

Manifesto Summary

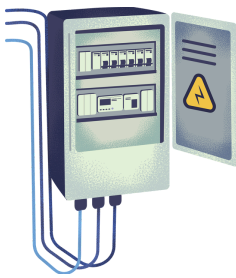
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Electricity



9 Point Plan to end Load-Shedding

1. End cadre deployment at Eskom and ensure that the entity is staffed with highly skilled staff who are appointed based on merit and competency, not political affiliation.
2. Combat crime in the energy system.
3. Shield critical services from load shedding.
4. Decentralise the energy market. Decentralised microgrids are the future of energy, especially for rural communities.
5. Establish a competitive energy market.
6. Harness solar power.
7. Gradually transition to using more renewable energy sources in our energy system to promote environmental sustainability while safeguarding communities reliant on the coal mining industry for survival.
8. Engage with communities affected by the renewable energy transition to ensure that the needs of our people and economy are always prioritised.
9. Enhance skills development by introducing specialised training programmes that focus on building the skills needed to maintain South Africa's energy grid.

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Employment



Roadmap to 4.8 million sustainable jobs created by 2029.

- In 2024, ActionSA will immediately implement priority regulatory reforms that address restrictive labour laws, adopts a strategic infrastructure investment masterplan, and launches a comprehensive plan to address corruption in the public sector. Increased business confidence is expected to lead to a 2% increase in year-on-year jobs created compared to Q4 2023.
- In 2025, ActionSA will pass its first national budget, reprioritising government spending to strategic infrastructure and improved service delivery. The wide-spread capacitation of the state and entrepreneurship support mechanisms is expected to result in another 4% growth in job creation.
- By 2026, the economic impact of regulatory and fiscal reforms, the pace of infrastructure developments and increased business confidence that improves South Africa's trade balance sheet, are expected to result in a 5% growth in year-on-year job creation.
- Job growth should peak in 2027 at 6%, as South Africa reestablishes itself as a leading developing economy, attracting significant FDI that boosts local companies.
- By 2028 and 2029, the economic reforms, infrastructure investments, skills development programmes, industry support mechanisms and improved market access reforms mature, resulting in year-on-year job growth stabilising at approximately 5%.



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- In total, 4.8 million new, sustainable jobs will be added to the South African economy, resulting in a record-low unemployment rate of 17.5%.

Labour Reforms

- Make it easier for employers to hire and dismiss by reforming the Basic Conditions of Employment Act of 1997.
- SMME exemption from labour and financial reporting in their first 2 years of operations.
- Minimum wage reform – calculated based on the upper-bound poverty relative to years of experience.
- Reforming the roles of unions – no more veto rights over economic policy decisions for unions

Insourcing

- Insourcing Core Functions of government departments and government entities to avoid exploitative labour practices.

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Education



QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL

Improving the quality of education though:

1. A single department of education to improve alignment.
2. Removing the undie union influence.
3. Support teachers and allocate more resources to schools by prioritising and amendment of the salary structures for teachers.
4. Ethical Education
5. Improve Reading and Numerical Skills. Ensuring 90% South African Learners will be able to read for meaning by age 10. Along with introducing evidence based teaching methods to improve numeracy skills.

Curriculum Reform

- Review Foundation Phase curriculum to ensure that there is enough focus on language, reading, basic numeracy skills and creative subjects.
- Align curriculum with international trends and technologies, empowering young people to participate in the global economy.
- Introduce a Dual-stream education with vocational stream available after Grade 10, alongside the traditional academic stream.
- Align educational outcomes with the needs of the economy.

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ActionSA's plans to expand student funding:

- An ActionSA-led government will ensure that fully funded bursaries are provided to all South African students who cannot afford their tuition fees. This will be accomplished through ActionSA's Inclusive Economic Empowerment policy, which specifies that 10% of the Opportunity Fund must be allocated towards tertiary education.
- ActionSA will additionally prioritise and increase the tertiary education budget by redirecting funds from state-owned enterprise bailouts and the VIP protection budget towards tertiary education.

Health



ActionSA's plans to fix public healthcare:

- Increase expenditure on frontline healthcare services by reducing the expenditure on healthcare administration to below 10%.
- Appoint more doctors, registrars, fellows, and specialists in the public health system.
- Reduce burnout among healthcare professionals by reviewing the working conditions in public health facilities to identify systematic issues that need to be addressed.
- Increase security measures for clinics, hospitals, and ambulances to protect healthcare professionals and patients from criminality.



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- Ensure that patients receive good medical services by implementing quality assurance standards that focus on dignified patient care.
- Safeguard hospitals and clinics from experiencing load shedding so that healthcare services are not compromised due to power outages.

Crime



Action SA Plan to Tackle Crime

- Implement harsher prison sentences for violent criminals.
- Remove the possibility of parole for those found guilty of multiple rape and murder charges.
- Expand South Africa's police service and increase visible policing in vulnerable communities.
- Mobilise specialised crime units and build specialised criminal courts.
- Invest in independent crime intelligence agencies to increase crime prevention.
- Speed up criminal prosecutions by expanding financial capacitation of the NPA.



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Establish a Chapter 9 Anti-Corruption Institution by:

- Lobbying for the amendment of the Constitution to establish an independent anti-corruption agency.
- Ensuring the institution is specialised in combatting, investigating, and prosecuting corruption.
- Staffing the institution with officials who are adequately trained in combating corruption.
- Setting a clear legislative mandate to ensure the institution's independence from political influence or interference.
- Assigning a fixed percentage of the annual national budget to the institution to ensure it is sufficiently resourced to effectively combat corruption.
- Entrenching security of tenure of office in legislation to allow for the prosecution of corruption without fear or favour.

ActionSA's plans to streamline immigration processes:

- Reform the Department of Home Affairs by addressing corruption and structural deficiencies to ensure improved and efficient enforcement of immigration regulations.
- Modernise the registry of South African citizens and foreign nationals at the Department of Home Affairs.



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- Expand tourism by broadening the list of countries that can enter South Africa for tourism without visas and extend the amount of time that tourists may remain in South Africa.
- Simplify visa applications by introducing e-visas for tourists.
- Implement e-governance processes that allow citizens and immigrants to do their business online.
- Improve deportation processes related to foreign nationals found guilty of committing crimes in South Africa, as well as undocumented foreign nationals who fail to prove that they have a legitimate claim to residency or asylum.



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