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NEC LEKGOTLA CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME



The Year of Decisive Action
To Advance the People's Interests
and Renew our Movement

ANC NEC LEKGOTLA CONCEPT NOTE

29-30 JANUARY 2023 (v8)

BACKGROUND

The ANC Lekgotla takes place after the 55th ANC National Conference, which was convened between 16-20 2022, at the NASREC Expo Centre in Johannesburg, Gauteng, and officially concluded on January 5, 2023, at the Imvelo Safari Lodge in Mangaung, Bloemfontein. The conference was convened under the theme: ***“Defend and Advance the Gains of Freedom.” Unity Through Renewal” and deliberated on critical tasks facing South Africa with the view to finding lasting solutions.*** The conference was a resounding success and provided a clear mandate to the National Executive Committee (NEC) to implement over the next five years as the organization intensifies and accelerates its efforts to the renewal and unity of the organization. This was followed by the 111th-anniversary celebration of the ANC on January 8, 2023, in the organization’s founding city, Mangaung, Bloemfontein. The President of the ANC delivered the January 8 statement on behalf of the NEC under the theme; **“THE YEAR OF DECISIVE ACTION TO ADVANCE THE PEOPLE’S INTERESTS AND RENEW OUR MOVEMENT.”** The overall statement articulates the following set priority areas for the year 2023;

1. Specific initiatives and programmes to intensify the ANC's Renewal,
2. Accelerate the resolution of the energy crisis to end load-shedding,
3. Boldly mobilize social partners around economic reconstruction and recovery in order to increase job creation, investment, and empowerment,
4. Improve delivery of basic services and maintain infrastructure,
5. Strengthen the fight against crime and corruption and
6. Action to build a better Africa and world.

The ANC NEC Lekgotla is convened during a period of unprecedented loadshedding. As the leaders of society, it is critical that the ANC should be at the forefront of driving solutions to the energy crisis that continues to reverse some of the critical gains aimed at promoting economic recovery and reconstruction of the country post the COVID-19 pandemic. The energy crisis has far-reaching social, economic and political impacts including; decreased sustainability of many Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) due to high operating costs, increased criminal activities including hijackings and gender based violence, social instability in communities, a compromise in the quality of service delivery, a noticeable decline in investor confidence at a local and international level, and diminishing trust in government by the broader society. Therefore, the current energy crisis continues to reinforce the macroeconomic challenges of our country including low economic growth, growing inflation, and unprecedented unemployment figures, particularly amongst women and the youth. The impact of the energy crisis is disproportionately felt by the poor and working-class people of our country, further exacerbating poverty, inequality, and unemployment.

The recent announcement by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) approving the 18.65% price hike for the 2023/2024 financial year by Eskom has been met with great criticism from captains of industries, structures of the organization, and the society at large. It is in this context that the President's request to Eskom to halt the implementation of tariff hike for now should be supported and be viewed as our commitment we have made of being a responsive government. We also note the Announcement by the National Energy Crisis Committee that released a six month progress update on the implementation of the Energy Action Plan, which responds to the severe impact of load shedding on households, small businesses and the economy as a whole.

The progress update released outlines important steps that have been taken to follow through on the commitments announced by the President on behalf of government in July 2022. Whilst noting the positive developments in government's response to the current load shedding and energy crises, as the ANC-led government, there is an acknowledgment of the need to balance the objectives of cost-reflective tariffs to ensure Eskom's sustainability as well as the livelihoods of millions of South Africans. However, the proposed increased tariffs on electricity are not the only solution for the struggling state-owned entity. A broader discussion must take place with the ANC at the helm on providing a clear plan on how to address the crisis of the crippling Eskom and provide forward-looking solutions to ensure stabilization and sustainability of energy production to all including the implementation of the Just Energy Transition.

The centrality of a secure and affordable electricity supply as a social and economic enabler is critical for the realization of national development priorities as outlined in the National Development Plan 2030 and the Medium-Term Strategic Framework 2019 - 2024 including inclusive economic growth, job creation, increased investor confidence, the accelerated performance of Industrial Development Zones (IDZs) and overall improvement in livelihoods. During the 6th ANC National Policy Conference and 55th ANC National Conference, the organization reaffirmed its position on the optimal mix of energy sources including coal, solar, wind, gas, nuclear, hydro, and energy storage to maintain the security of supply of electricity at the lowest cost to the South African economy as envisaged by government's Integrated Resources Plan (IRP). Decisive action must be taken to ensure that the Just Energy Transition (JET) plans to address the interests of economic sectors and communities through continuous engagement and collaboration.

