

For Land and Economic Liberation!



2021 Local Government Elections Manifesto

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Standing in defence of a people betrayed

Foreword by the President of the PAC of Azania

Cde Mzwanele Nyhontso, MP



South Africa desperately needs reconstruction and leadership. Governed by a captured leadership, the country has fallen into a debilitating cycle of poverty, rampant corruption, damaged infrastructure, anarchy, injustice, lawlessness, instability and a total lack of accountability. Through the 2021 Local Government Elections (LGE), the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) of Azania says the 27 years of betrayal end on the 1st of November!

A people cheated and betrayed

The economy is on its knees, subjecting the youth of our country to an unprecedented onslaught of joblessness. Unemployment has reached staggering proportions as 44% of the population of Azania is without work, while youth unemployment has worsened to 64.4%, the highest youth unemployment rate the world over. This is a direct consequence of the disastrous neoliberal policies adopted by the governing party, a former liberation movement, decimating the local industry and shifting jobs to foreign lands. On the supply side, the ANC's failure to develop rural areas has created conditions for unsustainable urbanisation as more and more people migrate to the cities in search of economic opportunities. The PAC says the 27 years of betrayal end on the 1st of November!

Homeless and robbed of hope, the African majority are held hostage to a life of poor services, whether it is long spells without electricity, unreliable water supply, the indignity of burst sewerage pipes and uncollected heaps of garbage, neglected and derelict cemeteries, gaping potholes, under-resourced libraries and much more, their municipalities do not care as long as the hefty salaries of

elected representatives are paid in full and on time. The PAC says the 27 years of betrayal end on the 1st of November!

Cheated and betrayed, the African majority are condemned to a life of substandard houses, built by greedy contractors in cahoots with officials and representatives whose only interest is their pockets and not the people. These are the politicians who want another chance to be re-elected only to rob the people again. The PAC says the 27 years of betrayal end on the 1st of November!

Azania must stop the rot

Over the past 27 years, poverty and inequality have been on an upward trend with approximately 55% of Azania's population living in poverty. In terms of income distribution, the wealthiest 10% account for over 50% of the country's wealth, whilst the poorest 40% of our citizens account for only 7% of the wealth. To rub salt to the wound, under the current government Azania overtook Brasil to become the most unequal country in the world.

The Local Government Elections 2021 are a democratic opportunity for the people to end the season of corruption and betrayal to which they have been sentenced by a former liberation movement. The time to stop the rot is now so that our country may begin the reconstruction of the promised land. The people in their collective and conscious action are the only hope to build the land of peace and plenty that is Azania.



Decades of triumph over adversity

The PAC has triumphed over difficult odds to enter the LGE 2021, scheduled for the 1st of November. The members, veterans and sympathisers of the PAC delivered a decisive judicial victory on Tuesday 21 September 2021 to defeat engineered sabotage from within the ranks of our movement to participate in these local government elections. The PAC is hardened by adversity, united by a historic mission and inspired by a patriotic purpose. Whatever hardships we have endured over the decades, the PAC has always emerged unscathed, renewed and more resilient.

Our leaders and legions of combatants before us and many in our midst have survived brutal torture, long spells of imprisonment, state execution, assassinations, fire, banishment, mutilation, impairment and statelessness. Having faced a bitter enemy together with our people and emerged triumphant to deliver the promise of freedom, the PAC would be guilty of treason if we did not stand up in defence of the sanctity of this freedom as scavengers wreck the motherland.

The PAC has never abandoned the people nor betrayed the cause, and having paid the highest price for our country's liberation, we will not allow our people to be cheated again through the Faustian pact between those who govern and those who control the means of production. That is why the Azanian masses can trust the PAC through the ballot box to set the country on a

path of growth, accountability, dignity, pride and integrity as countdown to the 1st of November to secure **Land and Economic Liberation** for our people and those yet to be born.

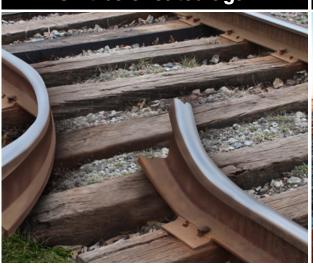
Land, bread and economic emancipation

The PAC stands for a clean administration. Councillors represent the constituencies that are demarcated into wards, municipal districts and metropolitan cities. Sworn to serve with integrity, our candidates are committed to responsive and responsible representation of the people. Unlike our misgovernors, the PAC will not hesitate to put elected representatives under public scrutiny and to recall sluggers.

