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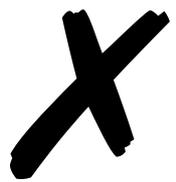
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ANC 2024 ELECTIONS MANIFESTO

INTRODUCTION

Together with communities, civil society, faith-based organisations, youth and women organisations, the LGTBQIA+, people with disabilities and business we forged a common vision in building a future South Africa based on a common agenda of development, change and transformation.

As we go to the polls, in our mind resides our commitment to constitutional democracy, the credibility of our state institutions, and in this context the Independent Electoral Commission's role and legislative mandate in electoral matters, adult universal suffrage, regular, free and fair elections. This is what the ANC has advocated since its birth in 1912.

We approach the 2024 elections with a determination to build a better country. This we do with communities. Our interaction with communities had yielded a developmental trajectory based on the following 6 priorities:

PRIORITY 1

PUT SOUTH AFRICA TO WORK: OUR JOBS PLAN

Our macro-economic policy interventions and strategies are geared towards building an economy that is responsive to the imperatives of job creation, poverty eradication and inequality. Over many years the economy has had fluctuations triggered by the economic decline and instability, including the coronavirus pandemic which hampered our efforts to build the economy. This impacted negatively on our efforts to create jobs.

OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS, WE WILL:

- Create and sustain 2.5 million work opportunities delivering public goods and services in communities. This includes work done through the Presidential Employment Stimulus, funding to civil society through non-profit companies and organisations to provide work opportunities; expand and institutionalise the National Youth Service (NYS) in partnership with the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), and work opportunities for unemployed graduates;
- Increase support for small enterprises, entrepreneurs and cooperatives, especially in townships and villages, providing additional one million work opportunities, with set-asides for women, youth and persons with disabilities;
- Engage the private sector on job creation, to contribute to the national efforts to create employment and get South Africans working; and
- Continue to promote and monitor employment equity to ensure that black people, women and persons with disabilities are represented in the public and private sectors, the professions and artisanal sectors towards the growth of a vibrant, non-racial and non-sexist middle strata, critical to national development.

PRIORITY 2

BUILD INDUSTRIES TO ACHIEVE AN INCLUSIVE ECONOMY

At the heart of socio-economic transformation is industrialization, investment in digitization, the 4th Industrial Revolution, the ocean economy, infrastructure development and foreign direct investment, amongst strategic sectors. There are many opportunities that can be explored in building a resilient economy capable of advancing development.

SINCE THE LAST ELECTIONS IN 2019 WE HAVE:

- Raised R1.5 trillion in new investment commitments, of which over R500 billion has already flowed into the economy;
- Taken decisive measures to end load shedding, ensure energy security, enhance logistics systems and improve ports and rail networks;
- Accelerated land redistribution so that around 25% of farmland is now owned by black South Africans;
- Supported 1,000 black industrialists, with these black-owned firms now employing more than 90,000 workers and contributing billions of rands to our economy;
- Supported worker ownership with over 200,000 more workers obtaining ownership of shares in the companies they work for, bringing the total worker ownership to well over 500,000 workers; and
- Driven large-scale projects across the country, such as bulk water resources, road construction and human settlements.

TO ACHIEVE THIS THE ANC WILL OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS:

- Advance industrialisation as a driver of economic transformation, with active support for localisation, and high growth and labour intensive industries;
- Protect strategic existing industries, like steel, and advance the industries of the future;
- Increase investment in a large-scale social and economic infrastructure plan;
- Fix the current constraint in energy, transport and logistics as important network industries and strategic national assets that are critical to industrialisation, growth and development;
- Continue cultivating partnerships to support the development and expansion of domestic industries with significant potential to create sustainable jobs;
- Expand the black industrialist programme to support 2,000 companies;
- Ensure small businesses, cooperatives and enterprises owned by women, young people and persons with disability, especially in townships and villages are included across all value chains through set-asides in the public and private sectors;
- Increase exports to global and continental markets;
- Accelerate land reform and redistribution to reduce asset inequality and protect security of tenure, improve food security and agricultural production, promote rural and urban development and enable greater access to housing; and
- Align monetary, fiscal and trade policy, along with transformation of the financial sector, to meet basic needs and support job creation and industrialisation.

PRIORITY 3

TACKLE THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Communities continue to suffer from high food, petrol and transport prices which are beyond affordability of South Africans.

Social security is about restoring the dignity of the people, protecting the poor from poverty and hunger and the impact of high cost of living, high food, water and electricity prices which are beyond the affordability of majority of the people.

In tackling the high cost of living there is a need to take steps to make everyday life more affordable for workers, unemployed persons, women-headed households and the middle class by addressing key needs like food, housing, health care, energy, transport and wages.

TO ACHIEVE THIS WE WILL:

- Prioritise food security, including through VAT exemption on essential items and land reform and subsistence farming;
- Maintain and expand subsidised basic services like water, houses for the poor and indigent policies in municipalities; and
- Strengthen health services and implement the National Health Insurance (NHI) to make quality health care affordable and available to all.

