

HOW THE NEW UZBEKISTAN CONSTITUTION ENSURES A FREE AND PROSPEROUS LIFE

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Constitutional reforms often seem distant from our daily lives, but the new constitution of Uzbekistan marks a turning point that directly impacts every citizen. As we embrace the concept of "yangi o'zbekiston" (New Uzbekistan), we're witnessing a fundamental transformation in how our nation protects and empowers its people.

The new constitutional framework, detailed in yangi konstitutsiya kitobi, represents more than just legal amendments. It embodies our nation's commitment to progress through the yangi o'zbekiston taraqqiyot strategiyasi, ensuring fundamental rights and creating opportunities for all citizens. In this article, we'll explore how these constitutional changes affect our daily lives and examine the mechanisms that guarantee their implementation.

Understanding Key Constitutional Changes for Citizens

Let's explore the trans-formative changes in our new constitution that directly affect us as citizens. At the heart of these reforms lies the noble principle "Human interests are above all" [1], which fundamentally reshapes how our government serves its people.

We're witnessing a historic shift as more than half of the new constitutional norms focus on strengthening human rights and freedoms [2]. The constitution introduces several groundbreaking protections for citizens, including:

- Protection against housing deprivation without court decision [2] • Guaranteed medical care regardless of financial status [2] • Prohibition of discrimination against pregnant women in employment [2] • Special provisions for persons with disabilities [2]

One of the most significant changes is the introduction of the social state concept [2], which ensures fair distribution of material wealth and decent living standards for every citizen. This includes systematic social protection through innovative systems like the "Iron Register," "Women's Register," and "Youth Register" [2].

Our new constitution places special emphasis on labor rights and social justice. It's now constitutionally forbidden to refuse employment to women, terminate their employment, or reduce their wages based on pregnancy or having children [1]. For educators, a dedicated article establishes their status in society, benefiting more than 685,000 teaching professionals across our nation [2].

The reforms also strengthen environmental rights, recognizing the rights of current and future generations to a favorable environment [3]. This forward-thinking approach ensures that our yangi o'zbekiston protects not just our present needs but also our future well-being.

Practical Benefits in Daily Life

The constitutional reforms are already transforming how we access government services and receive social support in our daily lives. Through the implementation of the Social Protection Single Registry (SPSR), more than 1.6 million families have received social allowances over the past three years [4], making financial assistance more accessible than ever before.

We're witnessing a remarkable shift in how public services are delivered. The new system has eliminated unnecessary bureaucracy, requiring only basic documents like birth certificates, passport copies, and marriage certificates [5]. This streamlined approach represents a significant improvement from the previous complex procedures.

The practical benefits of these reforms include: • Equal access to public services without discrimination [6] • Simplified criteria for determining low-income status [4] •

Automated assignment of social benefits [4] • Real-time data exchange between 50 government agencies [4]

For vulnerable members of our society, the reforms have introduced professional social workers who create tailored support plans. In a successful pilot program, this personalized approach helped 106 families, including 192 children and 12 children with disabilities [5]. The state now guarantees improved quality of life for vulnerable populations, ensuring their full participation in social and public life [7].

Perhaps most importantly, these changes have created a powerful safety net during challenging times. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this enhanced social protection system proved invaluable in preserving incomes and employment opportunities [5]. As we continue building our yangi o'zbekiston, these practical improvements demonstrate how constitutional reforms directly enhance our daily lives.

Implementation and Enforcement Mechanisms

To ensure our new constitution delivers on its promises, we've established robust implementation and enforcement mechanisms. The cornerstone of this system is our Constitutional Commission, comprising 46 members including deputies, senators, and representatives from all regions of Uzbekistan [3].

Our implementation strategy operates through several key bodies: • The Anti-Corruption Agency (established 2020) • The Monitoring Center within the Organizational Control Department • The Assets Accounting and Management Department • Regional enforcement branches across Karakalpakstan and Tashkent [8]

We're embracing digital transformation in our yangi o'zbekiston journey. Starting December 1, 2024, we'll introduce the "Register of Obligations" system to ensure unwavering execution of court documents [9]. This digital approach extends to property sales, which will be conducted through an electronic monitoring system from April 1, 2024 [9].

Public participation remains central to our enforcement strategy. Citizens can now submit petitions with 100,000 signatures [8], representing a significant step toward

democratic engagement. We've also established social oversight mechanisms for state budget formation and implementation [1].

The implementation process has been remarkably inclusive, with over 20,000 events organized across ministries and departments [10]. Our commitment to transparency is evident in the extensive public discussion phase, which gathered 222,715 proposals for the new Constitution [10]. To ensure widespread understanding, we've launched a comprehensive education campaign, including 10,000 outreach activities and a free online course [10].

Conclusion

Our new constitution stands as more than just a legal document - it represents a transformative vision for yangi o'zbekiston that touches every aspect of our lives. Through comprehensive reforms focusing on human rights, social protection, and digital transformation, we've built a framework that truly puts people first.

These changes have already shown real results, from streamlined government services to enhanced social support systems. The successful implementation of digital registries, public participation mechanisms, and transparent enforcement strategies proves our nation's commitment to meaningful reform. Most importantly, our new constitution safeguards these improvements for future generations, ensuring that every citizen can participate in building a prosperous Uzbekistan.

The path ahead looks bright as we continue strengthening these constitutional guarantees through public engagement and technological advancement. With robust implementation mechanisms and unwavering dedication to transparency, we're creating a society where every citizen can thrive. Our new constitution serves as both our foundation and our roadmap, guiding us toward a future where human dignity, social justice, and economic prosperity become everyday realities for all Uzbeks.

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