The PAC upholds the long standing call of the people for land, bread and economic emancipation. It is our birthright to control and craft a progressive destiny for the land of our forefathers and mothers. Our people deserve better than poverty, unemployment and inequality. Our people are entitled to the right to food, adequate shelter, services, healthcare, education, dependable and durable infrastructure and the right to work in growing the economy. None but ourselves can make a difference in the quality of life of our communities. The PAC is a tried and tested vehicle of the African people. The African people are the PAC.

Vote wisely, Azania

Don't be cheated again



What the people deserve









How the PAC will fix local government after the LGE 2021

The PAC's interventions as outlined in this LGE Manifesto 2021 will be geared towards ending the sceptre of corruption, deploying competent skills, reengineering operational excellence, resolving the fundamental contradiction posed by infinite demand whilst supply of resources is finite, which is among the variables at the heart of the dysfunctionality of local government. The PAC's strategies and tactics will be geared towards achieving the following outcomes:

- The PAC's municipal strategy will redirect land use towards building productive capacity, deliver decent housing, durable roads and public amenities, which include cultural, sports, learning, reading, communications and recreational facilities;
- The PAC's municipal strategy will build and develop industries to create jobs, develop productive capacity and maximise trade by implementing the party's developmental model founded on the premise of One Municipality One Product:
- The PAC's municipal strategy will provide uninterrupted services inclusive of electricity, sanitation, garbage collection and water to communities, meeting basic human rights that dare not be compromised;
- The PAC's municipal strategy will invest in infrastructure to leverage growth, drive human progress and economic development;
- The PAC's municipal strategy will provide the means to invigorate arts, culture and heritage industries to deconstruct mental enslavement, engender pride in the African personality and celebrate the rich and wholesome beauty of our people;
- The PAC's municipal strategy will put an emphatic end to the desecration of public cemeteries and restore a culture of respect, dignity and esteem for the departed;

- The PAC's municipal strategy will professionalise the municipal system by employing technocrats, engendering a customer-centric culture, reducing outsourcing significantly and implementing consequence management to ensure accountability and dignity in the provision of goods and services to the people;
- The PAC's municipal strategy will entrench a culture of financial management integrity by embedding compliance with all relevant legislation and policies because accountability is not an option in the management of public funds and the bestowal of trust, but an obligation;
- The PAC's municipal strategy will direct the investment of state resources towards communities where the poorest of the poor reside to bridge a historical divide whose continued legacy negates the arrival of freedom and violates human dignity, and
- The PAC's municipal strategy will strive to establish a benchmark of excellence and integrity in local governance for future generations to build upon, determined in the patriotic quest to achieve uniform human progress so that Azanians from all walks of life may be empowered and enabled to contribute towards the fortunes of a Continent destined to glory across all spheres of human endeavour.

This LGE 2021 Manifesto of the PAC is our covenant with the wishes and aspirations of the people as a whole; young and old, the poorest of the poor, the working people, the unemployed masses, business owners, investors and civil society. The true liberation movement has spoken!

On the 1st of November, the 27 years of betrayal must end.

Vote PAC for Land and Economic Liberation!





Cde Mzwanele Nyhontso, MP

PAC President Cape Town

Introduction

- As an authentic National Liberation Movement that has fought gallantly for the arrival of freedom and democracy in Azania, the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) of Azania will be contesting the Local Government Elections of 2021, and is determined to achieve meaningful results that will enable it to deliver the historic mission of economic freedom.
- The PAC is the conscience of the people and the barometer of their aspirations. The people and the PAC want change, the restoration of the dignity of communities, quality delivery of daily services, the end of corruption, the end of fruitless and wasteful expenditure and the beginning of a new era of accountability, ethical leadership, sustainable jobs and an economy that

grows both locally and nationally.

- That is why the PAC is contesting the 2021 Local Government Elections, to make a meaningful difference for you, our fellow compatriots, and to end the political dishonesty that you, our people, have been subjected to for over a generation of misgovernance by a former liberation movement that has dishonoured the promise of freedom.
- We urge our people to vote as patriots, to save our country by casting votes for the PAC of Azania.
- Your country has never needed you more than it does today. Vote wisely.

