

# Our Plan to Change South Africa

Old politics has failed us. It is time to flip the political script and do politics differently!

It is time to put people at the centre of #Power!

#### **Economic CODESA**



By bringing together government, business, labor, and civil society, it provides a platform to tackle issues like unemployment and inequality, fostering consensus and driving effective policies for sustainable economic development. Given the complexity of South Africa's economic landscape, a CODESA approach is essential for forging a shared vision and promoting equitable growth.

### **Indigenous People's Rights**



Develop and enforce legal frameworks and policies that protect these rights, addressing historical injustices and ensuring equitable access to justice, education, healthcare, and other services. Prioritize the rights of the Khoi-San people within the South African context.

### **Just Energy Transition**



Ensure a just energy transition that harmonizes societal benefits, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. This balanced approach prioritizes social equity while promoting economic advancement and environmental preservation.

#### <u>Turning South Africa into a Construction Site</u>

Turning South Africa into a construction site is essential for economic revitalization, job creation, and addressing infrastructure deficiencies. Prioritizing large-scale projects will stimulate various sectors, boost employment, and attract investment, laying the foundation for long-term economic growth and competitiveness.

#### Community Access to the Ocean Economy

Promote equitable community access to the ocean economy, ensuring local communities participate in various economic activities related to the ocean. Support small-scale fisheries by providing access to resources, markets, and technologies. Empower these communities by considering their concerns, traditional knowledge, and livelihood impacts in planning and implementing initiatives. Offer training in sustainable fishing practices, funding for equipment, and assistance in establishing cooperatives or community-based management systems.

Promoting a foreign policy that positions South Africa as a global advocate for the oppressed is crucial. By incorporating a commitment to siding with the oppressed worldwide, the nation can play a proactive role in addressing human rights concerns and fostering social justice on the international stage. This approach aligns with the principles of international law and contributes to regional and global stability. Simultaneously, prioritizing national interests ensures a balanced and sustainable engagement that benefits both South Africa and the broader global community. This nuanced foreign policy approach reflects a commitment to justice, equality, and the well-being of all, reinforcing South Africa's standing as a responsible and compassionate global player.

#### Job Creation and Economic Growth

To drive job creation and economic growth in South Africa, a strategic approach is vital. Emphasizing investments in key sectors like infrastructure, renewable energy, and technology, alongside targeted support for small businesses and entrepreneurship, will stimulate economic activity and generate employment. Prioritizing skills development and education is essential to equip the workforce for emerging industries. Balancing foreign investment attraction with domestic industry support will contribute to a resilient and diversified economy, fostering sustainable job creation and robust economic growth.

Building vibrant communities necessitates a comprehensive approach to health, education, and housing. Policies for universal healthcare coverage ensure accessible services without financial burden, while empowering individuals through education creates better life prospects. Promoting equal opportunities and supporting quality education initiatives are key. Additionally, advocating for affordable housing options, involving both government and the private sector, ensures safe and stable living conditions. This integrated strategy, encompassing healthcare, education, and housing, forms a foundation for thriving communities, fostering healthier, more educated, and secure societies.

## Integrating the Informal Economy into the Mainstream Economy

Develop policies and initiatives recognizing, formalizing, and supporting informal workers and businesses within the informal economy, often referred to as the township economy. Create an enabling environment that encourages and facilitates the transition of informal activities into the formal economy while respecting the unique contributions of the informal sector.

Create inclusive communities that celebrate diversity and provide equal opportunities for all families, irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion, or socioeconomic status. Addressing apartheid legacies, acknowledging historical injustices, and fostering healing and reconciliation among different racial and ethnic groups are critical. Promote environments where individuals feel respected, valued, and included, regardless of their backgrounds or characteristics.

#### Inclusive Approach to Agriculture

Agriculture holds the potential to significantly reshape the South African economic landscape, standing shoulder to shoulder with other crucial sectors. Over the past 30 years, valuable land has been allocated to individuals lacking experience in farming, many of whom did not grow up on farms or study agriculture. Success hinges on a more inclusive approach that connects emerging farmers with larger, commercial operations, providing them training in business planning, finance, budgeting, marketing strategies, and farming methods. It is imperative to organize emerging farmers into cooperatives and involve them in partnerships within the commercial sector. Policy certainty, particularly concerning land security, stands as a prerequisite, along with an increase in public sector funding. These measures will foster growth in the agricultural sector, subsequently expanding the tax base.