PRIORITY 4

INVEST IN PEOPLE

People remain at the apex of the ANC's priorities as declared by the 55th Conference where the ANC committed itself towards decisive action to advance the people's interests. The ANC exists on the basis of the people, to improve the quality of the life of the people by building a better life for all.

OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS, WE WILL:

- Give national and provincial governments greater responsibilities to support municipalities that struggle to provide services to communities;
- Give national and provincial governments more powers to intervene to provide clean water where municipalities are struggling to properly provide this service, build maintenance capacity and complete water infrastructure projects;
- Continue the progressive realisation of universal quality basic services and the provision of a social wage through education, housing, transport, water, sanitation, electricity, health care and communications;
- Improve governance and the public service, work with communities to deliver quality and reliable basic services, eradicate corruption, and maintain and build new infrastructure;
- Invest in the capability of our people by improving access to and the quality of education and health;
- Strengthen the role of families in supporting both young and older citizens, giving special attention to the responsibilities of the family in raising children; and
- Strengthen the quality of services provided for older persons, including community based and residential care facilities, and afford them the necessary consideration and respect.

PRIORITY 5

DEFEND DEMOCRACY AND ADVANCE FREEDOM

South Africa is a democratic state founded on independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Central to its constitutional mandate is the protection and regulation of its borders, promotion of patriotism and allegiance of its citizens, promotion of laws that regulation influx and migration, freedom and justice amongst its citizens.

THUS FAR THE ANC GOVERNMENT HAS:

- Overhauled the immigration system in line with the Draft White Paper on Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Protection to deal with the issue of irregular and illegal migration, simplify visa application procedures, introduce a unified citizen, refugee and migration law;
- Built a capable and developmental state, strengthen links between government at all levels and the people, rebuild and improve local government, build a professional and developmental public service based on Batho Pele principles, and strengthen cooperative governance through the District Development Model;
- Reinforced the contributions of arts, heritage, languages, culture, sports and the creative sector more generally to nation building, social cohesion and national development;
- Established the Border Management Authority to regulate and protect borders, ensure food safety and to address influx of illegal goods and contrabands; and
- Passed legislation and the Strategic Plan to fight Gender Based Violence and femicide.

TO ACHIEVE THIS THE ANC WILL:

- Promote and defend the rights of all South Africans against racism, sexism, gender-based violence, homophobia, discrimination and other intolerances;
- Advance the rights and dignity of children, youth, older persons, persons with disability and members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and continue the fight for women's emancipation and a truly non-sexist society;
- Intensify the war on crime and make our communities safe. This includes action against drugs, organised crime, gender-based violence and femicide, infrastructure theft and vandalism, extortion and gangsterism; and
- Tackle corruption, crime, improve public accountability, strengthen investigation and prosecution capabilities and ensure severe consequences for corrupt activities in the public and private spheres.

PRIORITY 6

BUILD A BETTER AFRICA AND A BETTER WORLD

Rooted in internationalism, peace, solidarity and friendship the ANC will continue with its mission of building a world devoid of war, famine, diseases, military coups and fighting foreign occupation and exploitation. Ours is a vision of a new global order based on collaboration and partnership. We have committed ourselves towards our sovereignty amongst the community of nations and our territorial integrity, and a diplomatic policy of dialogue as opposed to conflict.

AS THE ANC WE HAVE:

- Mobilized the international community in the genocidal acts of Israel against the Palestinian people;
- Condemned the killing of journalists, children and women;
- Successfully indicted the Israel state before the International Court of Justice (ICJ);
- Promoted peace on the continent by silencing the guns of Africa and condemned the military coups;
- Promoted growth on the continent through the Africa Continental Free Trade Area in line with the African Union Agenda 2063;
- Participated in the global forums designed to promote investment and forge link with South Africa and to promote investment, collaborations and growth based on mutual growth and shared prosperity;
- Hosted the African continent Cuba Solidarity summit;
- Promoted inclusive multilateralism, party to part relations and partnerships based on reciprocal benefit; and
- Hosted the BRICS summit in furtherance of the Global South agenda, economic opportunities amongst the BRICS countries and Africa.

CONCLUSION

This manifesto is a reflection of and base on the will of the people. The people are appreciative of the foundations laid for the past 30 years in various fields ranging from housing, water, sanitation, electricity, education, eradication of mud schools social security net.

Considering many years of colonialism and apartheid rule massive strides have been made in a very short time to reverse and address the apartheid vestiges of spatial development, landlessness, inequality, tribalism, regionalism, women empowerment and participation in the mainstream economy from consumerism to production and benefit in the value chain. This legacy is still palpable, requiring swift and sustainable interventions to acceleration social transformation for a better life for all.

To achieve this in a manner that is coordinated and inclusive there are instruments to measure and monitor our performance, to ensure accountability and constant interface with communities.

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29 MAY '24

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