

Eritrea - Change Now!

We, the taskforce established at the [Eritrea Symposium 2018](#), reconvened on 22-24 February 2019:

Noting the evolving geopolitical dynamics in the Red Sea Basin and the Horn of Africa;

Deeply concerned by the apparent dire threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Eritrea;

Aware of the continued absence of a legitimate and competent government in Eritrea;

Committed to the implementation of the ratified 1997 Constitution of Eritrea, despite its flaws, to institute the rule of law and facilitate smooth transition;

Recognising the need for a functional structure to implement the Strategy of Action adopted by the Global Mobilisation Taskforce, do hereby commit to work to:

- Safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Eritrea;
- Defend the dignity of the Eritrean people;
- Build a broad-based movement linking a network of patriotic Eritreans;
- Work toward an all-inclusive reconciliation among Eritreans;
- Promote a shared vision of an Eritrea based on an appreciation of and respect for the rule of law, democratic principles and human rights via meetings, seminars, conferences, symposia and online publications;
- Undertake diplomatic and advocacy work to promote greater awareness of the current state of affairs in Eritrea among the international community, especially Eritrea's friends and partners;
- Mobilise Eritreans at home and abroad to engage in the struggle for justice;
- Promote and strengthen collaboration among Eritrean pro-democracy forces;
- Build a political bridge connecting the internal resistance and the Diaspora opposition.

To this end, we have set up a coordination committee to:

1. Mobilise all Eritreans to coalesce around the demand for:
 - a. the immediate implementation of the ratified 1997 Constitution of Eritrea;
 - b. the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, jailed journalists and prisoners of conscience; and
 - c. the expeditious demarcation of the boundary;
2. Encourage the Eritrean Defence and Security Forces to defend the Eritrean people and safeguard the sovereign interests of Eritrea;
3. Energise the effort to catalyse democratic transition in Eritrea.