

THE ZANZIBAR ELECTORAL COMMISSION



**GUIDELINES ON THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR POLITICAL
PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTIONS**

(The Guidelines on the Code of Ethics for Political Parties participating in the 2010 General Elections are prepared upon agreement between the political parties and the Zanzibar Electoral Commission.)

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A PROTOCOL FOR GUIDELINES ON THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR POLITICAL PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN ZANZIBAR

<i>Name and Application</i>	1. These guidelines on the code of ethics for political parties participating in the 2010 General Election are jointly prepared by Leaders of Political Parties and the Zanzibar Electoral Commission and shall be applicable immediately after the nomination of candidates up until the one month after the 2010 elections.
<i>The Purpose</i>	2. These guidelines are intended to make sure that the 2010 General Election in Zanzibar are carried out in a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere, while adhering to international standards of democratic elections that espouse rule of law, as well as adhering to operating rules, regulations and election guidelines.
<i>Right and Duty to Promote Peace and Harmony</i>	3. (1) We, the Leaders of Political Parties participating in the 2010 General Elections in Zanzibar, being representatives of the people who are in turn our party members, as well as those who are not, we believe and agree that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Security, peace and harmony in Zanzibar is everyone's responsibility;b. Joining any political party is a right and choice of the individual citizen;c. Every political party participating in the 2010 elections in Zanzibar has the right to carry out campaigns in accordance with the laws and regulations in operation;d. Obedience, understanding and implementation of electoral laws, rules and regulations and enforcing them accordingly is mandatory for a free and fair election.

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	<p>(2) We shall oversee the implementation of the contents in section 3 (1) above and the code of ethics for political parties participating in the 2010 elections in Zanzibar.</p>
<p><i>Recognizing Human Dignity and Avoidance of Acts and Statements Inciting Hatred, Disorder and Anarchy</i></p>	<p>4. (1) We, leaders of Political parties in unison agree on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We confirm our belief in the value of human life, we are absolutely opposed to any acts that put human life at risk due to one's political ideology; b. We are opposed to and prohibit our members, agents and supporters from engaging in disorderliness, anarchy and threats for political ends; c. We oppose in unison the purchase, possession and distribution of any kind of firearms by our members or agents to be used for political ends; d. We affirm our responsibility for attaining a society that lives in harmony, devoid of hatred, disorderliness and threats between members; e. We oppose any acts that if committed by members and agents of our parties shall lead to hatred and threats against members of other parties. f. We recognize the need to respect the rights of every political party, members and supporters to air their political views and to carry out their political activities and aspirations in accordance with the law. <p>(2) With this understanding, holding democratic elections whose preparations have been transparent is important to all of us and for the prosperity of Zanzibar. We advise our candidates, agents and members to create the environment for peaceful and harmonious politics which shall go hand in hand with the policies and programmes professed by political parties' meetings for the development of Zanzibar and her people.</p>
<p><i>Laws, Rules and</i></p>	<p>5. (1) We leaders of political parties agree that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We shall carry out all political activities in

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<p><i>Regulations</i></p>	<p>accordance with the laws, rules and regulations that govern elections in Zanzibar.</p> <p>b. We, the leaders, members and supporters will avoid corrupt transactions and any other acts that are illegal; we will insist upon our members and agents to avoid releasing adverts that point to discrimination by one's ethnicity, colour, gender, religion and political ideology.</p> <p>(2) We urge our members and agents to respect others rights with an emphasis on the right to air one's opinion even if it is politically opposed to theirs.</p>
<p><i>Peaceful Campaigns and Respect to Others</i></p>	<p>6. We, the leaders agree to assist in our capacity in making sure that the aim of free and fair elections is realized by doing the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To abhor the use of threats, harassment or unruly behaviour which lead to disruption of other political parties' meetings or any other allowed activities of political parties; b. To abhor the use of abusive language, threats or instigation of one party's members to confront those of another party; c. To oppose and loathe the publication of pamphlets, leaflets, posters, cartoons or any other type of publication that carry instigative and abusive messages that are likely to make people to breach the law; d. To prohibit candidates, members and supporters of our parties from committing actions that will disrupt meetings, rallies or any other gatherings of other political parties; e. To strongly discourage the defacement of pictures of candidates, destroying adverts of candidates and any other papers related to candidates of political parties; f. To prohibit our agents and supporters charged with the posting of adverts and pictures to various places not to post anything on private property

