



CITIZENS' PLATFORM ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS (CPCR)

Website: www.citizensforreform.org | Facebook: Citizens Platform on Constitutional Reforms

Twitter: @ConstReformsGh | LinkedIn: Citizens Platform on Constitutional Reforms

Press Statement

Accra, 16th February 2026

CITIZENS' PLATFORM ELECTS STEERING COMMITTEE AND ISSUES STATEMENT ON CRC REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The Citizens' Platform on Constitutional Reforms (CPCR or Citizens' Platform) is a coalition of 61 civil society organizations, professional bodies, trade unions, social movements, and citizens dedicated to mobilizing support for the constitutional reform process initiated by President John Mahama last year.

At the inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee of the CPCR/Citizens' Platform on 5th February, the following acknowledgements and actions were agreed upon, including the election of the Coalition's leadership:

Professor Akosua K. Darkwah (representing the Network for Women's Rights in Ghana, NETRIGHT), a Professor of Sociology at the University of Ghana is Chair.

Mr. Alhassan Mohammed Awal, Executive Director of NORSAAC, a prominent northern sector-focused NGO, and Ms. Rebecca Ekpe, Vice President of the Ghana Journalists Association and Editor-in-Chief of GBC Online, are Deputy Chairs.

A third Deputy Chair, representing professional bodies, will be elected in due course.

The Citizens' Platform strongly commends the President for establishing the Constitution Review Committee (CRC). It signals the government's recognition that constitutional renewal remains central to deepening Ghana's democratic governance.

It also welcomes the submission of the CRC's final report to the Presidency on 29th January 2026 and applauds the Chair and Members of the CRC for the extensive consultations they undertook, the technical rigor of its analysis, and the comprehensiveness of its recommendations – a demonstration of the true meaning of citizenship, patriotism, and excellence.

We note with satisfaction that the CRC report adequately reflects years of civic advocacy and incorporates many proposals long championed by civil society, including stronger accountability mechanisms, expanded citizen participation, institutional reforms, and clearer pathways for constitutional enforcement. The recommendations provide a structured, practical roadmap for addressing Ghana's key governance gaps and have strong potential to earn broad public confidence.

The Citizens' Platform expects the full report to be published as quickly as possible, as was done with the summary recommendations published on 22nd December 2025.

The Citizens' Platform has also taken note of recent public comments by the Attorney General Hon. Dominic Ayine, indicating the Government's intention to issue a position paper on the Committee's recommendations. While we appreciate the need for the Government to articulate its views, we respectfully caution that this approach risks repeating difficulties experienced in the past. In particular, Ghanaians will recall the Government White Paper that followed the work of the Constitution Review Commission, chaired by Professor Albert K. Fiadjoe, which many stakeholders felt



CITIZENS' PLATFORM ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS (CPCR)

Website: www.citizensforreform.org | Facebook: Citizens Platform on Constitutional Reforms

Twitter: @ConstReformsGh | LinkedIn: Citizens Platform on Constitutional Reforms

diluted key reform proposals and gave disproportionate weight to executive preferences. That process dampened public momentum and weakened political consensus at a critical moment.

For these reasons, we propose that the Government should see itself as a broker and consensus builder rather than as a sole arbiter of which recommendations should proceed. We therefore encourage an approach that promotes dialogue, transparency and co-creation with Parliament, political parties, civil society, organized labor, professional bodies and the broader citizenry. The success of constitutional reform depends not only on the substance of amendments but on the integrity of the process through which they are achieved. Building trust, inclusion, and consensus-building are indispensable to this process.

We therefore welcome and commend the Government's stated intention to establish a Constitution Review Implementation Committee (CRIC). We urge that this body be constituted and operationalized without delay in order to harness the current public interest and reform momentum. In our view, the mandate of the Implementation Committee should be clearly defined to include building broad political and social consensus around agreed recommendations; developing a detailed legislative and constitutional amendment roadmap; coordinating parliamentary processes; designing and preparing for any required referenda; leading nationwide civic and public education; and ensuring inclusive stakeholder engagement across regions and sectors.

As a Coalition, we reaffirm our readiness to collaborate constructively with Government, Parliament, and all stakeholders to ensure that this moment results in meaningful, people-centered constitutional change that strengthens accountability, protects rights, and secures Ghana's democratic future.

Accordingly, we will undertake multiple capacity-building activities for civil society actors and the media to familiarize them with the contents of the CRC recommendations, their underlying rationale and justifications, and to develop common advocacy positions. The capacity-building efforts will also be extended to youth, women, thematic platforms, and influencer groups in new media.

We encourage all civil society organizations and interested individuals to add their voice to strengthening the national effort to consolidate good governance and socio-economic transformation in Ghana. Your participation will be crucial to deepening policy engagement and ensuring that the constitutional review process reflects the priorities of all Ghanaians. Join us today via <https://citizensforreform.org/>

Signed:

Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana)
STAR-Ghana Foundation
Democracy Hub



CITIZENS' PLATFORM ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS (CPCR)

Website: www.citizensforreform.org | Facebook: Citizens Platform on Constitutional Reforms

Twitter: @ConstReformsGh | LinkedIn: Citizens Platform on Constitutional Reforms

About the Civil Society Platform on Constitutional Review

The Citizens' Platform on Constitutional Review is a collaborative initiative facilitated by CDD-Ghana, STAR-Ghana Foundation, and Democracy Hub, bringing together diverse organizations, activists, and citizens to coordinate engagement, advocacy, and accountability in Ghana's ongoing constitutional reform process. It comprises 61 citizen groups.

Steering Committee

1. CDD-Ghana
2. STAR-Ghana Foundation
3. Democracy Hub
4. NETRIGHT
5. ACEPA
6. PNAFRICA
7. Africa Education Watch
8. GJA
9. NORSAAC
10. MFWA
11. Friends of the Nation
12. A Rocha
13. IDEG
14. NUGS
15. Youth Advocates Ghana
16. TUC
17. PEF
18. WANEP

For more information, please contact:

Ms. Vera Abena Addo

Designation: Programs Officer

Email: v.addo@cddgh.org

Phone Number: +233 59 691 3690