

THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND PLANNING (DEF).

OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT

1.

To examine the current economic situation in our country in order to provide possible strategy and policy Options for an independent South Africa

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To study perspectives for the fundamental reconstruction and development of the economy of an independent and democratic South Africa.

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

DEF 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.

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DEF of our Movement should be involved in all such activities in order to defend the interests of our organisation.

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STRUCTURE OF DEP.

MAIN TASKS OF THE DEP.

1. Carrying out applied research
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- 3.

Planning in the economic life of the

Movement

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

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Macro-economic Structures and Trends.

Mining and Mineral Resources.

Industry.

Commerce and External Economic Relations

South Africa's Transport and Communications Systems.

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Energy and Power Resources

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Labour, Employment Policies and Manpower InveIOpme nt.

Income Distribution in South Africa.

Pub lie Finance, Monetary Systems.

The place of women in deveIOpment.

Science and technology.

Public Enterprises.

Wildlife and Tourism.

DevelOpment Planning.

Regional DevelOpment, Urbanisation and Resettlement

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing ; Wood Products.

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Economic underdevelOpment in the B antustans

PLANNING THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE MOVEMENT.

The main aim of our planning work should be:

â\200\224 To ensure a suitable distribution of our labour, material andâ\200\230financial resources

â\200\224 to ensure the most rational use of the productive resources of our movement

~ to raise the efficient utilisation of these resourceaa

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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 thw least possible consumption ef our la hour, 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

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4)

Planning the rational utilisation of the manpower of the movement

Planning the finances of dur movement and their effigient utilisation

Planning an efficient tranSport system which will rationalise transport

links, reduce demands for fuel and increase the effieience of our tranSport.

5)

Planning and deveIOping-the budgetary mechanisms for the efficient running

of the different departments of our organisation

Planning sectoral deveIOpment of our manufacturing activities

Planning the agricultural production of our organisation.

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7)

EF'FIEIENT RUNNING OF THE PROJECTS OF THE MOVEMENT.

The efficient running

and proper manage ment of ANC pr ejects was first elaborated

in a policy document drawn.up by the Treasury Department in 1982. This g'uideline

document on projects, inter alia, stated that the es tablishment 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. N

The guidelines on projects were further enriched by the discussion in committee E of the National Fundraising Workshop held in SOMAFCO 14 at 200/224 20 March 1986.

The Commission noted that the basis for acceptance of

any type of

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

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Self sufficiency

training

Fund raging

The DEP in its work will be g aided by the afore~mentioned principles and objectives.

COâ\200\224 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~governmentaltorganisations, research groups, Societies etco

Our movement already has working relationships with institutions such as the Transnationsl Institute (TNI ~ Hblland), the SOuthern African Development Research Association (SADRA), the SOuthern African Team for Employment Promotion (SATEP), the EDA etc.

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structure of DEP.

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Director

Deputy Director

Administrative Secretary

Head of Agricultural Projects

5 . Head of Manufacturing and service Industries

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Head of Research

Head of Planning and Budgeting

8. Technical Staff

(9.) typist

(b) comrade responsible for storing and dissemination of

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Other activists to men the different sections (divisions)

material

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 function.

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 mputy Director.

AHQINISTRATIVE SEi-\201ETARY:

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

HEADS OF DIVISIONS:

Heeds of divisions (scotirns) are reaponsible: to the Director for the organisation and administration of their divisions.

They are members of the Management Committee.

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MAIN TASKS OF THE DEP'