



NEC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BULLETIN

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FOREWORD

Organisation building is the foundation for success



The National Executive Committee, having assessed the success of the NGC, reaffirmed that organisation building is the foundation for the success of our movement. This task was seen in its broadest sense. The first part of organisation building was identified as the renewal of the core values of our movement. The President went into details in his political overview regarding this part of organisational building. The second part is that of an aggressive recruitment campaign, and thus building the membership base of the African National Congress. In the process, the humble target of 1million members by January 2012 will be achieved. It is within the context of organization building that unity and cohesion can be maximized. It is when comrades work together, and share trenches in bettering the lives of our people, that trust can grow.

The NEC and PECs of the ANC were urged by the National General Council to engage the structures of the movement at all levels, with the intention of maximizing the political awareness and ideological consciousness of our members. The report back sessions on the NGC by NEC members, in all the 53 regions of the ANC, must be seen as part of the process of making the NGC the biggest political school. The more cadres of the movement we touch and engage the more the message will spread among the members of the ANC. The NEC expressed concern on the number of NEC members who fail to honour their deployment. This is sending a confusing message that doing mass political work is optional. The situation will be analysed further after the two other weekends of report backs.

The 99th anniversary celebrations to be held in Limpopo's Peter Mokaba Stadium on the 8th January 2011, will also be used as an opportunity to mobilize our people. There is a reasonable expectation that NEC members will spend the week starting on 03 January in the rural districts and villages of Limpopo, mobilizing our people for celebrations and for the local government elections.

The NEC accepted that the year 2011 be declared the year for economic transformation. The focus will be on interventions that help the economy grow and more jobs created. It is within this context that the Economic Growth Path as unveiled by our government should be discussed and implemented. We are hoping that we are

not going to spend all the time fighting over concepts and whether the research on models of state ownership in the mining industry is academic or not. We must get going and table a concrete proposal to both the policy conference and National conference in 2012.

With all these challenges we must not forget that there are local government elections in 2011. The programme of work has been adopted by the NEC, the nomination and list guidelines have been circulated to all our structures. The 52nd National Conference instructed all ANC structures to test the acceptability of our candidates in the fourth coming local government elections, this directive should be implemented without delay. As it will be our first experience to test the acceptability of our candidates in community meetings, we must be extra careful and ensure that the process does not get manipulated in the proposed community meetings. The biggest challenge is ensuring that our candidates are acceptable to the communities they are going to serve. The Local Government Summit scheduled for 02-04 December 2010 has as its task refinement of our approach and a programme for the imminent local government elections.

Let me also take this opportunity to wish you a merry and joyous festive season. Observe all safety rules so that we can enjoy many more years together. We are hoping to see you in Limpopo, Polokwane, at the Peter Mokaba Stadium, on the 08th January 2011.

Enjoy reading the decisions of the NEC and make them accessible to as many members of the ANC as possible.

The National Executive Committee held its first meeting after the successful National General Council, held in Durban, from the 20 - 24 September 2010. This was the last ordinary NEC meeting for the year.



WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE

Political Overview

by ANC President Jacob G. Zuma

Comrades,
We are holding our first NEC meeting since the successful third National General Council.

The NGC was the most significant gathering of the ANC since the Polokwane National Conference, which is why we called it a political school. We acknowledge the work of the NEC and all our structures in ensuring that the NGC became the success it was.

■ ORGANISATION BUILDING

The NGC provided clear directives on what we should do to ensure that by January 8, 2012 when this glorious movement turns 100 years old, it becomes the ANC of its founding fathers.

The NGC underscored the need to renew the core values and principles of our movement. These include unity, selflessness, sacrifice, collective leadership, humility, honesty, discipline, hard work, internal debates, constructive criticism and self-criticism and mutual respect.

It re-affirmed the six pillars of transformation in which the ANC must intensify its work and lead the country – the state, the economy, organisational work, ideological struggle, and international work.

As per the NGC directive, the NEC has already begun its work of reporting back to ANC branches and membership about the outcomes of the NGC. In line with this, we have dedicated the month of November for such report backs and also organised feedback sessions for our branches. The twenty-three teams of NEC members must participate in visiting the 53 regions of the ANC to carry out this directive.

