



The IMT Quarterly Brief

January to March 2021

[The Inter-Ministerial Taskforce on the Alignment of Legislation to the Constitution](#) (IMT) was established by the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs on the instructions of Cabinet in February 2015 as an institutional platform and structure to facilitate the legislative alignment process. The IMT consists of legal advisors, senior state counsels and representatives from all Government ministries. The IMT is chaired by the Attorney-General of Zimbabwe. The role of IMT is to facilitate the alignment of legislation with the Constitution. This is being done with the technical support from the Centre for Applied Legal Research (CALR) and the financial support from the Delegation of the European Union.

This First Quarterly Brief of 2021 serves to inform the public regarding progress made in the alignment process for the period January to March 2021.

Cabinet Approved Bills

During this period, Cabinet approved a total of four (4) alignment-related Bills. These include, the:

- ✓ Police Amendment Bill,
- ✓ Health Services Amendment Bill,
- ✓ Public Finance Management Amendment Bill, and
- ✓ Provincial Councils and Administration Bill

Bills approved by Cabinet Committee on Legislation

During this period, the Cabinet Committee on Legislation approved one (1) alignment-related Bill, which is yet to be presented before Cabinet.

- ✓ Disabled Persons Amendment Bill,

Technical Work

The IMT held a legislative drafting workshop (Writeshop) to finalize the alignment of the Urban Councils Act [Chapter 29:15] and the Rural District Councils Act [Chapter 29:13] to the Constitution. The write-shop was held in Kadoma from the 22nd to the 25th of March 2021 and was chaired by the Drafting Division of the Attorney General's Office. Writeshops are an important platform for Government and Stakeholders to engage and agree on the content of draft Bills being developed. The write-shop was attended by senior representatives from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, representatives from local municipalities, representatives of residents associations, and representatives from civil society organisations (CSOs), among other stakeholders.

Communication and Public Dialogue

The IMT has been hosting a series of Radio Programmes on Star FM on Thursdays from 20:00hrs to 20:30hrs. The purpose of the Radio Programmes is to promote citizen participation in the alignment process and to update the public on the progress of the alignment process. The radio programmes also present an opportunity for members of the public to engage and interact with representatives of Line Ministries and the IMT on specific Bills.

The IMT is committed to contributing to a freer, democratic and open society in Zimbabwe that respects the Rule of Law, through strengthening compliance of the laws to the 2013 Constitution

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