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	without prior approval by the owner.
<i>The Use of Government Vehicles in Campaigns</i>	7. We, the leaders of political parties disapprove the use of government vehicles in our political parties' election campaigns; except for leaders who are entitled to government facilities including transport due to their positions.
<i>Respect for the Electoral Process</i>	<p>8. (1) We, the leaders of political parties, candidates, members and agents shall cooperate with and assist the Electoral Commission, its functionaries and officers in the execution of their duties and responsibilities; we will refrain from attacking or threatening them, or in any way commit malicious acts against them while executing their duties.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. We shall make sure that our candidates, agents and members shall not engage in fraudulent acts during the voting and vote counting exercises. Also, we shall require them to avoid spreading unverified reports about the election results.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. We shall advise our candidates, agents and members not to cause any damage at the voting venues or to remove, destroy or tear any papers related to the elections.</p> <p>(2) In carrying out its duties the Electoral Commission and its functionaries will make sure that they do so in accordance with the laws and rules that govern electoral processes in Zanzibar.</p>
<i>Cooperation with the Security and Law and Order Organs</i>	9. We, the leaders of political parties shall cooperate with the law and order as well as security organs in law enforcement during the campaigns, voting and announcement of the results.
<i>Being Party to the Implementation</i>	10.(1) We, the leaders of political parties agree in concert to oversee the implementation of this code of ethics by all political parties participating in the 2010 General Elections which, to a large extent will facilitate free and fair elections.

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	(2) In our capacities, we shall instruct candidates, agents and members to adhere to this code of ethics and we volunteer to go an extra mile to make sure that this code of ethics is fully implemented.
<i>Acceptance of Election Results</i>	11. We, the leaders of political parties pledge that we shall accept legitimate election results that shall be announced by the Zanzibar Electoral Commission which is the legally authorized organ to announce election results.
<i>Affirmation of Acceptance of the Code of Ethics</i>	12. We agree and affirm that the adherence to the code of ethics for political parties participating in the 2010 General Elections will create an atmosphere of trust, transparency and truth between the political parties. For yet another time and in our unity affirm that the implementation of the code of ethics will be of assistance in stopping acts that lead to mistrust.

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We, the leaders of political parties participating in the 2010 General Elections and which are listed below, sign and accept the role of overseeing the implementation of this code of ethics.

Date 07/09/2010

S/N	JINA	CHAMA	WADHIFA	SAINI	TAREHE
1	ABDULLA HASSAN MASHA	AFP	N/K. MWEENEZI	MASHA	7/9/2010
2	RASHID YUSUF MCHENGA	APPT MAENDELEO	N/K. WAZEE IDARA	RASHID	7/9/2010
3	VUAI ALI VUAI	CCM	K/MWENGIZI	VUAI	7/9/2010
4	ABDULLAH ALI SALIM	CHADEMA	MJUMBE	ABDULLAH	7/9/2010
5	AMR HAJI MALAME	CHAUSTA	N/KATIBU MKULU	AMR	7-07-2010
6	DR. JUMA H. MUYICHU	CUF	N/K.S	DR. JUMA	07/09/10
7	IABU MUSSA JUMIA	DEMOKRASIA MAKINI	M/MWIKITI	IABU	7/9/2010
8	HAJI ALI NUNU	DP	MW. KATIBU MACHUMBA	HAJI	7/9/2010
9	ABU DAWUD KHAM	JAHAZI ASILIA	KI MKDA	ABU	7/9/2010
10	HAJI HASSAN HAJI	NCCR MAGEUZI	M/UCHAGUZI	HAJI	07/09/2010
11	NASSOR ICH MOHA	NLD	N/KATIBU MACHUMBA	NASSOR	7/9/2010
12	SULEIMAN UJAMA HAMAD	NRA	M/UCHAGUZI	SULEIMAN	07/09/2010
13	HAJI RAMADHAN HAJI	SAU	NABU KATIBU MACHUMBA	HAJI	7/9/2010
14	ALI MAULID NGWALI	TADEA	KATIBU MWENZI	ALI	7/9/2010
15	SULEIMAN ALI SULEIMAN	TLP	N/K/MWENGIZI	SULEIMAN	7/09/2010
16	MWALIM S/ SHEHA	UDP	K/MKSCA	MWALIM	7/9/2010
17	FATMA SAID MOHA	UMD	KATIBU MWENZI	FATMA	7/9/2010
18	RAMADHAN A. ABDULLAH	UPDP	M/UCHAGUZI	RAMADHAN	8/9/2010

Signed on behalf of



KHATIB M. K. MWINYICHANDE

CHAIRMAN OF THE ZANZIBAR ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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<p>CHAMA CHA WAKULIMA</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA APPT MAENDELEO</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA MAPINDUZI</p> 
<p>CHAMA CHA DEMOKRASIA NA MAENDELEO</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA USTAWI TANZANIA</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA WANANCHI</p> 
<p>CHAMA CHA DEMOCRATIC PARTY</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA JAHAZI ASILIA</p> 	<p>DEMOKRASIA MAKINI</p> 
<p>CHAMA CHA NCCR MAGEUZI</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA NLD</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA NRA</p> 
<p>CHAMA CHA SAUTI YA UMMA</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA TADEA</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA TLP</p> 
<p>CHAMA CHA UDP</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA UMD</p> 	<p>CHAMA CHA UPDP</p> 