



AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS YOUTH LEAGUE

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SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE

The National Executive Committee held its regular meeting on the 4th - 5th September 2007 to review the progress on the implementation of the organisational programme and outline the political and organisational perspective on issues that are facing the movement and our country.

The NEC noted the continued global economic imbalance perpetrated by globalisation and free trade which continues to widen the gap between the poor and the rich. Attesting to this is the persisting and increase of poverty and inequality within the poor countries.

Thus the NEC resolved to intensify the campaign for the trade system that is biased to the poor of the poorer, this should include

working together with all progressive forces around the world for the total transformation of the international institutions such as United Nations, World Bank and IMF.

In this regard we are not simply rejecting globalization as barbaric phenomenon, but rather agitating for the change and reformulation of all rules regulating the trade system so that globalization will serve the interests of the poor.

On ANC National Policy Conference:

The NEC salutes the preparedness of ANC structures for the Policy Conference, which found expression during robust debates on all issues, especially during commissions.

The NEC proud itself on the contribution it made in the ANC National Policy

Conference, which emulate the contributions made by previous ANCYL generations in the life of the ANC. Hence our perspective emerged as resolutions in all commissions.

Thus we are humbled by the fact that the majority of the ANC structures shares our thinking. Whilst appreciating the progress we made in the ANC Policy Conference the ANC cautioned itself against compliance and the assumption that everything is over. Hence we will continue to raise all strategic issues facing our movement which requires the utmost conclusion in forthcoming ANC National Conference.

Therefore the period leading to ANC National Conference should be characterized by engagements within ANCYL & ANC structures in trying to consolidate all the resolutions emerged during the Policy Conference for the adoption at the National Conference in Limpopo.

Amongst others, we need to highlight the question of monopoly capital & elaboration of pillars of the NDR as captured in the S&T, location of SANCO within the MDM structures, the integration of the NPA within SAPS, lowering of voting age to 16 years and the implementation of the Integrated Youth Development Strategy,

Assessment on the implementation of the POA:

The NEC noted the efforts made by the NWC in engaging the Government on the implementation of the Integrated Youth Development Strategy but remain amused that even after the question of the Strategy was adopted by the ANC General Council the Government is still reluctant to implement it. And this in essence questions the authority of the ANC as an organisation

in ensuring the implementation of its policies.

This NEC further noted the recommendations of the Parliamentary Ad Hoc Committee, which recommends the integration of all chapter 9 Institutions, including the Youth Commission into the National Human Rights Commission.

Such recommendation is not only flawed in terms of undermining the role of Youth Development Institutions but create a possibility of undoing and reversing gains we have made as the youth since the dawn of democracy.

In this regard the NEC resolved to remain steadfast on the call for the implementation of IYDS and that we should engage with Parliament on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee vis-a-vis the IYDS.

The NEC further agreed to intensify its work and interaction with the South African Youth Council to spearhead the coordination of youth formations in the country.

Organisational work: the NEC noted the progress on the convening of

congresses and agreed to sustain the momentum in convening Regional and Provincial Congresses, and that all Provinces should convene their congresses before the end of November 2007.

To ensure the success of this programme, the NEC will maximise participation of NEC deployees in the work of the organisation and the SGO will develop monitoring mechanisms to ensure that NEC deployees are doing their work.

In the same vein the NEC noted the report on the North West Provincial Congress which was adjourned amid of complaints from some delegates on issues of the legitimacy of some delegates and the elections of the Provincial Chairperson wherein it was alleged that Cde Lawrence Modimokoane who was nominated and elected as Chairperson was not a member of the organisation. The NEC accepted the report which confirmed that some delegates were changed before the Provincial Congress and that Cde Lawrence is not a member of the organisation. The NEC thereafter resolved that the congress should be started from the scratch

under the stewardship of the NWC.

In this regard, the NEC agreed to amend the guidelines for audit for congresses to include the verification of membership of the leadership structure at which the congress is taking place. Secondly, that before the regional congress, all BEC's should convene at a zonal/sub-regional level to engage with a content of the congress and undertake a verification of delegates to ensure that only legitimate delegates attend the congress. Such verification will be conducted by delegated members of the NEC.