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Don't be cheated again



What the people deserve









Defining the Municipal Problem in South Africa

- South Africa is a country in crisis.
- The national economy has been devastated by years of stagnation as a result of a failed neo-colonial State that is inefficient, inane and corrupt, and that has resulted in the dispossessed African majority being robbed of their economic citizenship, consigned into deeper levels of poverty, unemployment and desperation in a country where the white settler minority and a section of the ruling elite enjoy the bulk of resources, privileges and social security.
- The devastation has been exacerbated by an unprecedented pandemic that has forced many businesses to shut down, sending unemployment skyrocketing to 34.4% in the second quarter of 2021 the highest since the contagion of 2008.
- Corruption, the totem the ruling party, is estimated by the State President himself to levels in excess of R1 trillion over the last few years.

- Local Municipal Governments, which by definition are the cornerstone of service delivery and infrastructure development, are in financial ruin.
- According to the Auditor-General when briefing Parliament on the 2019-'20 municipal audit outcomes, preventative controls are not in place and, in many councils, little action is taken against officials for wrongdoing.
- Disgracefully, **R26 billion** in irregular expenditure at municipalities in the 2019-'20 financial year has gone down the drain.
- Out of the 257 municipalities across the country, only 27 received clean audits, because of rampant corruption, lack of skills, nepotism, partisan procurement, jobs for members only and poor leadership.
- Our people deserve better. Our people demand Change, Growth and Economic Liberation!

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What the PAC could have done with R26bn

over just 1 year of the ruling party's heartless irregular municipal expenditure



Built our people over 100 000 houses countrywide

5000 SMEs and more than 20 000 jobs





In a country ravaged by a deadly pandemic, built at least

100 new clinics

in townships and villages

Repaired potholes on major roads





Who are the PAC's Municipal Candidates?

- The PAC's municipal candidates are men and women who live in the areas where they are standing for elections.
- They are not individuals who have been parachuted from other areas, imposed on communities by party leaders who do not have the interests of the community at heart.
- They are men and women of integrity who have not robbed the nation of its resources.

- They are battled-tested and tried freedom fighters, community workers, professionals and people that can be trusted to represent the aspirations of communities that have been betrayed for far too long by officials whose only interest is to fatten their pockets and to create jobs for themselves, their families, friends and followers.
- These are women and men, young and matured, who can be trusted to work for the dignity of the people, to deliver quality services on time, to place value for money high on the agenda, advancing the cause of building our nation and the guest for economic liberation.

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Diagnosis of South Africa's Local Municipal Governments

The one lesson that the outgoing ruling party has learnt and adopted zealously from the former racist and settler-colonial regime, is jobs reservation, which was the state-guaranteed provision of jobs for white settlers, regardless of their qualifications.

The result is that the system of local government has become dysfunctional, corrupt, inefficient, insensitive and unaccountable

The outgoing ruling party has continued this discredited practice, and calls it "cadre deployment", the system in terms of which it guarantees jobs for its members only, regardless of their qualifications and eligibility for the task.

South Africa is a country that works and rewards only the white minority and the elite members of the outgoing ruling party.

The African majority are disregarded and consigned to joblessness, poverty, squalor, destitution and dehumanisation, because they are not members or leaders of the outgoing ruling party.

 As it was the case under apartheid colonialism, the African majority are on their own under a democratic government of their own choosing.

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Why the majority have suffered in the land of their birth

- According to Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), unemployment is "concentrated amongst the youth as they account for 59,5% of the total number of unemployed persons. The unemployment rate among the youth is high irrespective of education level. The graduate unemployment rate was 40,3% for those aged 15-24 and 15,5% among those aged 25-34 years, while the rate among adults (aged 35-64 years) was 5,4%.
- Some of these young people have become discouraged from participating in the labour market and they are also not
 - jobs are reserved for members of the building on their skills base through education and training outgoing ruling party only. they are not in employment, education or training (NEET).
- Of the 10,2 million persons aged 15-24 years, 32,4% (approximately 3,3 million) were not in employment, education or training - implying that close to one in three young South Africans between the ages of 15 and 24 years were disengaged with the labour market in the first quarter of 2021. The NEET rate, seen in conjunction with unemployment rates over 60%, suggests that the youth face extreme difficulties engaging with the labour market in South Africa".
- Across the country, 11 million people live in shacks. About 15 million Africans still have no access to safe drinking water or sanitation. Many communities access water from rivers, wells and other dangerous sources. To add insult to injury, the bucket system and pit toilets are still to be eradicated. 27 years after the dawn of freedom.

