

# LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SUMMIT 20 24

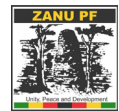


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## Concept Note



Defending the Liberation Gains, Advancing Integrated Socio-Economic Development, Strengthening Solidarity for a **Better Africa**"



## Introduction

*The African National Congress (ANC) will host the Liberation Movements Summit 2024 in Johannesburg, a vital gathering mandated by the 11th meeting of the Secretaries General of the Seven Sister Parties. This summit unites Southern African liberation movements, offering a platform to reaffirm the principles of freedom, unity, and equality that defined these movements. The theme, “Defending the Liberation Gains, Advancing Integrated Socio-Economic Development, Strengthening Solidarity for a Better Africa”, underscores the urgency of safe guarding these legacies, responding to contemporary socio-economic pressures, and reinforcing African solidarity amid evolving challenges.*

## Context and Rationale

### Historical Legacy and Modern Relevance

*The shared histories of Southern Africa’s liberation movements are deeply rooted in a commitment to freedom and equality. Together, these movements have significantly shaped the region’s political landscape, fostering a legacy of unity and resilience. However, today’s liberation movements face the dual responsibility of preserving these historical gains while addressing contemporary demands of governance, social justice, and economic equity. The summit provides a forum to assess and strengthen the roles liberation movements play in driving socio-economic progress and regional stability.*

### Contemporary Challenges: Migration, Neo-Colonialism, and Economic Strain

*Southern Africa currently faces intricate challenges, including migration pressures, neo-colonial*

*agendas, and economic struggles that exacerbate resource strain. South Africa, in particular, contends with a unique set of challenges due to increased migration, leading to resource constraints and often unfair characterizations as xenophobic. The summit will address these narratives, promoting a unified approach to migration management as a shared regional issue. The goal is*

*to develop cohesive strategies to counter exploitative practices and ensure that liberation movements can lead on regional stability and resource management.*

## **The Need for Strategic Unity and Action**

*As liberation movements witness shifting demographics and political dynamics, it is essential that they engage in strategic introspection and adaptation. This summit offers an opportunity to consolidate approaches, assess progress, and foster a collective response to contemporary threats to regional stability and progress. Addressing these challenges from a liberation-centered perspective is essential to prevent political exploitation and ensure the enduring influence of these movements in African governance.*

## **Summit Objectives**

*The summit serves a crucial platform for consolidating the efforts of Southern African liberation movements, with key objectives that include:*

1. **Strengthen Solidarity:** Reinforce connections among liberation movements to share strategies and foster learning.
2. **Promote Unity:** Develop cohesive responses to shared challenges, including migration, resource allocation, and neo-colonial pressures.
3. **Advance Socio-Economic Development:** Discuss frameworks for equitable socio-economic progress, focusing on land reform, agrarian transformation, and policies to alleviate migration pressures.
4. **Address Contemporary Challenges:** Tackle governance, human rights, job creation, and stability in a shifting global environment.
5. **Build International Alliances:** Strengthen partnerships with global allies to support justice *and anti-imperialist solidarity.*
6. **Enhance Visibility and Capacity:** Increase the operational effectiveness and relevance of liberation movements in modern African governance.

## Anticipated Outcomes

*Expected outcomes of the summit include:*

- **Framework for Inter-Party Collaboration:** Establish mechanisms for meaningful collaboration on migration, governance, and socio-economic policy.
- **Strengthened Alliances:** Build networks with global partners to uphold African sovereignty and resist exploitation.
- **Unified Regional Narrative:** Develop a cohesive stance to counter negative narratives on migration and resource constraints.
- **Commitment to Peace and Stability:** Reinforce the institutional capacity of liberation movements to maintain stability and advocate for justice across Southern Africa.

## Logistical Arrangements

*The ANC will manage in-country transport for all delegates. Delegates are responsible for travel insurance and international travel arrangements. Venue and accommodation details will be communicated in advance, with full accommodations provided for all delegates.*

*Translation services will be available in Arabic, French, Portuguese, and South African Sign Language. An information note on dietary preferences and mobility needs will be shared prior to the summit.*

## Participants and Keynote Speakers

*The summit will host approximately 200 delegates:*

- **Liberation Movements:** Delegations from ANC, MPLA, FRELIMO, SWAPO, CCM, and ZANU- PF, with each movement bringing 20 delegates and 10 support staff.
- **Observer Organizations :** Representatives from, PAWO, YWoA and PYU.

- **Observer Sister Parties** : Polisario Front, FLN, BNF, and BDP, with two representatives each.
- **Invited Ambassadors**: Zimbabwe, Angola, Tanzania, Mozambique, Algeria, Western Sahara, and Botswana.

*Keynote Speakers include President Cyril Ramaphosa, who will address regional stability and prosperity, followed by speeches from the Presidents of MPLA, FRELIMO, SWAPO, CCM, and ZANU-PF. Elder statesmen Thabo Mbeki and Joaquim Chissano will share insights during the Formal Dinner, providing historical perspectives and future directions for liberation movements.*

## **Conclusion**

*The Liberation Movements Summit 2024 honours Southern Africa's shared liberation legacy while looking forward to a unified, prosperous future. This summit aims to reinforce the foundational values of freedom, equality, and solidarity, positioning liberation movements as essential leaders for socio-economic justice and regional stability in Africa. Through collaborative discussion and strategic alignment, the summit reaffirms the resolve to build an Africa that honours its past and meets its present and future needs.*



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