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THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND PLANNING (DEP).

OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT

1. To examine the current economic situation in our country in order to provide possible ^astrategy and policy options for an independent South Africa
2. To study perspectives for the fundamental reconstruction and development of the economy of an independent and democratic South Africa.
3. To assist in laying a sound foundation on which a fair and just society which accords with the genuine aspirations of our people as expressed in the Freedom Charter, can be constructed.
4. To arm our leadership and the entire membership with the necessary economic tools that will make us understand fully the complexities which will face our people during the transformation period and the enormity of the problems of meeting the economic and social needs of the people.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

The DEP shall plan , consolidate and harmonise its research activities with research work done by our people at home, through the relevant machineries of our movement.

DEP will also co-ordinate its research work with research activities carried out by various research institutions already operating in the Eastern and Southern African sub-region such as the Southern African Development Research Association (SADRA), Southern African Team For Employment Promotion (SATEP) etc.

We are aware that various research activities on economic options for an independent South Africa are carried out by various institutions, groups and individuals. The DEP of our Movement should be involved in all such activities in order to defend the interests of our organisation.

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1. Director
2. Deputy Director
3. Administrative Secretary
4. Head of Agricultural Projects
5. Head of Manufacturing and Service Industries
6. Head of Research
7. Head of Planning and Budgeting
8. Technical Staff (a) typist
(b) comrade responsible for storing and dissemination of material
9. Other activists to man the different sections (divisions)

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DEP'S Management Committee shall be composed of Director as Chairperson, Deputy Director, the Administrative Secretary as secretary of the Committee and convenor of meetings and other activities of the Committee, heads of the different sections (divisions) and one member of the technical staff. It will have the general responsibility of overseeing the work of the divisions of DEP.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Director:

The Director of the Department of Economics and Planning shall be the chief Executive Officer of the DEP and shall be responsible to the Head of the main office under which the Department shall fall.

Deputy Director:

Shall assist the Director in carrying out his duties. In the event of the Director's absence, his rights and duties shall be delegated to the Deputy Director.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:

Shall guide the daily administrative work of the DEP and also act as convenor of the meetings of the Management Committee

HEADS OF DIVISIONS:

Heads of divisions (sections) are responsible to the Director for the organisation and administration of their divisions. They are members of the Management Committee.

MAIN TASKS OF THE DEP.

1. Carrying out applied research
2. Planning the economic life of the Movement
3. Efficient running of the projects of our movement

RESEARCH

The research programme of our DEP shall be characterised by a two-pronged approach:

- (1) Research to further the cause of liberation
- (2) Research to help in the formulation of economic policies and programmes of an independent South Africa

Although our research work will be geared to finding answers to particular questions through the application of scientific inquiry, it will mainly be applied research and not basic research since our DEP is not an academic institution but a department of a liberation movement. By applied research we understand the policy-oriented problem-solving search for knowledge and information which has a clearly defined purpose.

RESEARCH AREAS

1. Macro-economic Structures and Trends.
2. Mining and Mineral Resources.
3. Industry.
4. Commerce and External Economic Relations
5. South Africa's Transport and Communications Systems.
6. Energy and Power Resources
7. Labour, Employment Policies and Manpower Development.
8. Income Distribution in South Africa.
9. Public Finance, Monetary Systems.
10. The place of women in development.
11. Science and technology.
12. Public Enterprises.
13. Wildlife and Tourism.
14. Development Planning.
15. Regional Development, Urbanisation and Resettlement
16. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing ; Wood Products.
17. Economic underdevelopment in the Bantustans

PLANNING THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE MOVEMENT.

The main aim of our planning work should be:

- To ensure a suitable distribution of our labour, material and financial resources
- to ensure the most rational use of the productive resources of our movement
- to raise the efficient utilisation of these resources
- ensure that different sectors of our economic life make their maximum possible contribution to solving the problems of our movement
- to make sure that the most effective satisfaction of the needs of our movement with the least possible consumption of our labour, material and financial resources.

OUR PLANNING WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- 1) Planning of capital investments and efficient utilisation of the fixed assets of our movement
- 2) Planning the rational utilisation of the manpower of the movement
- 3) Planning the finances of our movement and their efficient utilisation
- 4) Planning an efficient transport system which will rationalise transport links, reduce demands for fuel and increase the efficiency of our transport.
- 5) Planning and developing the budgetary mechanisms for the efficient running of the different departments of our organisation
- 6) Planning sectoral development of our manufacturing activities
- 7) Planning the agricultural production of our organisation.

EFFICIENT RUNNING OF THE PROJECTS OF THE MOVEMENT.

The efficient running and proper management of ANC projects was first elaborated in a policy document drawn up by the Treasury Department in 1982. This guideline document on projects, inter alia, stated that the establishment of projects requires that they be run on proper business lines. After all, projects are the state enterprises in embryonic form, which we intend to set up in a future South Africa."

The guidelines on projects were further enriched by the discussion in Committee E of the National Fund-raising Workshop held in SOMAFCO 14 - 20 March 1986.

The Commission noted that the basis for acceptance^{or non-acceptance} of assistance of any type should be determined by political criteria i.e. how far such assistance satisfies our needs and furthers our struggle. The Commission emphasised that all projects of the movement be identified and examined in accordance with our objectives of

- Self sufficiency
- training
- Fund raising

The DEP in its work will be guided by the afore-mentioned principles and objectives.

CO- OPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES.

In order to gain experience , expertise and exchange of research experience on common research tasks, DEP will work together with regional institutions, international research organisations, government and non-governmental organisations, research groups, Societies etc.

Our movement already has working relationships with institutions such as the Transnational Institute (TNI - Holland), the Southern African Development Research Association (SADRA), the Southern African Team for Employment Promotion (SATEP), the ECA etc.

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