

Manifesto Summary

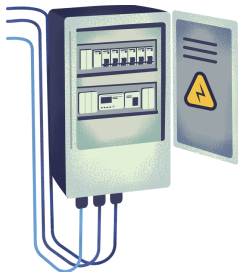
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Electricity



The ACDP will:

- Make far greater use of original equipment manufacturers to oversee maintenance duties at power stations;
- Employ more capable, competent persons, and where necessary, reappoint retired engineers and technical experts;
- Exempt the energy sector from preferential procurement provisions and localisation in order to exclude middlemen which has led to corruption and grossly inflated prices;
- Prioritise high grade coal and clean coal technology for our coal-fired power stations;
- Support increased renewable energy (including wind and solar power) with independent power producers playing a far greater role in generating much needed additional energy;
- Encourage a culture of payment for electricity, particularly in municipalities that owe Eskom billions of rands; and
- Ensure that criminal syndicates and corrupt employees are arrested.



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Employment



The ACDP will:

- Create an enabling environment through infrastructure development, a professional public service, good education and vocational training relevant to global trends and technological advances;
- Focus on the country's competitive advantages, including its mining and natural resources through beneficiation, sophisticated financial and business service sectors, its proximity to fast-growing African markets, high quality universities, productive agricultural sector, growing tourism, and manufacturing and construction sectors;
- Support small businesses by fostering a culture of entrepreneurship through mentoring and start-up funding, skills development and training; • Link business needs and education, and ensure that young people have the relevant skills by funding degrees and diplomas that are needed;
- Increase the number of social workers and community development workers to respond to the need for better welfare services in order to alleviate poverty

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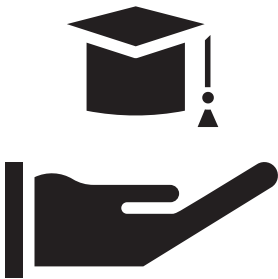
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International Politics



The ACDP will re-establish full diplomatic relations with Israel, move the South African Embassy to Jerusalem, and given the recent horrific terrorist attack on Israel and the broader ongoing conflict, work towards finding lasting peace in the Middle East, while ensuring that Israel's security and right to defend itself is not compromised.

Education



The ACDP will:

- Adopt a world-class education system such as the Cambridge system;
- Consider a constitutional amendment to protect parental rights and prevent ministerial infringement of these rights;
- Re-open and equip training colleges, improve education standards and the salaries of educators, and re-introduce school inspectors;
- Restrict union activities at schools that hinder the effective education of our children, and in certain instances, unfairly influence the appointment and promotion of educators and principals;
- Repeal the 30% pass mark and automatic promotion policies, while addressing the drop-out rate by having smaller classes and enhancing mother tongue education



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Education



- Link business needs and education, and ensure that young people have the relevant skills by funding degrees and diplomas that are needed;
- Focus on trade, apprenticeships and skills schools, especially for learners who drop out of the academic system;
- Protect freedom of religion in schools; and
- Introduce a National Senior Certificate for Adults.

Health



The ACDP will:

- Repeal government's proposed expropriation of private health care through the National Health Insurance legislation and launch a national dialogue on access to universal health care;
- Improve public health facilities and services, and the waiting time for diagnosis, procedures and treatments by increasing the numbers of doctors, nurses and administrative staff and ensuring sufficient stock of medicines and other medical supplies;
- Provide counselling and care for women with unplanned pregnancies;
- Provide counselling and medical support for victims of gender-based violence;



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Health



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- Oppose mandatory Covid-19 (or similar variants) vaccinations, while providing medical and other interventions for patients suffering from Covid-19 vaccine injuries, and easier access to compensation from the Vaccine Injury Fund.

Crime



The ACDP will:

- Establish an independent specialised anti-corruption entity, with prosecutor driven investigations, possibly even a new Chapter 9 anti-corruption institution that is fully resourced and has trained staff with secure tenure of office (similar to the disbanded Scorpions);
- Review the parole system and deny bail for certain categories of crime such as murder, rape, armed robbery and car hijacking;
- Ensure that public officials who are guilty of corrupt conduct are speedily prosecuted, not suspended indefinitely on full pay, and held personally liable to refund the state;
- Encourage ethical behaviour by strengthening whistle-blower protection;

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Crime



- Provide more police stations, forensic laboratories, courts (particularly sexual offences courts equipped for gender-based violence cases) and better trained and equipped personnel to improve investigations and prosecutions;
- Protect our communities and borders by increasing police visibility and conducting more roadblocks;
- Strengthen the South African National Defence Force to protect our borders, conduct humanitarian and peace missions, and when called upon, to assist the police in maintaining law and order.



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