As we speak to our membership, we should emphasise that the defining feature of the NGC was the need to eradicate all the negative tendencies that are hammering the integrity of the organisation.

Discipline, combined with loyalty and respect for the organisation, have always been the cornerstones of the ANC. They gave us the tenacity to fight the most difficult struggle against the most powerful enemy in the continent. Once the organisation had spoken on any issue, no one would move in the opposite direction. The depth of discipline enabled many cadres of this movement to brave arrests and be ready to face even death, rather than reveal the secrets of the organisation or sow divisions and confusion in the movement.

I am reiterating this point because there are problems in some ANC regions around the country. It is unacceptable that we still have members who still decide to be disruptive when the democratic decisions of the organisation go against them, as has happened in some provinces recently. This means that there are people who think that they are bigger than the organisation, and that they are indispensable. They do not care even if

the organisation collapses as long as their own interests and ambitions are achieved.

We must act on the NGC directive to root out such tendencies and take strong measures against those who behave as if the ANC is their personal fiefdom. We do not want to be seen as an organisation whose leadership cannot control its own members.

We also reiterate the need to maintain the decorum of the organisation, which includes avoiding public spats. Some comrades still continue with this behaviour and justify their actions in various ways. There can be no valid reason for such behaviour.

The ANC has a key responsibility of being the leader of the Alliance, the mass democratic movement and of the country as a whole. The understanding of that responsibility must inform our behaviour, including how we respond to people who criticise or attack us in public. You cannot lead people by responding and shouting back at them each time they attack you. Our response as the ANC must be more constructive and forward looking, especially when dealing with Alliance components.

We have gone through a difficult period with Cosatu during the recent public sector strike. We witnessed behaviour that was not in line with normal protests in a democratic society. You will recall that the NEC resolved recently to undertake an analysis of the labour movement in South Africa in general, and especially of Cosatu and its affiliates. We must implement that decision without much delay. We must also, during that exercise, carefully analyse the strike and what it means for the ANC and the country as a whole. We may need to call a special NEC meeting early next year to undertake this critical task. If we do not do so, we will find ourselves engaged in a perpetual war with the trade union movement, instead of dealing with any fundamental misconceptions that we need to rectify amongst ourselves.

The NGC assigned us to take forward the serious work of building the organisation, growing the membership and improving the quality of that membership through political education.

We were also reminded of the centrality of the branches, and of the importance of grassroots activism in ensuring that the organisational renewal succeeds.

Therefore we should take forward the implementation of decisions such as the establishment of branch offices and improving our research capacity.

Most importantly, we agreed that every branch should have a standing monthly political education programme and a set of campaigns that address issues affecting local communities.

Campaigns and organisational work are the lifeblood of the ANC. These are not activities we engage in during elections only.

In the next few days, the campaign of 16 days of activism of no violence against women and children will be launched. ANC branches and all structures need to participate in this popular campaign. The

ANC has to lead the struggle for the protection of women and children and the eradication of gender-based violence.

There are many other campaigns related to the five priorities that we should be championing.

The organisational work must seamlessly flow into the local government elections next year. That is why the *imvuselelo* campaign remains a key instrument of political education and of building the organisation.

We still have some way to go in this ongoing campaign, leading to the election campaign and beyond.

■ LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

On January 8 next year, we will be just 12 months away from celebrating the centenary of the oldest and most glorious liberation movement on the continent.

We have to ensure that when we celebrate that Centenary, the ANC is also an undisputed leader of our people in all spheres of government including in local government. This means that all our efforts and energies must be focused on ensuring that the upcoming Local Government Elections taking place next year, in 2011, would be won convincingly and decisively by the ANC.

We are pleased with the work that is already underway in many provinces of establishing local government election structures. Our election campaign has begun, and we are already armed with information gained from our research teams.

It is clear that we have to do a lot of work to build the confidence of our people in local government, the councillors, municipal officials and the system as a whole.

We have to work harder to show that there are many fully functional municipalities; that we will listen and work with our people to solve any problems that exist in municipalities, and that they should work with the ANC to find solutions.

Some people are frustrated with local government, but the majority still has faith in the ANC, in that the organization will solve whatever problems exist.