Yet despite this reality, municipal

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Let us build better together











Why the PAC shares the anger of the marginalised masses

- The June 2021 National Treasury local government revenue and expenditure report for the third quarter of the 2020/21 financial year, is enough to drive any voter to tears.
- In aggregate, municipalities spent 65.3% or R322.9 billion of the total adjusted expenditure budget of R494.5 billion. Voters and their children were deprived the socioeconomic benefits of an entire 34.7% in municipal spending for services.
- According to National Treasury, "sustained low capital spending has potentially serious implications for the government's ability to meet the targets for expanded access to water, sanitation, electricity and housing, as well as job creation."

- The report further states that "municipalities across the various categories continue to under report against their conditional grant rollovers. From the approved total roll over of R4 billion, only R111.7 million was reported as expenditure during the third quarter performance."
 - In terms of capacity building, at the end of the third quarter, "a total adjustment amount of R1.8 billion was transferred for capacity grants and expenditure of 61.9 per cent against the total allocation was reported. These grants are intended to assist municipalities in the development of their management, planning, technical, budgeting and financial management capabilities in the 2020/21 financial year". A total 38.1% was unspent to hire engineers, accountants, town planners and other technocrats responsible for service delivery to the people.

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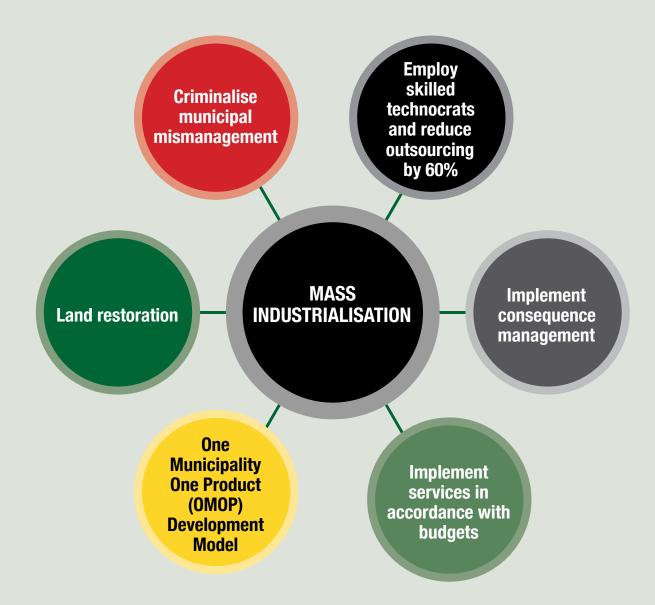






What is to be done by the PAC to solve these challenges?

- As a legitimate National Liberation
 Movement that has studied the systems,
 values and strategies of successful
 nations the world over, the PAC has a
 plan. Equally important, the PAC has
 integrity.
- The diagram below will be discussed in greater detail in the sections that follow.
- The diagram provides a helicopter view of the PAC's LGE 2021 Municipal Plan:



Criminalise municipal mismanagement It is the considered view of the PAC that unless managers in municipalities are compelled by law to abide by their contracted performance obligations, the status quo will remain.

The PAC will therefore introduce legislation to hold accounting officers and their direct reports personally and criminally liable for municipal offences against the people, which include and are not limited to unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful (UIFW) expenditure, mismanagement, fraud and corruption.

The disregard of systems, process and procedures which include and are not limited to the Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA), the In-year Management, Monitoring and Reporting System for Local Government (IYM), the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) and related legislation, will attract corresponding punitive sanctions.

The PAC believes that such measures will help improve the access of citizens to their democratically-guaranteed right to service delivery.

Vote wisely, Azania

Vote out maladministration

Customer care for the people











2.

Employ skilled technocrats and reduce outsourcing by 60%

The PAC is determined to root out discredited apartheid practices such a job reservation and cadre deployment by prioritising the employment of qualified and competent professionals to provide vital support to municipalities in pursuit of their mandate to serve the people of South Africa, and not to serve members of a political party.

These technocrats
will include engineers,
chartered accountants
and finance
specialists, health and
medical professionals,
town planners
and management
specialists,
technicians, artisans
and various others.

The PAC asserts that the preferential procurement system, known notoriously as the tender system, is a well-intentioned solution that has gone horribly wrong, and has resulted in corruption and the criminal enrichment of a few at the expense of the majority.

