

IMPLEMENTATION OF ANC MANIFESTO PARAMOUNT

The Gauteng Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) convened its ordinary meeting on Saturday, 24 August. This meeting analysed the current political atmosphere both domestically, regionally as well as internationally. The PEC also assessed the overall state of the organisation across the province post the General Elections.

The PEC expressed its unconditional support to the leadership collective elected at the 54th National Conference affirming its believe in the leadership of the National Executive Committee which is hard at work towards implementing conference resolutions.

It called on structures of the ANC in the province to treat any attempts to derail the agenda to transform society into one that is prosperous, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and united as anti-revolutionary.



Equally so, the ANC in Gauteng is seized with the task of implementing our 13th Provincial Conference resolutions anchored on the cardinal values of Unity, Integrity, Service and Renewal.

Since the establishment of the 6th Administration following the 2019 general elections our deployees in government and in the legislature have been mandated to spare no effort in pursuing the commitments made in the ANC's manifesto which is our contract with electorate during this term of office.

Yours Comradely

Comrade Jacob Khawe
Provincial Secretary

SUMMIT PRIORITISES SERVICE DELIVERY



In an effort to align the implementation of service delivery priorities across municipalities and the provincial government in Gauteng, the PEC held a successful Local Government Summit on 25 August 2019.

The summit took stock of the work done by municipalities towards the delivery of basic services. An honest assessment of the weaknesses of the local government sphere was conducted and the need for support from provincial and national government was emphasised. Priority was also placed on aligning economic, spatial and financial planning.

The summit mandated deployees across the two spheres of government to accelerate efforts to speed up service delivery and called on the Provincial Government and Municipalities to work together in an integrated manner; to revitalize the economies of our municipalities, with emphasis on the West Rand and Sedibeng.

The following non-negotiables summarises the key outcomes of the summit:

Implementation of a single tier system of governance which will align urban

planning in the province, taking into account the new District Model of Governance being introduced by the national Department of Cooperative Governance.

That all municipalities in Gauteng must provide basic service without fail.

That the fight against corruption and maladministration must be intensified and the ANC must in line with society's expectations, act decisively irrespective of who is involved in unethical conduct.

The summit noted the governance challenges in municipalities, which contribute to trust deficit between the municipalities and the residents and called for drastic action to be taken to bring back public confidence in the ANC-led government. It called on the ANC to urgently implement mechanisms for holding our deployees accountable.

ANC regions through Regional Executive Committees are expected to convene regional summits to communicate the outcomes of the summit and localise the decisions taken the provincial gathering. The summits should be convened before end of September 2019.



CALL FOR CALM FOLLOWING UNRESTS IN PARTS OF GAUTENG

The ANC Gauteng Province has appealed for calm and restraint following further acts of violence, loss of life and looting of shops suspected to be owned by foreign nationals in parts of Joburg Central, Tshwane, and Ekurhuleni areas in the last couple of days.

We appeal to communities, both South Africans and foreign nationals not to take the law into their own hands and rather allow those entrusted with law enforcement to take charge of the situation.

“Irrespective of the mitigating socio-economic pressures exacerbated by conditions of crime, unemployment, joblessness and poverty that confront many communities in Gauteng and in our country, resorting to violence and lawlessness can never be a justifiable

way to respond to the situation,” states ANC Gauteng Spokesperson Bones Modise.

Criminal elements in our midst who thrive on anarchy and are fuelling the unrests must not be allowed to hijack the legitimate concerns being raised by citizens and non South Africans alike.

The ANCGP has noted with concern a growing number of fake news messages which are either old or of incidents that took place elsewhere being circulated on social media aimed at throwing people into panic and cause the situation to get out of hand. Communities must be vigilant against such misinformation and pay more attention to information that is communicated by relevant authorities.

“Gauteng has always thrived at being a cosmopolitan province which serves as a melting pot of cultural diversity. It is this diversity that has allowed the province to tap into rich experiences from across Africa and the rest of the world in building a globally competitive City Region,” Modise points out, cautioning that allowing the situation to degenerate into a state of lawlessness and anarchy will only serve to undermine efforts to build a just and equal society.

The ANCGP calls on law enforcement agencies and the relevant government departments to intensify operations aimed at containing the situation and bringing an end to this lawlessness by ensuring that criminal elements are arrested and brought to book.





NO TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



UYINENE MRWETYANA



BABY LEE JEGELS

The African National Congress in Gauteng welcomes the safe return of 6-year-old Amy-Lee de Jager to her family and calls on the police to intensify the search for those behind her kidnapping.