We also need to deal with the perceptions of a corrupt government, which is run by self-centred leaders who are looking after themselves only. The perception created is that the whole of local government is corrupt, but that is not true. Many of our comrades are not corrupt, and are working very hard. We cannot stigmatise the majority because of the actions of a small minority. It is therefore important for the ANC to be outspoken in the fight against corruption and the promotion of clean governance.

We need to highlight many of the successes of local government, as we approach the elections. This means we must perfect the art of communicating our successes.

Further work on fighting corruption includes the establishment of the ANC's Integrity Committee. The NEC was directed to urgently develop guidelines for the Integrity Committee so that it can start functioning. As the NEC we must support the committee and ensure that NEC members never have to be called to order by this committee!

We need to be continuously mindful of the fact that membership of the NEC is a privilege, and that it is one of the single most important achievements of any member of the ANC.

The membership of the NEC has always been highly regarded by those who fully understand what it means to be a member of this highest decision making structure of the organisation. Certainly, it is no small matter.

To be elected as a member of the NEC by the delegates who

represent the membership of our organisation in a properly and constitutionally constituted conference, means among others, that you are being recognised as a comrade who has reached a level of political maturity. It means the membership recognises that one is advanced enough politically to be a part of the leadership collective of this historic movement. In other words, the movement has put its trust and confidence in all members of the NEC.

In the next two years we must continue working tirelessly towards meeting the objectives of the 52nd National Conference, and to implement the NGC resolutions. In that way, we will not fail the trust of the membership.

■ GOVERNANCE AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION

With regards to governance, the NGC reviewed in detail, the policies adopted at Polokwane, including the five priorities we identified in our 2009 manifesto as areas of focus.

We are making progress in the priority areas. *On education*, the ANC developed a 10-point plan, which was adopted by the ANC government and is being implemented.

On health, we also have a 10-point plan and visible progress is also being made in the implementation of ANC policies. The NGC produced extensive proposals on taking this work forward.

The same applies to the *fight against crime*, where visible work is ongoing throughout the country.

On rural development, some key planning has been done and now we should move quicker to a visible implementation phase.

We are doing well and need to action the decision to monitor our performance. We have had a good start through the decision to provide quarterly reports to ANC Headquarters on health performance. These will include reports on the appropriate appointment of Heads of Departments, Chief Financial Officers, hospital chief executives, as well as district and clinic managers, with relevant competency and qualifications. There will also be reports on the financial expenditure patterns of provincial health departments.

This will enable the ANC to actively monitor progress in this priority area and not rely on government monitoring mechanisms only.

In fact I am more than convinced that as the ANC we need to urgently establish the performance and monitoring structure for us to ensure effective and clear results in the work that the movement does. This will also help us identify effective cadres in the organisation who would then be deployed to do political and government tasks.

We must successfully claim the highly contested public communication space and inform the public of the work that is being done by the ANC and its government.

Going forward, our January 8 statement and the *makgotla* next year should help us to consolidate the gains, and to turn the NGC resolutions into an implementable action plan.

In particular, for 2011, our collective energy must go into the fifth priority, *job creation through meaningful economic transformation*. The ANC *lekgotla*, followed by the government one, should produce an implementation plan for the country's economic new growth path, which was tabled and adopted in Cabinet recently.

Research indicates that our economy has the potential to create employment on the necessary and needed scale. There are opportunities in various sectors such as infrastructure development, mining, agriculture, tourism, the services, the green and knowledge-based sectors; rural development, infrastructure development projects in the continent, as well as through the social economy and the public sector.

Most importantly, the January ANC lekgotla must help us answer critical questions: How flexible are we going to be, if at all, with regards to the definition of decent work? Are we saying those who are not skilled must not work? What must we do with jobs in the informal economy or casual work, as many families depend on such jobs?

There are issues we need to engage social partners on extensively, especially labour. How do we train our people fast enough to be able to promote the concept of decent work for all? What are we saying about new entrants into the labour market? Do we open opportunities for young graduates to be absorbed by the labour market through certain mechanisms or do we let them fight for space with the rest in the competitive job market? We know that companies demand experience, and with no experience there are no jobs for many of our youth. How do we create income-generating opportunities in rural areas and create thriving rural economies?

