

CIVIC EDUCATION ON THE HARMONISED DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF KENYA

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ISSUES DISCUSSED

EXECUTIVE

We prefer a presidential system, because the parliamentary system will only take more of mwananchi's taxes, and there will always be disagreements on the leadership.

The parliamentary system was only formed because of the post Election Violence we need it no more.

All the appointments and dismissals by the president should be with the approval of the parliament, to dilute the powers he has.

There should be a body to ensure the constitution is adhered to by everybody including the President and necessary action taken on whoever assumes it. No immunity.

A Member of Parliament should not be dismissed unless the wananchi of his constituency don't have confidence in him. They should have the mandate to dismiss him and never the parliament or president for that matter.

COURTS

KADHI'S COURT

The word protectorate should be removed for assurance that the courts will be exercised anywhere in the country.

We don't feel it is a contentious issue since it has always been there and doesn't affect any other person's faith. It is only applicable to those professing the Muslim faith on the issues mentioned.

DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT

The constitution should explain in depth the powers of the levels of government, especially the Regional Government.

Coastal people want to know how much power they have over the resources they have and they want to make the decisions on all the revenue collected so that we can develop our region like build schools, colleges which are limited.

We want to be the ones to decide on the percentage of their revenue that goes to other regions and not the central government in Nairobi to decide.

There should be a fair representation region-wise of People working in the central Government, so that the decisions they make will be for the interest of the whole country.

Public Authorities like the DC, DO, should be the native residents of the region since they know the problems that the residents in that area face.

LAND ISSUE

Gender sensitivity and land ownership should have provisions:

Like, only those women who do not get married or are divorced should own a piece of land at their home property. Since some women get married, go to their husbands lands, only to sell what they received as inheritance from their fathers leaving the men in that family without adequate land.

There should be a law to ensure that wananchi don't sell their lands to foreigners like the Somalis, because people do so out of poverty and later regret.

Land cases in the Law courts should have a time limit in being solved.

The Government should ensure that people have Original Title Deeds over the lands to avoid incidences of foreigners coming and claiming ownership under 'Original Deeds'.

Lease

The lease period should depend on the type of investment. Since some need long time lease to generate profits.

The government should ensure that profits generated from lands with mineral deposits, should be use partly for the benefit of the native residents of that area.