It is against this backdrop that the ANC NEC Lekgotla must place the energy crisis at the foundation of its deliberations. The Lekgotla will be guided by the theme ***"THE YEAR OF DECISIVE ACTION TO ADVANCE THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS AND RENEW OUR MOVEMENT"*** The ability to effectively implement the set priority areas of the organization in 2023 and beyond requires an enabling environment for growth, development and transformation. As the ANC, it is our responsibility as leaders of society to create this environment through decisive action, and commitment to organizational renewal and rebuilding.

The Lekgotla must also deliberate on immediate steps that need to be taken considering the increasing number of planned social actions including demonstrations and marches. The impact of the energy crisis on the livelihoods of citizens requires an urgent response to avoid potential catastrophes including unrests, damage to infrastructure, and reinforcing negative perceptions of the ANC ahead of the 2024 Provincial and National Government Elections. Part of the immediate steps includes strengthening social compacts across industries to respond effectively to the energy crisis through collaborative action as affirmed at the 2022 ANC NEC Lekgotla.

PURPOSE

The ANC NEC Lekgotla aims to bring together the political and governance leadership including ANC deployees in the national, provincial, and local spheres of government, Alliance partners SACP and COSATU, the Leagues, and MDM structures, to assess the ANC-led government performance against agreed policies and targets. This includes making the necessary adjustments to strategies and programmes based on assessments in order to serve the people better. Therefore, the primary task of ANC NEC Lekgotla is (1) to Track the implementation of the resolutions from previous Makgotla, (2) to Carve a plan of action to operationalize the set priority areas for 2023 as outlined in the January 8 statement, and (3) discuss strategies to advance the interests of the ANC and society more broadly through government and the organization.

In addition, the robust engagements of the ANC NEC Lekgotla must prioritize the country's ongoing energy crises, with the understanding of the critical role energy plays in the realization of the set priority areas. To facilitate the process, the Lekgotla will commence with a substantive context setting by the National Chairperson, followed by the Political Overview to be delivered by the President. This will be followed by a comprehensive presentation from the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy and the Minister of Public Enterprises on the status of Eskom in relation to the ongoing energy crisis followed by a high-level panel discussion with captains of industry in the energy sector on tangible solutions to addressing the energy crisis. The Lekgotla will then engage the set priority areas in commissions with the guidance of plenary reports on progress with implementation of the resolutions of the 2022 ANC NEC Lekgotla at a government and organizational level including the ANC's governance programme as contained in its Manifestos and translated into a government programme in the form of the MTSF (2019-2024) amongst others.

The strategic objectives of the 2023 ANC NEC Lekgotla are informed by the set priorities of the January 8 Statement as well as resolutions from the 55th ANC National Conference:

- To track the progress made in terms of the ANC's commitment to renewal across all structures of the organization.
- To assess the level of responsiveness of ANC's programmes and policy positions in relation to the pressing socioeconomic, political, and environmental challenges of broader society.
- To recommit to the process of building organizational unity and promoting renewal.

- To promote and facilitate social compacts across industries to respond to the country's most pressing challenges with a commitment to implementation.
- To develop a clear guideline for the ANC ahead of the 2024 Provincial and National Elections.
- To develop a framework to guide the national response to the energy crisis over a short, medium, and long-term period.
- To develop uniform messaging across structures of the organization and government in response to the energy crisis.
- To identify decisive solutions to strengthen the political and administrative institutions to build effective integrated planning and service delivery systems through the District Development Model.



ANC NEC LEKGOTLA PROGRAMME

29 –30 JANUARY 2023

Esselen Park Conference Centre, Kempton Park

THE YEAR OF DECISIVE ACTION TO ADVANCE THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS AND RENEW OUR MOVEMENT

DAY 1: Sunday 29 January 2023		
08:00	REGISTRATION	
Session 1. Plenary		
09:00	WELCOME, APOLOGIES, PROGRAMME National Chairperson	
09:15	POLITICAL OVERVIEW President Cyril Ramaphosa	
19:40	Expectations and ways of working Secretary General Fikile Mbalula	
Session 2. Plenary		
09:45	Presentation on Energy Security, Energy Mix and dealing with Current Crisis Cde Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Public Enterprises Cde Gwede Mantashe, Minister of Minerals Resources and Energy	
10:15	PANEL: ENERGY SECURITY AND CRISIS: ECONOMIC, SOCIAL IMPACT AND RESPONSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Security Lessons from India and the Global South - Anil Sardana, MD and CEO Adanil Transmission Ltd, India Loadshedding Impact on communities and small businesses – Tintswali Makhubele, Secretary General South African Congress Of Non-Profit Organizations (SACONO) 	
11:00	Economic prospects for 2023 Enoch Godongwana, Minister of Finance	
12:15	Briefing on Commissions DSG Maropene Ramokgopa	Commissions A (Energy) and Commissions B (Jan 8 Tasks)
13:00	LUNCH	
Session 4. Commissions A		
14:00	COMMISSIONS A: ACTION ON THE ENERGY CRISIS <i>Commission Discussion: Accelerate the Resolution of the Energy Crisis to End Loadshedding.</i>	All 5 commissions will engage and consider inputs from the Ministers presentation, and the inputs from the Panel discussion, refer to ToR
18:00	DINNER	