The PAC therefore intends to significantly reduce outsourcing by 60%, reserving its use only under exceptional circumstances where the State is unable to secure goods and services directly from primary suppliers.

The employment of a greater number of South Africans has far more value and more sustainable multiplier benefits for society than the economic empowerment of a select few who are members of a ruling party.



Cde Nyathi Pokela



Cde Mlamli Makwetu





Implement consequence management (fire the bad apples)

Over the past 27 years, South Africans have suffered at the hands of tone-deaf, insensitive, arrogant, corrupt and unaccountable leaders and representatives who have done as they wished and got away with it. Under PAC governance, officials will know that the people come first.

The use of public resources and amenities, the exercise of state authority, the implementation of government policies, procedures, systems and programmes will be repurposed to ensure that citizens are served with respect, honour, efficiency, speed and integrity, and that where these values are violated, appropriate consequences will follow.

PAC-governed municipalities will be distinct in relation to the measures they take to protect public health and safety, restore essential government services, provide emergency relief to communities, businesses and individuals within their localities, and in compliance with the universal ethos of customer service.

Local government is not the asylum for bad apples.



Cde Ata Kgosana



Cde Elizabeth Sibeko





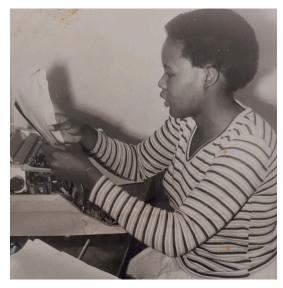
4.

Implement services in accordance with budgets

Only a self-serving party and government will disregard the resources entrusted to their care, and choose to return such resources rather than to use them constructively for the efficient delivery of services to the people.

The socioeconomic deficit that South Africans face, and in particular in the villages and townships across the country, are immense. Where resources are made available, municipalities have the legal, humanitarian and moral obligation to ensure that a clinic is built, roads are constructed, houses are built, businesses are supported to grow local economic value, and that durable infrastructure is provided and serviced for the growth of the economy as well as the welfare and dignity of communities.

Under the PAC, inefficiencies such under-expenditure for vital services will invite the harshest consequence management outcomes.



Cde Belede Mazwai



Cde Bantu Biko





WHAT IS TO BE DONE BY THE PAC TO SOLVE THESE CHALLENGES? CONTINUED

5. Land Restoration

The PAC will expropriate unused productive land without compensation.

Allocation of land for human settlement purposes will be in accordance with integrated development planning to cater for the basic needs of communities, such as housing, transport, public amenities, parks, etc.

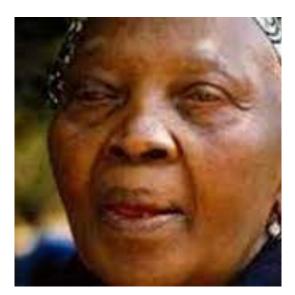
Agglomeration of industries will form the basic model for commercial zoning, in order to enhance economies of scale.

The allocation of commercial land will prioritise agriculture and food security, manufacturing, processing and tourism, among other priorities.

The restoration of land will be prioritised for the rollout economic and social infrastructure development and maintenance programme.

Businesses will be encouraged to source labour from local communities and to co-invest in local economic and human development.

By-laws will be amended to ensure the protection and empowerment of local survivalist traders and SMEs, with preferential promotion of locally produced goods and services.



Cde Veronica Sobukwe



Cde Nomvo Booi





One Municipality One Product (OMOP)

- The mainstay of the PAC's 2021 Local Government Election is the proposal for the national implementation of the One Municipality One Product (OMOP) Development Model.
- South Africa exports more raw materials and commodities than manufactured goods. The minerals the country exports are platinum (9.3%), iron ores (6.5%), coal and similar solid fuels (5.3%) and gold (5.2%). In this way, South Africa exports thousands jobs per annum.
- Similarly, the country imports goods that it should be producing locally, and this practice results in the enrichment of foreign economies.
- The PAC, as the authentic party of liberation, wants to bring about economic growth, dignity and liberation to the people across the country through mass industrialisation.
- South Africa imports a broad array of goods from across the world.
- These include mineral products which the country exports raw such as iron and steel, plastic and rubber articles, textile products, Wood Pulp Paper & Paper Products, vegetable products and foodstuffs, jewelry, animal products, wood and wood products, among others.
- The countries that have propelled economic growth are those that had the courage to begin somewhere, to pick a product, impose laws to restrict importation, and gradually improved their technology, knowhow, efficiencies, design ability, commercial processes and manufacturing aptitude.