How does the ANC respond to the changing landscape in the political economy, for example the shift of economic dynamism and growth from the old developed economies to the new developing economies? For example, China is now the biggest exporter and importer and is rapidly expanding not only its industrial base, but also its domestic market, infrastructure and innovation.

We also have to take into cognisance the importance of the African continent to South Africa's economic future. The continent is a market of one billion consumers but also an enormous source of raw materials. We need to have extensive discussions and take very specific decisions.

We will expect action plans throughout government on how each department or entity should and will create an environment that is conducive for the creation of jobs.

Through strengthening our social partnerships, the private sector will also need to follow suit and innovatively focus on job creation instead of job shedding at the slightest sight of risk.

Social protection has been a fundamental feature of the ANC government, which has made us a caring government.

While promoting community development and self-reliance, we also need to continue with our comprehensive social security system, as many vulnerable families depend on these programmes for survival.

The year 2011 should be the year of true economic transformation and the year in which we move forward convincingly towards the creation of jobs and other economic and income-generating opportunities for all our people

■ INTERNATIONAL WORK

On international work, we arrived back this morning from the G20 Summit in South Korea. For us the achievement of the G20 is that we have finally placed development on the agenda of this forum.

We have been entrusted with a significant responsibility and will work tirelessly to ensure that the development agenda of the G20 helps to close the development gap between the rich and the poor, both within individual countries and between nations. In this regard, South Africa co-chaired the Development Working Group of the G20 with South Korea. Next year, we will co-chair with South Korea and France, the incoming chair of the G20.

The Working Group has identified a set of key interventions that will help to improve the economic growth of developing countries in the long run.

We made progress, but have not reached a stage where global growth and development goals surpass the national interests of the various member nations.

We will continue working to ensure gains for Africa and the developing world. Comrades should note as well that South Africa chairs the infrastructure development subcommittee of NEPAD, and that we have the responsibility of championing the North-South development corridor. The ANC should ensure that our work is in line with political objectives in the continent.

A key development next month is the hosting of the World Youth Festival, from 13 – 23 December 2010, with the expected participation of scores of young people from more than 160 countries.

The ANC Youth League is participating actively in the organisation and hosting of this conference together with other formations. All possible support should be provided to make the festival a success that will bring partnerships that will help us take forward our youth development agenda in the country.

■ CONCLUSION

It has been a busy and very fruitful year with regards to the work of the organisation.

As we said in the NGC, we can say that the ANC is more united and more focused now than it was two years ago.

As we prepare to go for the festive season break, we must be proud of ourselves and proud of the contributions we have made over the past year.



MAMBERTHA NONKUMBI GXOWA WE SALUTE YOU, FREEDOM FIGHTER!

- You were a loyal, dedicated, selfless, disciplined member, leader and veteran of our glorious movement.
- You fought for the freedom of all our people.
- You fought for the freedom of all workers.
- You were a dedicated mother and you fought for the freedom of all women.
- You walked with God all the way.
- You were a dedicated, disciplined servant of our people to the end.

LALA NGOXOLO. QHAWE LAMA QHAWE.

LONG LIVE THE UNDYING SPIRIT OF MAMA BERTHA NONKUMBI GXOWA!



WAY FORWARD

Decisions of the NEC

■ ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL COUNCIL (NGC)

The NEC unanimously agreed that the NGC was a resounding success and an important turning point in the life of the organisation in that,

- It cemented unity and cohesion since Polokwane,
- It honestly and critically reviewed programmes and progress made both in the movement and in government.
- It made decisions on how to strengthen some areas and improve in others.
- It reaffirmed the core values of our movement, such as unity, selflessness, sacrifice, collective leadership, humility, honesty, discipline, hard work, internal constructive debate, criticism and self-criticism and mutual respect.

The NEC recognised that there was a high level of debate at the NGC, which confirmed the view of it being the biggest political school. In this context, the NEC decided that:

- As with the pre-NGC engagements at RGCs and PGCs, the NEC should conduct report backs in all the provinces. It emphasised the importance of NEC members honouring their deployments.