The news of the kidnapping of the Grade R girl by four men in front of Laerskool Kollegepark in Vanderbijlpark on Monday (02 September) morning came in the wake of harrowing incidents of gender-based violence.

The country learned with outrage that missing University of Cape Town student Uyinene Mrwetyana was raped and murdered at a Post Office in Claremont while South African boxing champion Leighabdre "Baby Lee" Jegels was murdered allegedly by her boyfriend.

All these incidents have once more shone the spotlight on the plight of women and children who

not only bare the disproportionate burden of rising inequality, poverty and unemployment but also find themselves at the receiving end of violence meted out against them by men.

The status quo cannot continue any longer. We call on society to take a stand against these atrocities by joining hands with law enforcement agencies to ensure that the full might of the criminal justice system befall perpetrators of violence against women and children.

The ANC in its 54th National Conference called for the socialisation of our children, and in particular the socialisation of boy children as an important foundation of addressing social ills, and insuring the mind-set change necessary for social transformation, gender equality, non-racism and social cohesion.

We call on ANC branches and

other progressive forces in society to work toward the attainment of this resolution and to actively take part in 365 days of campaigning against all forms of violence and abuse, in particular against gender-base violence.

The ANCGP would also like to encourage communities to take part in structures that combat crime such as street committees, block committees and Community Policing Forums in order to assist police in ensuring a safer environment for all.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the families of Ms Mrwetyana and Ms Jegels and many others whose loved ones were snatched in the prime of their lives at the hands of abusive men. In their memory we must all vow to continue lifting the banner of [#NotInMyName](#) and [#CountMeIn](#) as we escalate the fight against gender-based violence.



ANC GAUTENG PROVINCE HAS A NEW SPOKESPERSON



The ANC Gauteng Province has appointed a new spokesperson. Comrade Bones Modise has taken over from Comrade Tasneem Motara who was appointed a Member of the Executive Council in the 6th Administration Cabinet.

The appointment of Comrade Modise as the PEC Head of Communication / Spokesperson follows the decision of the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) at its ordinary meeting on Saturday, 24 August, to effect changes to its subcommittees. The outcomes of the 2019 general elections and the subsequent establishment of the 6th Administration has resulted in some of the PEC members who were chairing subcommittees being assigned responsibilities in the administration and in the legislature.

Comrade Modise is a PEC member and is currently deployed as a Member of the Provincial Legislature in Gauteng and the Chairperson of the Infrastructure Committee in the legislature. He brings with him a wealth of organisational experience into the role having served in several structures of the movement. As a youth activist, with rooted

foundations from COSAS, he started leading from an early age in school as a class representative, becoming an SRC member, Deputy President and ultimately the organisation's President. He has been a leader in the ANC Youth League with vested ties to community development programmes beyond political boundaries and has served as the league's Provincial Secretary.

The PEC made the following changes to subcommittees:

- Communications Subcommittee – Cde Bones Modise (Previously chaired by Cde Tasneem Motara).
- Economic Transformation Subcommittee - Cde Kedibone Diale (Previously Cde Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa)
- Education and Health Subcommittee – Cde Dr Rebecca Digamela (Previously was chaired by Cde Dr Bandile Masuku)
- Cultural and Religious Affairs Subcommittee (the name has been changed to align with the national subcommittee) – Cde Craig Cornish (Previously chaired by Cde Dr Rebecca Digamela)
- Political Education and Training Subcommittee – Cde Tshildzi Munyai (Previously chaired by Cde Jacob Khawe)

The ANC in Gauteng wishes all comrades well in their new deployments. We believe that they will use their skills and talents to contribute towards the fulfilment of our manifesto commitments in line with the vision of Growing Gauteng Together.

INTERNATIONAL BALANCE OF FORCES

The PEC deliberated on the ongoing trade and economic wars taking place between the world super powers, and how this affects the economic performance of our country.

Notably; the costs of fuel, the costs of importing and exporting as well as the threats to our own labour force because of imminent job losses, pose some of the greatest risks to our ongoing economic pressures.





INTRA PARTY FUNDING

After assessing the current issues facing the organisation, the PEC was of the view that the organisation has been presented with an opportune moment to tackle the matter of intra party political funding. Public discourse on the matter should guide the ANC, in line with its long standing principles of honesty and accountability.

The PEC agreed that the historic role that the movement has played in South Africa's journey to democracy demands that the ANC should never be at odds with our citizens, and it is in the interest of both the party and society at large that this matter is dealt with sooner rather than later.