Session 5. Commissions B	
19:00	COMMISSIONS B: 2023 JAN 8 PRIORITIES AND ELECTIONS Commission 1: Specific initiatives and programmes to deepen the Renewal of the ANC. Commission 2: Boldly mobilize social partners around economic reconstruction and recovery in order to increase investment, job creation, investment, and empowerment. Commission 3: Improve the delivery of basic services and maintain infrastructure. Commission 4: Strengthen the fight against crime and corruption. Commission 5: Action to Make Africa and the World a Better Place.
20:00	Day 1 Adjourns

DAY 2: Monday 30 January 2023	
08:30	COMMISSIONS (CONTINUED)
12:00	LUNCH
Session 6. Plenary	
14:00	Commissions Report Back 1) Consolidated report of Commission A on Energy Security and Energy Crisis 2) Programme to Deepen ANC Renewal 3) Improve Basic Service and Maintain Infrastructure 4) Strengthen fight against Crime and Corruption 5) Better Africa and World 6) Economic reconstruction and recovery to increase investment, job creation, and empowerment and the social compact
16:00	Discussions
18:00	Dinner
19:00	Discussions on Commission reports (cont)
20:00	CLOSING REMARKS PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA
20:30	CLOSURE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON MANTASHE

COMMISSION DEPLOYMENTS

Commissions A: Energy Security and Energy Crisis

All 5 Commissions must engage and consider inputs from the Minister's presentation, and the inputs from the Panel discussion:

- 1) Identify short (3-12 months) Implementable objectives and Medium Term (12-24 months) in relation to Eskom and loadshedding crises, The Impact on the Economy, and Social Protection Programmes
- 2) Identify strategies that South Africa can explore on energy security within the BRICS Alliance Summit, G20 and all other multilateral Forums where South Africa participates.
- 3) Key Messaging on Just Energy Transition

Commission 1	Chairperson: Nobuhle Nkabane
	Rapporteur: Donald Selamolela
	Scribe: Njabulo Sithube
	Scribe: Mmusi Moroka
Commission 2	Chairperson: Joy Maimela
	Rapporteur: Mzwandile Masina
	Scribe: Mandla Nkomfe
	Scribe: Tengo Tengela
Commission 3	Chairperson: Nonceba Mhlauli
	Rapporteur: Khusela Diko
	Scribe: Riaz Jawoodien
	Scribe: Neva Makgetla
Commission 4	Chairperson: Polly Boshielo
	Rapporteur: Zuko Godlimpi
	Scribe: Alex Mashilo
	Scribe: Ravin Singh
Commission 5	Chairperson: Sihle Zikalala
	Rapporteur: Stella Ndabeni Abrahams
	Scribe: Tokologo Ngakane
	Scribe: Khwezi Tiya

COMMISSIONS B: 2023 JAN 8 PRIORITIES AND ELECTIONS	
Commission 1: Specific initiatives and programmes to deepen the Renewal of the ANC;	Chairperson: Mahlengi Bhengu
	Rapporteur: Mdu Ntuli
	Scribe: Beatie Hofmeyr
	Scribe: Itumeleng Mafatshe
	Scribe: Kalembo Marble Bore
	Resource: Mojalefa Nale
Commission 2: Boldly mobilize social partners around economic reconstruction and recovery in order to increase investment, job creation, and empowerment;	Chairperson: Peggy Nkonyeni
	Rapporteur: Sputla Ramokgopa
	Scribe: Nokwanda Mahori
	Scribe: Rudi Dicks
	Scribe: Kenneth Creamer
	Ndumiso Makako
Commission 3: Improve the delivery of basic services and maintain infrastructure;	Resource: Lufuno Marwala
	Chairperson: Parks Tau
	Rapporteur: Faith Muthambi
	Scribe: Nhlanipho Nkotwana
	Scribe: Sfiso Ncgobo
	Scribe: Mark Sweet
Commission 4: Strengthen the fight against crime and corruption;	Resource: Michael Sutcliffe
	Chairperson: Tina Joemat-Petterson
	Rapporteur: Supra Mahumapelo
	Scribe: Chrispin Phiri
	Scribe: Godfrey Ntombela
	Scribe: Wande Makalima
Commission 5: Action to Make Africa and the World a Better Place	Resource: Thulani Mavuso
	Chairperson: Fébé Potgieter
	Rapporteur: Buti Manamela
	Scribe: Mikatekiso Kubayi
	Scribe: Carmen Smidt
	Scribe: Keitumetse Moutloatse
	Resource: Siphomandla Zondi

