

Managing Migration Together

Our plan to tackle illegal migration



Crack down on violations of immigration and labour laws



Secure our borders



Strengthen our immigration system



Close the gaps in our laws and policies



Work with other countries in Africa





1 CRACK DOWN ON VIOLATIONS

- Authorities to identify and deport undocumented foreign nationals
- Set up dedicated immigration courts
- Increase inspections of companies employing undocumented workers
- Recruit 10,000 additional labour inspectors
- Increase penalties for employers who breach the Immigration Act



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2 SECURE OUR BORDERS

- Prioritise funding for border security
- Deploy ground sensors, satellite monitoring and drones along our borders
- Redevelop and upgrade the busiest ports of entry
- Relocate refugee reception centres to border posts



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3 STRENGTHEN OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

- Crack down on corruption and inefficiency at Home Affairs
- Build an Intelligent Population Register with biometric data
- Expand Smart ID access and phase out green ID books
- Extend biometrics to all international airports and the busiest land ports
- End the abuse of the Traffic Registration Number



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4 CLOSE THE GAPS IN LAWS AND POLICIES

- Develop a single, unified legal framework on migration
- Implement policy limiting employment of documented foreign nationals
- Strengthen prosecution of employers hiring undocumented workers
- Register small and informal businesses
- Support local traders through the Spaza Shop Fund



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5 WORK WITH OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES

- Partner with other African countries to promote growth, development and employment
- Tackle political instability, conflict and economic hardship
- Work through SADC, the African Union and our bilateral relationships to better manage migration on the continent



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WHAT GUIDES US

- The human dignity and rights of all people must be respected
- Every person, citizen or foreign-born, must abide by the Constitution and the law
- Everyone who lives, works or runs a business must be lawfully permitted to do so
- Only authorised officials may act against violations of the law
- Every country has a right to manage migration and secure their borders



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WHAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT

- Unauthorised people demanding documentation or proof of nationality
- Blocking access to clinics, hospitals, schools or other public services
- Violence and intimidation against foreign nationals
- Racism, sexism, xenophobia, Afrophobia and any other form of intolerance
- Misinformation, incitement and fake news spread on social media
- Employers exploiting undocumented workers