The NEC further decided that:

- Restoring the revolutionary culture, core values and principles of the ANC, including being firm on discipline by acting against anyone who deviates from expected and acceptable conduct
- To continue improving logistic and administrative areas at national events,
 - There should always be a pre-registration process
 - Process and procedures should be standardised
- Commend the KZN province for organising and hosting a great event

■ JANUARY 8TH 2011

- The 99th anniversary celebrations on January 8th 2011 will be held in Limpopo at the Peter Mokaba stadium
- The theme for 2011 is:

Together Consolidating People's Power for a National Democratic Society - Towards 100 years of selfless people's struggle

■ ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

The NEC welcomes the official launch of the Bus Rapid Transit

- The NEC noted that one of the key messages coming out of the NGC was the need to transform the economy and ensure full participation of all our people. This would require serious and concerted interventions by the state on all fronts. Therefore,
 - The President's call for 2011 as the year of economic

transformation should be supported.

- Considerations on economic growth should involve thinking innovatively and expansively.
- The challenge of low wages against a backdrop of joblessness should be addressed and the notion of "decent work" should be defined. We also need to look at the matter of sectoral determination and how it affects wages of workers.
- Since the youth are the most affected by unemployment, state intervention should be considered in this regard.
- We should assess unemployment vis-à-vis the presence of legal and illegal immigrants.
- We should begin to implement things to turn the situation around in the farming and agriculture sector in order to transform the lives of the rural masses.
- The New Growth Path adopted by Cabinet should be further and exhaustively debated in the coming NEC.
- Economic transformation should not be equated to BEE, in as much as the latter should not always be viewed negatively – i.e. corrupt. The objective of BEE should remain the changing of patterns of ownership.
- *Research on the Nationalisation of Mines*
 - The NEC has resolved to implement the decision of the NGC regarding the role of the state in mining as follows:
 1. To appoint an independent team comprised of two senior researchers and a project manager to carry out the investigation, which would include visiting identified countries, over the 12 months of 2011
 2. The NEC subcommittee on Economic Transformation (ETC) would:
 - a) Develop the terms of reference for the research.
 - b) Establish a Reference Group to oversee the research and appraise the ETC.
 - c) Give a full and detailed report to the NEC at the end of 2011, in preparation for the policy conference in 2012.

■ DEPLOYMENT OF THE DSG TO THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

The NEC, following an extensive debate which took into account the gravity of the matter both in terms of deploying such a senior official – thereby having implications for the HQ – and also the dire needs of the organisation in the North West province resolved:

- That the DSG be deployed to the NW as the Premier of the province, and this is a good political decision within the said context.
- That the Officials should engage further on the pros and cons, including other potential implications, and appraise the next NEC where the outstanding issues would be finalised.

■ ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

The NEC, regarding organisational matters, decided as follows:
Economy

That 2011 has been declared the year for economic transformation. The challenge of low wages against a backdrop of joblessness is something that we would need to address. Defining “decent work”.

The youth are the most affected by the lack of jobs. We need to look at state intervention in this regard.

The absence of jobs is negatively impacted upon by the presence of legal and illegal immigrants.

Need to discuss the New Growth Path as adopted by Cabinet.

As we think of economic growth we should think innovatively and expansive.

■ NEC SUBCOMMITTEES

- That the Organisation and Campaigns subcommittee should be assigned a dedicated comrade who will work full-time and take some pressure off the Chairperson who is now a minister.
- That the Organising and Campaigns subcommittee reports and is accountable to the SGO and should act in accordance to this principle.
- The Gender subcommittee would need to pay attention to NGC decisions and the issues emerging from the Gender Commission.
- The Gender and the DFI/SoE subcommittees will be constituted early next year, after the realignment of all the other subcommittees, and would be presented to the NEC by the SGO.

■ DISCIPLINE

- Following the directive of the NGC, the President's recurrent pronouncements, on establishing decorum resonant with ANC conduct and values, the ANC must move beyond statements and act. Therefore, discipline must be enforced without waiting until things are in disarray.
- On the storming of the stage, the NEC accepted the general apology offered at the NGC and decided to take a holistic and political approach to the matter, without presenting anyone to the DC.

■ MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- Endorsed the quarterly reports on health, which will be presented to the SGO by the relevant governance structures and further recommended that these quarterly reports should extend to the other four priority areas.
- That the SGO should establish a monitoring and evaluation system, with appropriate skill and expertise, in order to track the decisions of the organisation.

■ DECLARATION OF INTEREST POLICY

- The key issue is to encourage ethical behaviour and conduct among all members.
- The NEC sub-committee tasked with work on this policy should,
 - Pay special attention on how to ensure accountability for ANC members outside of government
 - Develop guidelines on integrity as recommended by the NGC

- Report back to the NEC

■ PROVINCES

- Branches and Campaigns
 - We need to take immediate and practical steps about correcting problems and not wait for external intervention.
 - We must elect leaders who can work.
 - Branches should be close to the people and take up campaigns on the issues confronting communities.
 - The campaign on the 16 Days of Activism Against Violence on Women and Children should be supported by all ANC structures.
- Organising Unit and Provincial Structures
 - Presently, the manner in which the Organising Unit relates to and operates in provinces sharpens contradictions as it seen as undermining structures. Therefore, the Organising Unit should at all times communicate and consult with the PEC/PTT of provinces, when dealing with whatever structure of the organisation in any given province.
- Eastern Cape
 - The engagement with the province should be encouraged and the present consultation process should be allowed to take its course and report back when it has completed its mandate.
 - As complaints come to the HQ the national leadership will continue seeking means of finding resolutions to the problems, real or perceived.
 - The NEC employees in the province must and will be fully utilised.
- Western Cape
 - The province must proceed towards ensuring holding a provincial conference in December, as the current situation shows that over 70% of the branches are in good standing.
 - The process of organisation building should be prioritised so as to ensure some of the regions are presently struggling would make the provincial conference.
 - The NEC employees in the province must be fully utilised.
- North West
 - The province would be ready to hold the provincial conference in December as scheduled.
 - The province would continue to be supported.

■ CENTENARY

- Noted the report of the Centenary Task Team and agreed to the establishment of the Heritage 2012 Institute Task Team.

■ INTERNATIONAL WORK

- Noted the President's report on the G20 and that South Africa will be co-chair the working group on development.
- Proposed that the ETC should develop an analysis on how the printing of US \$600 billion would impact on small and developing economies. This act signals currency wars and South Africa should assess the response of other countries and also develop its approach to protect itself.
- South Africa should
 - Take advantage of its current status in the international arena.

- Develop ways of how to use its membership of the UN Security Council effectively.
- Develop a clearer role on the Sudan question considering the current activities in relation to that country, but also how the AU should engage.
- Condemn the massacre in Western Sahara.
- Pay greater attention to the African agenda.
- *Develop a regional approach to the matter of immigrants,*
 - Ensure the item is placed on the agenda of the SADC and other bodies such as ECOWAS.
 - Ensure we implement international rules.
 - Need to understand and analyse the causes for the present ranking of SA in UN's HDI.
- *On visits to Mozambique and Australia*
 - The ANC should continue to strengthen relations and exchange experiences with sister organisations on the African continent and in other continents. Therefore follow up on proposals regarding FRELIMO and outcomes of the Australia visit.
- *On ANC relations with China*
 - Should begin to develop a comprehensive approach to the interaction with China.
 - We should appreciate the agreement between our parties and the visits open a window into how a party that has power and control leads and transforms society.
 - Based on the lessons learnt through the China visits, there should be a clear plan on how to implement some of the positive elements.
 - Given that the visits were meant to be an exchange between our parties, the ANC should invite the CPC.
- *International Youth Festival in December*
 - The festival will be hosted at the Tshwane University of Technology and activities will take place in the Pretoria precinct.
 - The festival must be fully supported.
 - Mechanisms should be looked at on how some of the ANC stalwarts, e.g. Ahmed Kathrada, who were the first to take part in this festival could be recognised.

■ THE ALLIANCE

- Reasserted the leadership of the ANC and, consequently, its duty and responsibility to strengthen all the components of the Alliance.
- That a proper report on how the Alliance and Alliance Secretariat are functioning is presented, in order to empower comrades not involved in the structure.
- Noted that the relations with COSATU have been soured in recent times, especially in the course and aftermath of the public sector strike. Therefore, it would be critical that the ANC engages the Federation at its leadership level, its individual affiliates and members of the trade union movement. These interactions should be taken seriously and should be structured, with the aim of developing a knowledge of the trade union movement, discussing matters of concern to the trade union movement – e.g. growing inequality in society, minimum service agreement, rules and procedures during strikes.
- The NWC does a detailed analysis of the recent public sector strike and present a comprehensive report to the next NEC.

