

08th CONGRESS DECLARATION AT TUT (EMALAHLENI) 05 -07 April 2013

We the 460 delegates consisting of Communist Party members, our alliance partners and guests gathered in Tshwane University of Technology (eMalahleni Campus), under the theme: 'Advance and deepen working class power and hegemony in all key sites of the struggle.' We hereby reaffirm the South African Communist party will as the vanguard of the working class and the poor by struggling to ensure that all key sites of power are hegemonized. We will strive towards realising this objective through ensuring that the leadership of the working class is always central to the central to the struggles for NDR.

The centrality of our branches and district is paramount to the quantitative and qualitative growth of the party particularly in the establishment of active VD based branches. Equally, we will be actively involved in all organs of people's power such as CPF, SGB and health committees.

We further reaffirm the NDR as our minimum program of which we take responsibility of defending and advancing in order to ensure that it becomes a direct route to socialism.

We commit to contributing on the building capacity of all our structures, including the financial capacity that is key to the sustainability of the Communist Party and its programmes.

We agree to fight the hostility of the neo-liberal media that is hell bend on trying to divide and undermine the unity of our revolutionary alliance and their continued attacked on the leadership of our movement to cast aspersions on their dignity and standing in society and on our movement as a whole and undermine our revolution.

We further noted the deafening silence by the media on the withdrawal of Bomber Ntshangase and Cde Jimmy Mohlala's case. We are deeply concerned that all corruption related cases and killings in the province seem to suffer the similar faith and perpetually go unpunished. We are therefore going to mobilise the broader membership of the SACP, the alliance and the broad MDM forces towards intensify and broaden our campaign against crime and corruption. We call on government, especially the criminal and justice cluster to look at this phenomenon that is rife in Mpumalanga, as matter of urgency before people lose confidence on our criminal justice system. We equally, call

on our structures to mobilise society in the fight against crime and corruption in general and to make our communities free of criminals.

Patriarchy is still a major concern in our society as it continues manifest in various forms such as rapes, abuse of women and undermining of women capacity to occupy positions of responsibility in our transformation agenda. We also fill that the current Traditional Bill that is currently in circulation, seeks to entrench patriarchy and reverse the gains achieved through our bill of right and condemn particularly rural women to the wimps of backward and outdated system of feudalism. We have therefore, as congress resolve to establish a gender desk as part of the institutionalising gender equality struggles and advancing non-sexist programme which we believe is necessary in the battle against entrenched patriarchal tendencies and mindset in society and within our revolutionary alliance movement.

We have noted with concern the high level of HIV/AIDS infections and the growing new infections in Gert Sibande and committed to mount a campaign on and against this epidemic which has the capacity to undermine the life expectancy in our province and reverse the gains we had in the past decade in the fight against the dreaded disease. We call on all progressive structures and our community to join hands in supporting government's initiatives and, to join us in this mother of campaign towards educating the whole of society and in particular the youth on this scourge. We are also committing to popularising and participating in the male circumcision campaign.

Rural development, land and agrarian reform is critical in the transformation agenda, especially in the centenary of the land act of 1913. We have resolved to intensify our campaign on land and agrarian reform. We call for the link of rural development with development of light industries and resuscitation of communal agriculture with the focus on Co-operatives as the main driving force for such development initiative as it constitute the most relevant tool to bring about massification of economic benefits through job creation.

We noted counter revolutionary action by various companies representing the voracious fight big capital against our democratic dispensation. These includes mining houses and some financial institutions that sponsors agents of reaction as a collective effort of big capital to undermine the collective right of trade unions in particular the NUM and therefore seeking to undermine the gains made by the progressive movement in labour relations and the conditions of employment for our workers. We believe that these attempts seek to

undermine collective bargaining and turn into chaos the work place and render meaningless the gains by our workers and movement over the years, including the progressive work of the collective bargaining mechanism established through the labour relations act.

We are also concern about the ongoing undermining of the world peace and order through undermining of countries' sovereignties in the form of wars of destabilisations and peddling of conflicts that lead to civil wars by imperialists. We thus condemn these acts with the contempt they deserve. We specifically, call on United States of America to desist on imposing their imperialist agenda on the international community to force the North Korea Republic (DPRK) to abandon their social system through their criminal sanctions and continued abuse of United Nations to pursue their petty national interest.

The DPRK should be allowed to pursue its own path of development including the use of nuclear power for peaceful and development purposes. Congress calls for the exploration of all attempts to find a peaceful solution to the crisis affecting the Korean peninsula, mainly spearheaded by the USA and imperialist agenda for geostrategic positioning in north East Asia. We also call for the unconditional withdrawal of the USA army and its bases from South Korea as the first step towards building peace in the Korean peninsula.

Congress also call on the government to cut ties with the autocratic Tinkundla regime and support the democratisation of Swaziland as part of the development of the SADC regime and ending of undemocratic regimes that are less concerned with the development of the people of the region. We support the Swaziland liberation forces of PUDEMO and CPS and the youth and student structures. We also pledge to actively participate in the April 12, 2013 activities marking the 40th anniversary of the oppressive state of emergency imposed by King Sobhuza II in 1973. Congress agrees to mobilise the entire democratic forces for this and other solidarity actions with the people of Swaziland.

Special salute and a message of solidarity is conveyed to the families of heroes and gallant fighters who perished in the CAR (Central African Republic) whilst battling with bandits who continues to reduce our continent into a banana continent. This was heroic act by the soldiers, contrary to those who continue to label it a humiliation. We further call on the opposition party to desist from belittling the memories of these gallant fighters for petty political gains. Support our government programme for a better Africa and for striving towards peace and stability on the continent.

We commit to actively participate in the 2014 general elections within the national set up framework and campaign. We should set up necessary structures to execute this important mandate and task of our revolution. We will also build strong and highly ideologically capacitated structures that are not meant only for a strong SACP, but the alliance as a whole. We will mobilise the whole society to vote the ANC in the 2014 national general elections. This is for us very important for the defence of the gains of revolution and advancement of the NDR which serve as a prelude towards socialism. Our revolutionary alliance is remains the only tool in the hand of the working class and the people of this country in general that can be used towards advancing a meaningful agenda of transforming our society.

Finally, as congress we resolve setting up some process towards propagating for the renaming of the Mpumalanga Province by a name of revolutionary martyrs. The party will be including the name of Juda Tsotetsi, to honour the late former Provincial Secretary of the SACP in Mpumalanga. As a starting point, the SACP PEC in Mpumalanga will also initiate a process towards naming of the SACP Province as such.

Names of Mpumalanga 08th Congress elected PEC Members

Officials

Provincial Secretary : Cde Bonakele Majuba
Provincial Chairperson : Cde Eric Kholwane
Provincial Treasurer : Cde Fisani Shabangu
1st Deputy Provincial Secretary : Cde Lucky Mbuyane
2nd Deputy Provincial Secretary : Cde Mandla Tibane
Deputy Provincial Chairperson : Cde Andries Mnisi

Additional Members

Cde Godfrey Sibiya
Cde Lesetja Dikgale
Cde Patience Nxumalo
Cde Milton Morema
Cde Justice Masutha
Cde William Lubisi

Cde Condi Maseko
Cde Vusi Nkambule
Cde Mandla Mapiyeye
Cde Mandla Zulu
Cde Meisie Mokoni
Cde Fidel Mlombo
Cde Nomasonto Phakati
Cde Lizah Phiri
Cde Delisile Nkambule