- For how long will South Africa import TV sets, cell phones, condoms, toothpicks, syringes and much more? The PAC says now is the time for change.
- The people deserve Change, Growth and Economic Liberation!
- The PAC believes that it is possible to arrive at a point where each of the 257 municipalities countrywide, can achieve the following:
 - Conduct a feasibility study to determine the local strengths and competitive advantage of the area.
 - This would be carried out in conjunction with Development Finance Institutions, institutions of higher learning, research bodies, entrepreneurs, traditional leaders, indigenous knowledge specialists, scientists, agriculturists and others, to determine and identify a unique value proposition, across economic sectors.
- The PAC envisions a scenario where a municipality because of its unique climatic conditions and soil quality, for example, could end up growing peaches, for instance, and then producing jam, juice, dried fruit, tinned peaches and other by-products for local and export purposes.
- The benefits in terms of social stability, job creation, downstream and value-chain opportunities, local economic development, transformation in migration patterns and associated challenges, among others, would be considerable for Change, Growth and Economic Liberation!

- Whereas the PAC advocates for One Municipality One Product (OMOP), the party is alive to the inevitability that for many cities the number of locally produced goods is already greater. It is in the underdeveloped localities where the PAC would be more vigorous in implementing this model, along with value-chain opportunities aimed at the export market to grow revenue for local economies and ultimately, for national prosperity.
- We will prioritise local content by allocating 70% of the total procurement spend towards local producers and suppliers.
- We will use trading permits to drive preferential procurement in the private sector by working with the locally domiciled to procure from local suppliers.
- In addition to the direct and indirect incentives administered by the national government, the PAC will offer incentives, including direct subsidies to manufacturing companies and businesses that set up in locally and employ local communities.

- In line with our ethos of "One Municipality One Product" the PAC will lead development where feasible by investing directly in latent markets where real investment is lacking due to the absence of venture capital to initiate investment. The revenue generated from municipal businesses will be used to augment municipal grants from National Treasury to subsidise water and electricity tariffs.
- We will campaign for the broadening of access to finance by advocating for the amendment of Chapter 3 of the Municipal Finance Management Act to enable municipalities to bank with cooperatives and mutual banks so as to address the funding constraints that confront small business and investment initiatives undertaken by local communities. This will go a long way towards assisting local traders to access funding to address their working capital needs.



Cde Sabelo Phama



Cde Kgalabi Masemola







The people will not be cheated again

Municipalities have failed to fulfil their constitutional mandate of delivering basic services and driving local economic development.

This is so because of the corruption, incompetence and failure of the outgoing ruling party to break the mould of apartheid spatial planning where services are the privilege of the original settler neighbourhoods, with townships and rural areas left out of the municipal systems and thus rendering local government dysfunctional and not fit purpose.

Add to this the paradox of an ever-shrinking revenue base coupled with finite resources in the face of an ever-growing demand for affordable basic services, a result of the deindustrialisation that has festered over the past 27 years during which time the interests of the disadvantaged have been betrayed.

It is for these reasons, therefore, that the PAC will make the provision of the following services, a priority for communities that vote against being cheated again:



Housing



Clean water



Electricity



Sanitation



One Municipality
One Product



Roads and Streets



Bridges



Libraries and WIFI Hotspot Zones



Garbage Collection



Decent Cemetries



Arts and Culture



Financial Integrity



Consequence Management



Customer Service



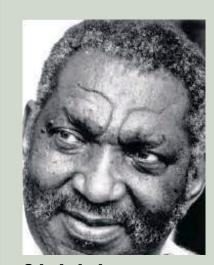
Sports and Recreation

These are not cheap election promises. These are minimum obligations that constitute the PAC's social compact with communities. It is a compact that arises from the PAC's political ethos and ideological philosophy, grounded on the principle that the dispossessed deserve better.

This is the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania

The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania was formed on 06 April in 1959 in Soweto by Africanists from across the length and breadth of the country.

➤ Their mission was to defend the true aspirations of the liberation strugggle, to crush the demon of white domination and bring about genuine political and economic liberation for the dispossessed indigenous masses.