■ HEGEMONY IN SOCIETY

- Noting that:
 - When the ANC creates a vacuum between itself and the civil society, others will cease the opportunity.
 - At present the problem is that the ANC is inward looking.
 - We are beginning to lose the ideological space. Since Polokwane there is a concerted liberal strategy to weaken the majority, the ANC in particular. There is a shift from political party approach to engaging civil society.
- Therefore, the ANC should:
 - Follow up the work done in the election campaign to reconnect with the civil society, MDM and other progressive formations.
 - Review and reconnect with the work of African Renaissance and engage with academic institutions.
 - Reconnect with the understanding of African nationalism as espoused by the ANC from inception.
 - Have a deeper examination of where we are and how we should confront the issues emerging.

■ LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- We need a comprehensive, massive and first class school of government to train civil servants and develop skills for today and tomorrow, while ensuring the proper ethos and sound ideological base.
- A consideration should be made for the redeployment of our best cadres to the Local Government, even where such individuals were ministers.
- There is need for strengthening our human resource capacity in the municipalities in order to ensure service delivery. Consideration should be made to sending in teams to assist with implementation without “punishing” municipalities for not spending their budgets.
- There will be a Local Government Summit in December 2010
- Regarding the LG elections:
 - Where our structures have been disbanded we should ensure that fully-fledged structures are in place before the LG elections.
 - Gender balance must not suffer as mayors and personnel in executive structures of municipalities are changed.
 - We should improve our communication and confront the generalisation that all our councillors are corrupt and not doing their work.

CLOSING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT ZUMA

The year 2011 is the year of true economic transformation

The NGC reminded us of our pillars of struggle which we should take into account as we move forward.

We have reasserted the leadership of the ANC in society and therefore nothing should escape us. When a situation of vacuum happens it suggests we are not doing our work. Reports sent to the HQ should not only speak to the organisation but to the province. We need to master that art of managing the ANC and government.

The ANC has always led the country on matters of gender and should continue in this regard. This is not only a responsibility of the ANCWL and women comrades. The ANCWL should be supported in all its activities and the 16 days against violence of women and children should be supported by the whole of the movement. We should publicly confront the problem of decaying moral values.

Economic transformation and decent jobs is stated in the Polokwane resolutions and in our Manifesto as a priority. The value of our currency should not deviate us from this focus of our organisation. The NEC debate raised certain issues, e.g. ownership and management of the economy, infrastructure development – road, rail, etc. We must also look at the role the DFIs. These should be taken into account in the Growth Path.

The government employees made inputs at the ETC in March and August 2010. The proposals were used to prepare for the NGC.

The final text was not presented to the ETC because the document was classified at the time. The deputy chair of the ETC was given a written text and on this basis made a presentation to Commission 5. BEE is our policy and having recognised some of its weaknesses we reasserted the terminology of broad-based after the report of the BEE Council.

The issues of local government need to be addressed, e.g. municipalities without sufficient resource base. Why should these be allowed to continue? The need for the establishment of a performance management system in the movement is critical.

We thank you for your consideration of the matter of the Premiership of the North West, particularly in reference to the DSG. The NEC engaged and carried itself well in this regard.

The coming year is going to be demanding, also with the LG elections looming. The Western Cape is going to be a big challenge.

The ANC calls on all its Branches, Regions and Provincial Structures to engage on and support the activities of 16 Days of Activism against Women and Child Abuse held throughout the country.



Don't look away, act against abuse

MESSAGE FROM THE NEC

The NEC of the ANC wishes all South Africans, ANC members and supporters, a well deserved rest during this festive season.

Remember to always keep safe on the roads and in your personal lives.

Don't Drink and Drive.

Make 2011 a year of prosperity by securing a victory for our glorious movement the ANC in the 2011 Local Government Elections.

Together We Can Do More