

Citizen Survey on a New Sri Lankan Constitution

The following is a survey conducted by the Centre for Policy Alternatives Sri Lanka on a new Sri Lankan constitution. Sri Lankans of all ages are requested to respond to the following questions.

Underline the most applicable response or fill in the 'other' section where applicable.

1. How would you rate your understanding of the current Sri Lankan constitution?

-Very good
-Average

-Not good
-Very poor

2. Do you know that the government of Sri Lanka is preparing to architect a new constitution for the country?

-Yes

-No

3. The Government of Sri Lanka had appointed a Public Representation Committee to obtain public input for the process of architecting a new Constitution for Sri Lanka. Were you consulted by such a Committee?

-Yes

-No

4. What do you think is most wrong about the existing Sri Lankan constitution?

- There is nothing wrong
- The electoral system does not reflect the wishes of the people
- The concentration of power in the office of the Executive President
- Limited recognition for Fundamental Rights
- No clear separation of the state and religion
- The ability of the parliament to pass legislation that overrides the constitution

Other:.....

5. Of the following what do you think is the most important feature that needs to be introduced to the new constitution?

- A strong bill of rights which guarantees equal protections for Sri Lankans
- More devolution of power to the provinces
- A new electoral system
- Secularism
- Other.....

6. What change in the country do you expect from the new constitution?

- Increased economic development
- Ensure good governance
- No more violent conflict
- Better welfare and services from the government

The answers to the following demographic questions would not be shared with the survey findings. This information would only be used to build a substantial profile of the respondents. Please fill and send this form to us before the 08th of April 2016.

Age:

Ethnicity:.....

Gender:

Religion:.....

Highest Level of Education:.....

District:

Political Affiliation (if any):.....

Languages Spoken:.....



Please send the completed survey via post to 105, 5th Lane, Colombo 3, Sri Lanka or via email to myconstitutionlk@gmail.com.