Cde Lekoloane Mothopeng

Legendary leaders such as Cde Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, Cde Zephania Lekoloane Mothopheng, Cde. AP Mda and many others, stood up in defiance of the liberal plot to dilute and water down the struggle as a demand for human rights, and instead firmly placed the demand for true liberation and the return of the land as the genuine aspirations of the oppressed and dispossessed majority.

In the view of these distinguished leaders and the masses, a misdiagnosis of the problem in the country at the time would eventually lead to half-baked outcomes such the sunset clauses that resulted in the majority being in office but not in power, where human rights were constitutionally guaranteed but the economy remained firmly and exclusively in the hands of the racist settler minority.

In demanding the return of the Land that was taken through force of arms resulting in political oppression, social dehumanisation, cultural degradation and economic exploitation, the PAC has always maintained that true freedom would only come about when justice was achieved to address the crimes of colonialism and apartheid.

From its birth, the PAC has remained the only true principled advocate for the return of the Land in its fullest socioeconomic and cultural spectrum to encompass the following pillars:



- In demanding the return of the Land, therefore, the PAC is defending the inalienable right of the indigenous African majority to exercise their natural, human and economic citizenship across all sectors of society and the economy.
- That is why the PAC conceptualised, organised and led the 21 March 1960 Sharpeville, Langa and Nyanga uprisings as well as the 16 June 1976 Student Uprising for which our leaders went to jail, resulting in PAC leader, Cde Jeff Masemola, being the longest serving prisoner on Robben Island after having served 26 years behind bars for seeking the destruction of colonialism.
- It was for this reason that on 11 September 1961 the PAC became the first National Liberation Movement to establish an armed wing, originally named Poqo, which means Pure. In 1968, Poqo was renamed the Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA).
- It was because of the bravery of Poqo's armed activities that the settler-colonial regime arrested well over 2000 combatants, sending many to the gallows. In addition, the regime enacted a special law to imprison President Sobukwe indefinitely, the only prisoner ever in South Africa to suffer such callous legislative oppression and brutality.
- Because of the PAC's fearsome bravery, on 8 April 1960 the regime decided to ban the PAC and others, sending the movement underground and into exile to acquire arms of war for the defeat and overthrow the myth of white supremacy, through guerrilla warfare as the principal form of struggle.
- The PAC became the first South African National Liberation Movement to be accorded official recognition by the Organisation of African Unity, which was renamed the African Union in 2002.

- Consequently, the PAC also earned official recognition by the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, International Labour Organisation and others.
- It was because of the sterling advocacy of the PAC's Head of International Relations, Cde David Sibeko, that racist South Africa was expelled from the United Nations.
- As a result of the PAC's diplomatic onslaught, the international community began to rally to the call for economic and cultural sanctions against the regime.
- Undeterred, unbreakable and revolutionary, the PAC continued to work underground to mobilise the oppressed, rallying workers and the youth into active fighting forces against the regime.
- This is how the brave patriot, Cde Steve Bantu Biko, emerged, clandestinely meeting President Sobukwe while under banishment in Kimberly, who provided the inspiration for the birth of Black Consciousness in Azania.
- However much liberal history tries to suppress the truth, posterity will remember the gallant and fearless heroism of APLA fighters as they drove fear into the hearts of the oppressor, leading them to hastily connive in a negotiated settlement that would rob the oppressed of true freedom.
- In 2021, the PAC stands once again on the threshold of a new epoch, determined to rescue the dispossessed once again, this time from the claws of a failed and corrupt State that has brought about unemployment, destitution, hopelessness and economic ruin, consigning the African majority to continued landlessness, poverty and indignity.
- United in its quest to save the Nation, the PAC has a plan.







PAC Pledge of National Public Duty

In presenting this 2021 Local Government Elections Manifesto to the nation, the PAC draws inspiration from the esteemed values that have continued to define our consciousness to this day, dating back to the era of the National Liberation Struggle.

Among these are patriotism, integrity, service, sacrifice, loyalty, excellence and duty.

This is the ethos that PAC representatives, once elected to public office, will uphold with commitment and duty. Our vocation is simple, to be like Sobukwe.

In the culture of the PAC, the betrayal of trust, the deception of the people by their representatives and the appropriation of resources meant for the common good, are acts of treason that have no place in our society.

In voting for the PAC the nation is assured of the highest devotion to duty, integrity and service.

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