
PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STATEMENT

04 FEBRUARY 2026

The African National Congress (ANC) Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) convened its ordinary meeting on 3 February 2026, in Colesberg, to take stock of the ANC's work in the province and to prepare for the Provincial January 8th Celebration.

PROVINCIAL JANUARY 8TH CELEBRATION

The Provincial Executive Committee, in line with the rotation of provincial events across all regions within the province, has decided to host the Provincial January 8th Celebration in the Pixley Ka Seme Region, Umsobomvu Sub-region, in the town of Colesberg. The Umsobomvu Sub-region remains a historic ANC stronghold, and it is therefore fitting that the provincial celebration be brought to the people of Colesberg.

All logistical preparations are in place for the provincial celebration, and we expect an incident-free event where the 2026 ANC January 8th message will be delivered, outlining our tasks for the year ahead. All our structures, members, and supporters are urged to attend in large numbers to ensure the success of the event. The provincial celebration will be followed by regional celebrations and regional election strategy workshops to prepare our regional structures for the election year ahead.

SERVICE DELIVERY WAR ROOM

At our last Provincial Executive Committee meeting, we resolved to establish a Provincial Service Delivery War Room to address service delivery challenges in our municipalities and respond to the demands of our communities. The National ANC Roll Call was convened on 20 September 2025, where all ANC councillors

attended a workshop that adopted the ANC Action Plan for Accelerated Service Delivery, Community Engagement, and Infrastructure Development.

In line with the PEC's resolution, all service delivery issues across the province will be tackled through a consolidated program of action that encompasses six interconnected and mutually reinforcing pillars:

1. Improve basic service delivery
2. Develop fit-for-purpose infrastructure
3. Build capable local government and institutional capacity
4. Reconnect with the people
5. Build inclusive local economies and create jobs
6. Strengthen communication

In this regard, members of the Provincial Service Delivery War Room, accompanied by Provincial Officials and Regional Executive Committees, will during the month of March visit local municipalities to review whether the work outlined in the six pillars are being implemented. Where challenges exist, they will develop and implement the necessary support measures.

ANC PROVINCIAL LEKGOTLA

The ANC will be hosting an action-oriented Provincial Lekgotla on 13–14 February 2026 in Kimberley, where a clear programme of action will be developed to address the persistent triple challenges of unemployment, poverty, and inequality.

RENEWAL OF ANC BRANCHES AND STRUCTURES

The Provincial Executive Committee has called on all its branches to immediately undertake a membership recruitment programme to strengthen the work of the organization on the ground as an integral part of our renewal project. Renewal should not be reduced to mere sloganeering without practice; all renewal efforts should focus on building activist branches that are adequately equipped to undertake the tasks of renewal.

Currently, the best-performing branches and structures are recognized only at the national level. The Provincial Executive Committee has therefore resolved to introduce awards for the best-performing branches, sub-

regions, regions, and councillors. This initiative will serve as encouragement for all our structures to remain active and committed to their tasks.

RENAMING OF ANC BRANCHES

The African National Congress (ANC) subcommittee's approach to renaming geographical places, including streets, towns, and public facilities, is guided by resolutions aimed at transforming the South African landscape to reflect the country's history and heritage, with a particular focus on correcting past injustices.

The ANC's vision for South African arts and culture is guided by the Freedom Charter, which declares that "The Doors of Learning and Culture Shall Be Opened, where the government shall discover, develop, and encourage national talent for the enhancement of our cultural life." Within the broader liberation movement context, the ANC has viewed arts and culture as a tool for mobilizing society.

The Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) has resolved to adopt the following fundamental principles in the renaming process:

1. Transformation of Memory Spaces: Public spaces and geographical names should reflect liberation heritage.
2. Contextual Approach: Renaming must be sensitive to the historical context of the area.
3. Public Participation: The process must include wide consultation with affected communities and families.
4. Social Cohesion: Proposed names should promote goodwill, reconciliation, and unity.
5. Anti-Discrimination: Names that are discriminatory or derogatory on the basis of race, gender, or political affiliation must be changed.

The PEC further calls on Regional Executive Committees (RECs) to begin the consultative process to obtain the required permission from families to use the names of our late comrades.

SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY

The PEC has taken note of the recent developments at the Sol Plaatje Municipality and has directed the Frances Baard REC to provide guidance and leadership in amicably resolving the challenges the municipality

is currently experiencing. We furthermore call for calm within the municipality and encourage stakeholders to continue engaging to ensure that service delivery is not compromised.

ANCYL INAUGURAL NEC MEETING

The Provincial Executive Committee congratulates the ANCYL on successfully convening its induction and inaugural NEC meeting, held on 31 January 2026 at the Pine Lake Inn in Mbombela, Mpumalanga.

At this meeting, Comrade Anisia Ludick was elected to the National Working Committee, Comrade Milisa Sokatsha was appointed as a permanent invitee to the NWC in her capacity as head of the Elections and Campaigns Sub-Committee, and Comrade Angelitha Engelbrecht was co-opted into the NEC. As the PEC, we wish to congratulate all of them on their new responsibilities.

In conclusion, the PEC reaffirmed that 2026 is the year of decisive action and is currently finalizing a clearly articulated battle plan aimed at consolidating a decisive victory in the upcoming 2026 Local Government Elections. The PEC further calls on its entire membership, cadreship, and supporters to close ranks and heed the clarion call for unity and renewal.

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