Manifesto Summary



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Electricity



- Eskom's monopolistic practices in the electricity distribution and supply, will be discarded.
- Ensure that all stakeholders in the energy industry have maximum possible access to the grid and in this respect an Electricity Regulator shall have an important role to play.
- Propose a public/private partnership model for the privatisation of Eskom where the government holds a 51% stake in the entity for the people of South Africa.
- Renewable energy resources should be a greater component in the energy mix of South Africa

Employment



- Promote domestic and foreign connections to adequately address both the supply and demand side of the economy.
- Identify loan and capital sources, as well as facilitating loans and investments in community businesses.
- Invest in sector-based planning and implementation, create sector specific banks to provide financial assistance to historically disadvantaged groups and individuals.



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Employment



- Launching a massive enterprise focussing on job creation through infrastructure maintenance and development.
- In the labour market, protecting South Africans, in policy and law, from unfair competition from illegal and undocumented immigrants and deal with the exploitation of illegal immigrants in the private sector.
- Reintroduce government programmes (maintenance units) that employ and train the unemployed as artisans

International Politics



- Make sure that our foreign policy strikes a balance between international commitments and national interests.
- Table all international conventions in parliament before they are ratified.
- Retain the moral high ground in international conflict resolution scenarios without taking sides.
- Advance the African initiatives and programmes introduced by Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki and, in particular, efforts to ensure peace and stability on the continent
- In terms of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), promote the intensification of infrastructure development so that trade and goods may flow more freely.









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Education



- Concentrate on building, fixing and upgrading of school infrastructure.
- Eradication of mud schools and pit latrines.
- Cease the incessant chopping and changing of the curriculum.
- Establish a savings accounts system for parents of children who attend no fee schools, where the state and private sector (especially big corporations) pay a monthly fee into an account for each child's tertiary education.
- · Ensure that all institutions of higher learning are geared to produce graduates that are equipped with balanced jobrelated and life-skills to enter the job-market and the greater society.
- · Seek to review the current SETA system to ensure that the intended consequences of the Skills Development Act are realised.

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Health



- UDM will commit itself to healthcare that is linked to other social cluster portfolios.
- Investigate mechanisms to regulate and monitor traditional healing and healers to ensure that exploitation does not occur.
- Recognising that substance abuse plays a major role in violence, ensure that the Department of Health is part of an integrated response to alcohol and drug abuse, death and social disruption in South Africa.

Crime



- Review legislation in terms of the bail and sentencing of GBVFrelated crimes.
- Dedicate more resources (staff, training and money) to the South African Police Services so as to ensure the implementation of the existing and new legislation.







