



IDU calls for free and fair elections in Africa

Motion for resolution of IDU on elections in Africa:

Realising the persisting challenges of having free and fair elections in most African countries;

Convinced that free and fair elections are the basis for democratic governance, political stability and, eventually, sustainable development;

Noting that civil wars and insurgencies are still prevalent in Africa resulting in large numbers of refugees and internally displaced people;

Aware that most of Africa is still characterised by high poverty levels, high levels of debt, low Human Development;

Concerned about the high and escalating numbers of Africans making hazardous journeys out of the Africa to seek for better opportunities of survival and sustenance;

Now therefore, **resolve** as follows:

1. That IDU commends the few African Countries that have embraced the ideals of constitutionalism, free and fair elections, peaceful change of leaders and democratic governance.
2. That IDU congratulates Ghana, the host of this years IDU Executive meeting, for being a shining example in embracing and respecting democratic governance.
3. That IDU calls on all African countries to adhere to the principles of constitutionalism and to undertake electoral reforms that will engender free and fair elections.
4. That IDU commits to offer whatever support is possible and necessary to members of DUA in the run up to and during elections.

5. Electoral Management Bodies (EMB) across Africa should demonstrate high sense of professionalism, integrity, openness and transparency in their operations.