

### A LETTER FROM ZIMBABWE

#### A Future of Failure

*"Another five years of suffering. Should that be so? Another five years of ZANU-PF gloating while not delivering is looming. How can they deliver in five years what they failed in 34? A banker friend of mine who supports the MDC received an sms from a ZANU-PF minister, who advised her that she should get ready to go and herd goats in the rural areas. That is their attitude ...*

#### Does Africa Care?

*"Does Africa care? I do believe that there are Africans, black and white, who deeply care about the political developments in our country. I have had an avalanche of sympathy from Africans, both black and white, who understand the likely implications of our situation and are flabbergasted with ZANU-PF's fraud.*

#### A Failure of Leadership

*"I however don't think that Africa has institutions that really care. Africa is hardly geared to address its institutional incapacity to deal with matters of governance and democracy. In addition, Africa does not have a critical mass of political leadership equipped and ready to manage the complexities of a fast changing socio political landscape. Our leaders are in a comfort zone, and they will not challenge each other or the status quo, even on matters of principle, because they are all soiled by their past.*

#### Full of Excuses

*"Because of this, Africa still lacks the ability to apply the best solutions to its problems and that is likely to be with us for some time. We still accept mediocre and convenient results. We are full of excuses why we cannot apply world class solutions to the problems we face.*

*"But again should Africa really care?"*

### **The Blame Game**

*"I have also heard and seen the blame game emerging with everyone now analysing how Morgan got it wrong and what he should have done. Thanks to all of you who now have advice, but where were you when Mai Tsvangirai died, when Morgan Tsvangirai was beat by the police and Tendai Biti was incarcerated? When Nelson Chamisa was beat at the airport and left for dead? Where were you when Roy was hounded out of the country like a dog, when Beatrice was arrested and Elton Mangoma humiliated. Yes, we all watched as they killed white farmers and stole their property. **Where were you?**"*

### **What Have You Done?**

*"Where are you now?"*

### **Silence is Complicity**

*"Yes we Zimbabweans stood by and watched, so why should Africa care?"*

### **Stand Up and Be Counted**

*"Africa will only begin to care if you and me can stand up now and be counted. Then Africa will begin to notice and maybe, just maybe, they will care. For now, let us not expect others to deal*

*with our problems. Let us take ownership of our circumstances and it is only then that we can expect others to care."*

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