



NORTHERN CAPE POST-SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GENERAL COUNCIL STATEMENT.

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The African National Congress Northern Cape convened its Special Provincial General Council yesterday Sunday, 30 November 2025, in preparation for the 5th ANC National General Council (NGC), which will be convened under the theme: **“ANC Renewal to Advance the Freedom Charter Forward to a National Democratic Society Based on Social Justice, Shared Prosperity, and Human Solidarity.”**

The year 2025 marks the 70th anniversary of the Freedom Charter and the beginning of the fourth decade of democratic governance. These significant historic milestones demand serious introspection regarding both the organisation and the work of the ANC in government.

In the true spirit of what the NGC is convened for, a midterm review of the work of the movement since the last elective conference, we gathered to take stock of how far we have come in implementing the resolutions of the 55th National Conference.

Preparations for this Special Provincial General Council was broadly inclusive, undertaken from the most basic unit up to the regional level, and now at the provincial level where we met yesterday. From this point, we will consolidate the work undertaken to inform the provincial perspective, which has emerged from branches to regions and through the PGC Commissions.

The PGC noted that a fragmented and deeply factionalised party will be unable to renew itself. Deep factional divisions render renewal stillborn. The province is advocating for organic unity, grounded in a strict adherence to organisational values, traditions and discipline, as opposed to superficial unity driven by political expediency, preservation and self-interests. The province is gravely concerned about the alarming levels of unemployment, especially among young people, which is a pressure cooker for political unrest in the country. To mitigate this crisis, extraordinary interventions from both the government and private sector are imperative. We anticipate engaging and rigorous discussions at the NGC.

ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MOVEMENT

Conscious that the NDR has suffered strategic setbacks and that the ANC's moral authority is contested, the PGC declared an unwavering commitment to the fundamental, ethical, and ideological renewal of our movement. To combat disunity and vacillation, we committed to:

- Building organic unity by burying factionalism and ending the manipulation of internal democratic processes.
- Empowering our branches as the basic units of the organization, transforming them into activist branches that respond to the day-to-day demands of our communities.
- Safeguarding organizational integrity by improving, respecting, and safeguarding all organizational systems, processes, and procedures.
- Reviving ideological clarity through a robust programme of political education and cadre development, combatting anti-intellectualism and careerism.
- Enforcing revolutionary discipline through ethical leadership, professionalised cadre deployment, and robust anti-corruption measures.

ON SECURING THE NORTHERN CAPE'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

Recognising the Northern Cape's unique position as a province rich in strategic assets, the PGC resolved to pursue a people-centred provincial growth path. The PGC, therefore, adopted the Provincial Economic Acceleration Programme to harness our economic potential by:

- Accelerating Industrialisation to drive the beneficiation of our 13 critical minerals, develop the N14 Industrial Corridor, establish the JTG District as a catalytic smelter and energy node, and advance the Boegoe Baai Port and rail project as a continental gateway.
- Capitalising on the Green Revolution we shall position the province as a global leader in renewable energy and green hydrogen, attracting upstream, midstream, and downstream industries to create sustainable jobs.
- In unlocking our local economic potential, we will re-industrialise Kimberley, and position it as a hub for logistics, manufacturing, and cloud storage, while repackaging our heritage assets to boost tourism.
- On expanding agriculture and SMME Development we will support the expansion of agricultural production and value addition and aggressively promote the localisation of supplier and SMME development.

ON BUILDING A CARING AND CAPABLE STATE

Acknowledging the improving governance performance in the province, but conscious of the need for relentless effort, the PGC resolved on the establishment of a Provincial State Capacity & Delivery Unit. This unit will be tasked with:

- Strengthening project and financial management capacity across all spheres of government.
- Implementing community-driven accountability mechanisms.
- Ensuring the professionalisation of the public service.

ON POSITIONING THE PROVINCE IN A MULTIPOLAR WORLD

To navigate the shifting global terrain and secure our place in the world, the PGC resolved to establish a Northern Cape Global Opportunities Desk. This desk will be mandated to:

- Actively build export markets for beneficiated minerals and green hydrogen.
- Leverage development financing from BRICS+ and other emerging partnerships.
- Forge technology and trade partnerships to advance the province's industrialisation agenda under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The PGC made a clarion call to all ANC members, the Alliance structures, and the people of the Northern Cape that the renewal of the ANC and the advancement of the National Democratic Revolution is our collective and urgent task.

We must not deliberately close our eyes to the challenges we face. The complex challenges of corruption, factionalism, and narrow nationalism are like rust, if not meticulously cleaned out at the foundational level, the entire structure of our revolution risks collapse.

Let us therefore move forward with courage and unity of purpose to build an ANC that can lead society through integrity, competence, and discipline. Let us work together to realise the vision of the Freedom Charter and build a Northern Cape that is Modern, Growing, and Successful.

As the ANC in the Northern Cape, we emerged from this PGC determined to ensure that our branches and communities forge a new pact of working together.

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