receive as much education as possible. CODE will implement an education system that will allow school dropouts to rejoin or correspond, to encourage as many as possible to write “O” level exams.

All tertiary colleges’ students studying in Zimbabwe will be entitled to loans that shall be repaid at reasonable rates. The loans will become payable upon finding employment. The loan repayments will be ploughed back into the students loan fund to enable other needy students to benefit from the same. The education system will emphasize the teaching of Mathematics, Science, Technology, citizenship (constitution), entrepreneurship and life skills. CODE will embark on intensive skills training through apprenticeship and other on the job training measures. Additional skill training will be extended to adult women and the disabled. There is need to prepare our children for the quantum leap and make Zimbabwe a

winning nation. The school system will play a major role in identifying special talent. Special schools will be created to cater for special talent students.

CODE will make education a big industry and open up its education system to foreigners, including encouraging many of the foreign universities to have their students reside in Zimbabwe and attending appropriate lessons here.

Education in the 21st century has become sophisticated. CODE shall embrace e- learning, strive to maintain a manageable teacher – pupil ratio and educators across the board will be adequately remunerated for their noble work.

# SECURITY SECTOR

Strength in peace.



CODE will have a security sector that is apolitical and professional. Promotions will be based on merit and professionalism.

CODE promotes peace, law and order. CODE recognizes the role played by the liberation forces and detainees and will ensure they are fully integrated in society, including making sure they have the ability to fend for themselves and improve their lives.

# WOMEN

Equality means progress.



Zimbabwean women have endured the full force of poverty due to the economic meltdown and cultural practices that view women as second class humans.

If nothing is done, women will continue to be subjected to:

- Physical and sexual violence;
- Education and economic exclusion;
- Health challenges, childbirth deaths;
- Retrogressive cultural practices; and
- Discrimination based on gender.

CODE will work to advance the interest and wellbeing of women and adopt and implement international and regional frameworks such as the Convention Eliminating All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (PACHPR on the RWA).

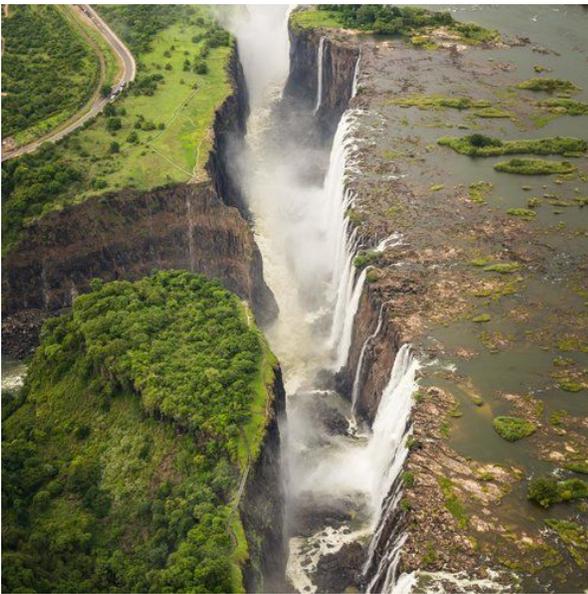
Women will be at the centre of developing gender-sensitive policies to confront the challenges that face Zimbabwean women. This will provide intervention mechanisms to address the wrongs or injustices of any magnitude. And ensure that women are economically developed and have access to education, health, capital and investment.

CODE will implement measures that will avoid early motherhood and child marriages. These will include ensuring all girls go to school, their progress is tracked to ensure they complete 4 years of secondary education.

There will be equitable representation on all public platforms including government and parliament.

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## A part of something greater.



Zimbabwe will belong to the international family of nations. CODE will pursue international relations that will bring economic and other benefits to Zimbabweans and to keep the world safe and peaceful. CODE will restore Zimbabwe's membership to the COMMONWEALTH.

CODE will look everywhere and be multi aligned, to encourage foreign direct investment, loans and grants, scholarships, training, tertiary education and technology transfers, and for the welfare and wellbeing of Zimbabwean citizens in the diaspora.

CODE will encourage investment; domestic, diaspora and foreign.

CODE will make it easy for foreigners who invest large amounts to get Residency status immediately, and get full citizenship within a year or two of consummating the investment. This privilege will be extended to individuals with special skills not found in Zimbabwe for the country to take off economically

# FOOD SECURITY

No one left hungry.



CODE will work to ensure Zimbabwe has sufficient food to feed itself within a maximum period of two years. This will be done through allocating 200,000 hectares for intensive maize production. Part of this land will be newly opened irrigation areas around Tokwe Mukosi dam. Skilled farmers will be contracted to produce maize, so as to achieve a minimum of 8 to 10 tonnes per hectare. This will cost about \$200 million and result in maize output of 2 million tonnes. High yielding seed varieties will be used.

For the rest of the population, measures will be put in place for easy access to agricultural inputs, extension services and creation of market chains.

In summary, food security will be achieved through having the appropriate skilled people planting the appropriate maize seed on 200,000 hectares of land at a cost of \$200 million.

# MINING

## **Our Minerals. Our Wealth.**

Zimbabwe has abundant mineral wealth in its belly. These must be exploited for the benefit of all including future generations.

CODE will set aside upto 5% of the sales of the minerals into a SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND (SWF). The SWF will be managed by independent fund managers and used to create new industries and economic activity to replace mining when the minerals get depleted. Effort will be put in place to exploit the vast iron ore resources in the country and recreate a huge iron and steel industry.

Mining will be used as a catalyst to enhance local economic activity through encouraging local purchases. The local purchases are where there is significant local value addition. There will be significant incentives put in place to achieve this.

Value addition beyond refining will be activated. Initial areas of interest will include diamonds with the Jewellery industry and lithium batteries including cellphone batteries.

People and communities displaced through the mining activities will have a good shot at being employed first. Those not employed will be properly resettled after payment of adequate compensation. This will be the same policy for those displaced for any other project.