Fundamental questions about how we contest and elect leadership

have now been raised and it is clear that this process has to be beyond reproach, must be respectable and dignified, and must stand the test of public scrutiny, regardless of the fact that it remains an internal process.

The PEC has impressed upon all its members, its structures across the length and breadth of the province to desist from engaging publicly on internal matters and misrepresenting the organisation's position on issues.

All codes of conduct, disciplinary and related policies will be enforced as we drive the renewal process. We reaffirmed the point that the organisation creates many platforms for engagement, and these should be used.

NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM TO HELP ADDRESS ENDEMIC PROBLEMS

The PEC received a demonstration of the new membership system which seeks to implement the NASREC Conference resolutions which mandated the NEC to improve the current membership system. We believe the system will go a long way in dealing with endemic problems found in manual systems and will allow us to have credible, trustworthy membership data.

What the Organisational Report affirmed was that our programme anchored on the cardinal values of Unity, Integrity, Service and Renewal as agreed to by the 13th Provincial Conference continues to guide the work of the movement across the province.

REGAINING LOST GROUND

The PEC took stock of the state of the organisation across the province by interrogating the strength and effectiveness of our structures post the general elections.

Notably, the ANC has been able to win back two wards previously held by the DA in the City of Joburg and Ekurhuleni respectively. This demonstrates that our programme to reconnect with society and to respond to the critical issues raised by our communities is yielding desired

results. We are winning back public confidence a fact which is also finding expression at the ballot.

Our caucuses in both Tshwane and Joburg continue to raise concerns on behalf of residents. We note with concern the political administration that the DA has placed its caucus under in the City of Tshwane. We view this as an admission of guilt by the DA that their administration has failed the people of Tshwane.



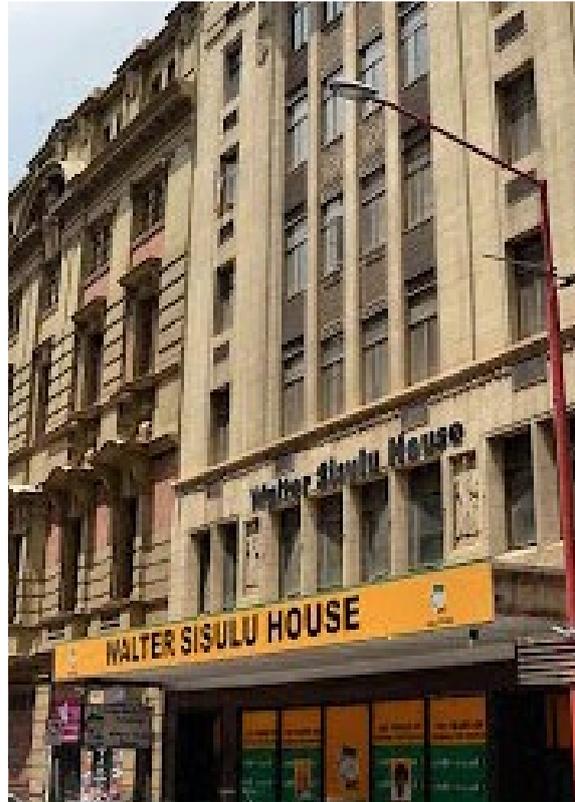


GAUTENG REMAINS RESOLUTE ON E-TOLLS

The PEC appreciated the fact that work is underway by the technical team appointed by the President and led by the Minister of Transport to find a lasting solution on the e-Tolls issue and that further consultations with civil society groups are taking place.

Noting the developments, the

PEC has committed to launch a public action to intensify the campaign against e-tolls using two pillars of continuous engagement with the national leadership of the ANC and government and embarking on the pickets during the Transport Month in October should there be no tangible progress on the matter.



FOCUS ON MANIFESTO IMPLEMENTATION - ANC DEPLOYEES TOLD

The PEC took note of the decision of the NEC as it relates to the deployment of party members to the provincial Cabinet. The PEC affirmed its unflinching subscription to the principle of democratic centralism and the authority of higher structures within the movement to take decisions that have policy implications.

The PEC appreciated the series of engagements the Provincial Office Bearers (POB) have had with structures of the movement including the Alliance on the implication of the NEC decision and committed to abide by the final

determination that will emerge out of this process.

The PEC reiterated the need for the comrades deployed in cabinet to remain steadfastly focused on implementing the ANC manifesto in line with the five year manifesto implementation plan adopted by the PEC Lekgotla in June 2019. Various Members of the Executive Committee who are part of the Provincial Cabinet led by Comrade David Makhura are expected to produce comprehensive plans on how they will be implementing the manifesto as per the 100-days timeframe.

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