Toward the ANCYL 23rd National Congress:

In line with the decision of the ANCYL National Executive Committee Lekgotla that the ANCYL 23rd National Congress should be held in 2008 to allow preparations for the ANC National Conference, the NEC established the National Preparatory Committee under the Secretary General's Office to start preparation for the 23rd Congress, scheduled for April 2008.

ANCYL Perspective on the ANC Leadership question:

The NEC agreed that our approach is derived from an understanding that the ANC, as a revolutionary organization, is a living organism hence challenges of leadership and policy choices will always be contested.

The NEC agreed that the choices we make must be underlined by our commitment to defend unity and cohesion of the ANC at all cost.

That our engagement with the leadership questions is first and foremost guided by the ANC document; *“Through the eye of the needle”*

Therefore, our approach is underpinned by an understanding that the ANC operates on the basis of a collective leadership and no body is above the organisation.

That it is the revolution that shape its cadres hence our proposal should take into cognisance the background and contributions of individual cadres in the struggle

The NEC re-affirmed its position that the ANC President should become the President of the country in the subsequent elections and that should

find expression in the ANC constitution.

In characterising the current epoch, the NEC agreed that challenges facing the organisation include:

- Careerism and dispensation of Patronage;
- The question of access to state power for selfish interests; and
- That relationship between the organisation and the state.

That in line with the above principles we also need to consider the rejuvenation of the ANC NEC and ensure generational mix.

Secondly, that the ANC NEC should be reflective of its constituencies and motive forces of the revolution.

Having considered the underlying principles the NEC agreed to propose the following names for ANC Officials:

- President: Cde Jacob Zuma;
- Deputy President: Cde Kgalema Montlanthe;
- National Chair: Cde Nkosazane Dlamini Zuma;

- Secretary General:
Cde Gwende
Mantashe;
- Deputy Secretary
General: Baleka
Mbetse; and
- Treasurer General:
Cde Mathews
Phosa

The NEC agreed that in our engagement we remain flexible guided by the principle that we stand to convince others but if necessary we should also be prepared to be convinced by others.

The NEC agreed to convene a special NEC Meeting to consolidate our proposal for the additional members.

Programme of Action:

The meeting agreed that the following key Tasks should occupy our programme.

Youth & Economic Participation:

- Consolidate the work we have done during the engagement with the Private sectors on Jobs for Youth Campaign,
- Convene a National Youth Summit to consolidate the strategy on Jobs for Youth Campaign and the implementation of the integrated Youth Development Strategy.

- Engage Parliament and ANC on the implementation of the Integrated Youth Development Strategy

Education & Human Resource Dev:

- Co-ordinate students who want to pursue studies in the field of Engineering for scholarship in Russia.
- Consolidate and intensify the SRC Elections Campaign in all Institutions, and
- Engage on campaign on the question of access to higher education and transformation.

Organisational Issues:

- Resolve bottlenecks on the functionality of the membership system in Provinces.
- Ensure the printing and return cards to the membership within a reasonable period & address the backlog as we prepare for the National Congress
- NWC to convene the North West congress by the end of September 2007.
- Convene Provincial Congresses in Free State, KwaZulu and Mpumalanga before the end of October 2007.
- Convene Provincial Congress in Gauteng, Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Limpopo.

- Convene induction workshops for all REC's and PEC's before the end of November 2007
- Convening the 63rd Anniversary celebration of the ANCYL
- Start preparations for the ANCYL 23rd National Congress.

Towards the ANC 52nd National Conference:

We must sustain our engagement in preparation for the ANC National Conference:

Strategy and Tactics

- Emphasise our perspective on the historical disposition of the ANC
- Defining the counter revolutionary/enemy of the NDR in the current epoch
- Further engage on the characterization of monopoly capital, its relations and attitude towards the NDR
- Further Elaboration on the programme of the NDR and strategic pillars of the revolution
- Further ensure elaboration on the opportunities and threats of Globalisation

Other Key Policy Issues:

- Economic Development, on the role of the state on economic development
- Social Transformation, on IYDS & Free Education

- Peace & Stability, on the
integration of the NPA into
SAPS

- Governance, on lowering
of voting age to 16

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