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BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
DONORS CONFERENCE

ARUSHA, TANZANIA. 3 -95 FEBRUARY, 1990

Background

The African National Congress (ANC) as the major Liberation Movement in South Africa has over the past few decades established a vast network of projects in order to cater for the educational, training, social, health, agricultural and other needs of its membership based externally. Apart from contributing to the organisations aim of achieving self reliance these projects have provided experience in creating alternative institutions in preparation for Liberation. This has been possible, largely, thanks to the selfless assistance of the International Community.

It became imperative that the organisation pay attention to streamlining the assistance it receives from the International Community as well as seeking further assistance to cater for new arrivals.

In 1989 the ANC took a decision to convene a major Donors Conference in October, 1990. The Conference was to concentrate mainly on issues pertaining to the two largest ANC settlements in exile - the Mazimbu/Somafco School Projects and the Dakawa Development Centre, both in Tanzania.

The unbanning of the African National Congress in February, 1990 brought about a new situation in the struggle against apartheid. The ANC has begun to reiterate many of its administrative and political structures inside South Africa and to reconstitute itself as a legal organisation.

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Which required a new focus on the role of the organisation in the field of development in South Africa as well as a review of the role of projects in exile.

The new situation brought with it new obligations for the ANC

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In April 1990 the National Executive Committee issued a 90 e Statement on ANC Projects which stated that "there needs to be a clear indication that the political changes taking place in South Africa are irreversible. Until such a point has been reached, the movement will continue to bear responsibility for its membership ..." It went further to point out that there are compelling reasons for the continued existence of external projects, especially in relation to human resource development. Therefore the ANC - NEC took a firm decision to continue with projects externally and to proceed with the Donors Conference as planned.

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The period since the unbanning of the ANC has vindicated this approach. An escalation in the politically motivated violence in SA and the continued denial of educational opportunities to the majority of South Africans has led to a new influx of hundreds of victims of apartheid into the ANC's settlements. During 1989/90 the African National Congress held a series of consultations with the Mass Democratic Movement, community based organisations, indigenous South African NGOs and project holders on issues pertaining to funding, to development policy and strategy and, in particular, to the role of projects in the development process. The recommendations of these consultations form the background for the ANC's approach to the Donors Conference which is planned for 3-5 February, 1991 at the Arusha Conference Centre in Tanzania.

The Conference

The ANC Donors Conference will be attended by approximately 200 representatives of governmental and non-governmental organisations from Europe, North America, Asia, the Pacific and Africa. The bulk of these organisations have been involved for many years in assisting the victims of Apartheid. The ANC/MDM participants, who number 80 people, comprise of representatives of a cross section of the ANC structures and SA NGOs involved in development work, representatives of project holders from SA on a sectoral basis and 19 ANC Chief Representatives abroad.

The objectives of the ANC Donors Conference are to:-

- discuss a strategic approach to development
- present programme and project priorities
- solicit funding from donors
- discuss mechanisms and structures for coordination of projects and funding

The Donors Conference will consist of 3 days. Delegates and additional participants will be able to travel to Mombasa and Dar es Salaam to see first hand the ANC's existing settlements and their needs.

The preparatory work is being conducted by 3 Preparatory Committees in Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia with full time Secretariats working in these countries. The preparatory work will include holding 14 Regional Workshops in South Africa and a National one day Workshop in Johannesburg in December, 1990 to be attended by 7 delegates from outside South Africa. Representatives of donor/governmental organisations will be asked to pay their own travel, accommodation etc costs. The ANC however has to meet the costs of the conference itself, the preparatory work and the travel and accommodation costs of the ANC/MDM delegation.

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FROM: M. TIKLY, NATIONAL COORDINATOR, ANC DONORS CONFERENCE

Re:- Invitations to ANC Donors Conference

The ANC Donors Conference wlll be held from February 3 - 5, 1991
in Arusha, Tanzania.

. In response to our request for 118ts of invitees from 17
regions, 11 Chief Representatives sent us 113ts whlle 6 did not
do so. The 11 concerned (Australa, Belgium, Denmark, Finlahd,
Indla, Italy, Japan, Norway, Sweden, UK and USA) are requested
to review their 115:5 and to add or subtract invitees, whlle the
6 Chlef Representatlves who did not submit 118t
(Canada, Germany, France, Netherlahds, Tanzani o'
urged to fax without delay names of invitees to the
in Tanzania.

Could you piease copy and desoatoh the attached invitation to
donor invltees ln your region.

Please confirm as soon as possible how many donor
representatlves Wlll attend from your region, so that hotel
reservations can be made. Note, however, that donors Wlll bear
the full cost of their participation. They shall be requested to
make their travel reservations in good time.

Prior to the Donors Conference, Tuesday 29 January to Friday 1st February, and again after the Donors Conference, on February 6 and 7, Donors Representatives will be able to visit Mazimbu and Dakawa. Those wishing to do so should make flight reservations accordingly.

A questionnaire will be sent to donors shortly to elicit information about arrival/departure dates, the need for transport to Mazimbu/Dakawa and so on.

Herewith please find the following documents which will require careful scrutiny for effective coordination between yourself and the Secretariat for the Donors Conference:-

A. Background data on the forthcoming Donors Conference; it provides the objectives of the Donors Conference and indicates what preparations have been made and what remains to be done.

B. Policy Statement on ANC Projects which provides the rationale for continuing with the movements external projects.

The Secretariat requests that each Chief Representative will coordinate with donors in his/her region. Donors should be requested to communicate directly with the Secretariat but should copy the Chief Representative concerned. Smooth communication is essential for the success of the Donors Conference and we appeal to you for your cooperation. Your early response will be appreciated.

In the Year of Mass Action for a Democratic South Africa!