

Mr Rejoice Ngwenya

Introducing Mr Rejoice Ngwenya – Founder & Director, COMALISO, Zimbabwe



Rejoice Ngwenya is a 58-year-old MALE born in Zimbabwe, attended primary and high school in Zimbabwe before proceeding into political exile in 1979 to studying in Kenya up to 1984 for a Diploma in Management and an Advanced Diploma in Business Administration with a major in International Marketing – examined through the London-based Association of Business Executives. He worked briefly as a marketing manager for the QV group of pharmacies before going into full time business consultancy up to 1999 after which he assumed the role of **political consultant** for the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) Zimbabwe office.

Rejoice went through a two-year training program on facilitation and moderation with the German-based Friedrich Naumann Foundation [FNF] to qualify as a **practitioner in directing, planning and organising seminars**, thus acquiring several certificates with the Gummersberg-based liberal International Academy of Leadership. Over the past fifteen years, he has trained facilitators and moderators in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique, Botswana, Morocco and Tanzania.

His think tank, **Coalition for Market and Liberal Solutions (COMALISO)**, is a partner to the Washington DC-based Atlas Network. COMALISO focuses on programs that promote free markets, property rights, constitutionalism and rule of law in Zimbabwe - a country burdened with illiberal democracy. Rejoice is a **product of Cato University** where he studied Philosophy, History, Jurisprudence, and Economics of Liberty.

In addition to directorial duties at COMALISO, he acts as Freelance Consultant for Civic Sector Organisations, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation and City of Harare. Rejoice has, over the past eighteen years, moderated and facilitated in excess of one thousand seminars on politics, corporate strategy, organisation and development in Zimbabwe and South Africa. He was one of the three co-chief Rapporteurs from 2009 – 2013 when the New Zimbabwean constitution was developed. Through COMALISO, has been involved in organizing, coordinating and reporting on a Climate Change project run by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Rejoice has written more than **400 hundred opinion pieces** for blogs, newspapers and websites on liberal politics, economic development, good governance and democracy. He is one of the editorial contributors of the books *Voices from Africa 1*, *Voices of Africa 2* and two on Property Rights.