



Resolution Zinasu

Introduction

1. Solidarity in the access of education among the Zimbabwean students

According to The Constitution of Zimbabwe section 75, “every citizen and permanent resident of Zimbabwe has a right to (a) a basic State-funded education, including adult basic education and (b) further education, which the State, through reasonable legislative and other measures, must make progressively available and accessible”.

The right to education is guaranteed in the African human rights instrument of the Africa Union. It contains a brief right to education in article 17 together with an overarching prohibition on discrimination in article 21.

ZINASU is fronting the cause of students to ensure that the government of Zimbabwe ensures that each citizen acquires education and defend citizens in their pursuit for academic freedom. This involves using the local channels of engagement in pursuing such freedoms and ensures that the government fulfills their pledge on being signatories to international treaties that safeguard the right to education.

However, the constitutional obligation of access to education is not guaranteed as there is commercialization of the education sector and tuition fees are far above the reach of ordinary students, which makes the sons and daughters of peasants and poor families unable to acquire education and drop from their studies. Therefore, there is need of a collective voice from all sections of the world and far more to our colleague’s right here to collaborate with us in sensationalizing our cause and putting pressure on the international community in ensuring this basic right for citizens. Why also Southern Africa? ZINASU has collaborated with other students unions in southern Africa to resuscitate the Southern African Students Union as an umbrella board to collectively front the cause of students.



2. Solidarity in sensitizing the persecution of students activists

Today student organizations in Norway have collectively played a critical role in safeguarding a chance for persecuted student activists to pursue their studies. ZINASU works to defend student rights and ensure academic freedom to students. In the pursuit of academic freedom most student leaders are putting themselves in risk. Most ZINASU student leaders have been suspended, expelled and imprisoned for just demanding their right to free education for all and being check and balance to the government. Therefore it's our call to ensure a safety support by ensuring that Zimbabwe become a spotlight in the issue of human rights abuses as such information synergies from like-minded friends helps in putting pressure in the observance of students rights and safe guard them from torture and other malpractises from government agencies.

3. Information sharing and partnership

Synergies and knowledge sharing are fundamental principles of relationships and relationship building. This will assist in building closer synergies in the various campaigns, educational exchange with the Zimbabwean students in international advocacy such on climate. Terrorism, trade and other key collective global issues should be debated and advocated to ensure a peaceful environment for the future and for our generation. This will also assist in collective advocacy on efforts of building a peaceful environment in a world threatened by poverty and war conflict.

ISU's Position:

- ISU supports academic freedom at all levels internationally
- ISU will help to spread information about ZINASU campaigns to its own capacity within Norway and through our media outlets
- ISU stands in solidarity with the ZINASU leaders who have been persecuted for safeguarding academic freedom