COMMISSIONS B “JAN 8 PRIORITIES AND ELECTIONS”

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Commission 1: SPECIFIC INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS TO DEEPEN ANC RENEWAL

- 1) Key programmes and activities for 2023 that will make renewal irreversible, in the following areas:
 - 1.1 A renewed vision with a renewed leadership;
 - 1.2 Building branches and the new membership system;
 - 1.3 Building the New Cadre;
 - 1.4 Building a non-sexist and non-racial movement;
 - 1.5 Fighting corruption, and organisational misconduct;
 - 1.6 Strengthening the accountability and performance framework;
 - 1.7 Strengthening elections campaign capacity;
 - 1.8 Mobilising and organising the motive forces and sectors;
 - 1.9 Strengthening the leadership selection process; and
 - 1.10 Strengthening the Alliance

- 2) What kind of ANC organisational culture is required to ensure that the character of the ANC and renewal becomes visible in practice and how do we build such an organisational culture?

Commission 2: BOLDLY MOBILIZE SOCIAL PARTNERS AROUND ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY IN ORDER TO INCREASE INVESTMENT, JOB CREATION, INVESTMENT, AND EMPOWERMENT;

- 1) Assess the implementation of the tasks identified at the January 2022 Lekgotla in relation to: (a) Accelerating economic recovery and reconstruction; (b) ensuring economic inclusion and participation by all citizens and; (c) building a social compact to decisively address unemployment and poverty, taking into account the MTSF Implementation Report and the ERRP Implementation Report.

- (2) Assess whether the MTSF and National Annual Strategic Plan (NASP) give effect to the tasks of: (a) accelerating economic recovery and reconstruction and (b) ensuring economic inclusion and participation by all citizens and (c) building a social compact to decisively address unemployment and poverty. Do they deal adequately with the risks and opportunities presented by the current conjuncture?

- (3) Identify the key tasks needed for the fundamental renewal and rebuilding of the ANC in relation to the implementation of this priority.

Commission 3: IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES AND MAINTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE;

- (1) Assess the implementation of the tasks identified at the January 2022 Lekgotla in relation to (a) status of basic services and infrastructure in the country and communities, (b) building a capable and ethical developmental state with an effective public service that drives the implementation of South Africa's transformative agenda, (c) accelerating implementation of the District Development Model, taking into account the MTSF Implementation Report;
 - (2) Assess whether the MTSF and National Annual Strategic Plan (NASP) give effect to the task of effective and consistent basic services and infrastructure in the country and communities, the building a capable developmental state with an effective and ethical public service that drives the implementation of South Africa's transformative agenda. Do they deal adequately with the risks and opportunities presented by the current conjuncture?
 - (3) Identify the key tasks arising from this priority that are required to contribute to successfully (1) accelerating economic recovery and reconstruction and (2) ensuring that basic services are provided to all citizens and (3) building a social compact to decisively address unemployment and poverty;
 - (4) Identify the key tasks needed for the fundamental renewal and rebuilding of the ANC in relation to the implementation of this priority.
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Commission 4: STRENGTHEN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND CORRUPTION;

- 1) Assess the implementation of the tasks identified at the January 2022 Lekgotla in relation to fighting crime and corruption, general peace and security, taking into account the MTSF Implementation Report;
- (2) Assess whether the MTSF and National Annual Strategic Plan (NASP) give effect to the fight against crime and corruption, taking into account the MTSF Implementation Report. Do they deal adequately with the risks and opportunities presented by the current conjuncture?
- (3) Identify the key tasks arising from this priority that are required to contribute to successfully (a) safer communities and the fight against GBVF (2) ensuring access to police and justice services to all citizens and (3) building a social compact to decisively address crime and corruption.
- (4) Identify the key tasks needed for the fundamental renewal and rebuilding of the ANC in relation to the implementation of this priority.

Commission 5: ACTION TO MAKE AFRICA AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

- (1) Assess the implementation of the tasks identified at the January 2022 lekgotla in relation to working for a better Africa and a better world, taking into account the MTSF Implementation Report;
- (2) Assess whether the MTSF and National Annual Strategic Plan (NASP) give effect to the task of working for a better Africa and a better world, taking into account the MTSF Implementation Report. Do they deal adequately with the risks and opportunities presented by the current conjuncture?
- (3) Identify the key tasks arising from this priority that are required to contribute to successfully (1) accelerating economic recovery and reconstruction and (2) ensuring that social services are provided to all citizens and (3) building a social compact to decisively address unemployment and poverty.
- (4) Identify the key tasks needed for the fundamental renewal and rebuilding of the ANC in relation to the implementation of this priority.