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INTRODUCTION

The unbanning of the ANC and its subsequent assuming of political office has allowed it to enter the family of nations as equal partners. In this regard, great strides have been made in forging relationships with governments the world over. The stature and the role of our President have in indeed be magnificent. While a lot has been achieved in maintaining relations with governments, the ANC has not been sufficiently focusing its attention to developing party to party relations. The ANC in its recent restructuring has positioned itself to be able to engage with fraternal parties and organisations. The purpose of this engagement is the exchanging if ideas on a whole range of issues.

The view of the Department of Political Education and Training is that the engagement should focus on the following;

- 1. Our common understanding of the problems facing the world we live in i.e. Globalisation, Trade;
- 2. Exchanging ideas on political party building i.e. Organizing, Political Education and the Election Campaign strategies;
- 3. Looking at ways of strengthening and building the capacity of our public representatives

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In implementing this approach, the DEPT is conventing a two day seminar of our sister parties in Southern Africa. The purpose is to discuss our common problems and expiriences of the challenges posed by transition and secondly look at ways of strengthening each other. The following organisations have been identified for participation in the seminar;

- * FRELIMO (Mozambique)
- * SWAPO (Namibia)
- * BOTSWANA National Front (Botswana)
- MPLA (Angola)

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We also want to invite some representatives from the labour party in the Netherlands to share ideas with the above-mentioned parties on the following;

* Party Building;

FORUM FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA

Representatives of Political Parties namely: Botswana National Front, Peoples' Democratic Organisation for Independence and Socialism - The Gambia, Union of People of Cameroon, Social Democratic Front of Cameroon, Peoples' Convention Party, Ghana, African National Congress, South Africa, Democratic Party, Uganda, Ford Asilli, Kenya, meeting at Hotel International, Kampala Uganda from 25th -26th October 1997;

Considering the imperative reasons for the democratic struggles in Africa from independence to date and the causes for the failures;

Taking note of the fact that many, no party, one party and sham multi-party experiments have been undertaken at the expense of people centred politics and development;

Bearing in mind that these failures have resulted in the resurgence of one party dictatorship and militarism;

Being concerned about the continued economic mismanagement and impoverishment of our people;

Determined to pull resources together to halt this tendency through the establishment of genuine and viable multi-party democratic institutions in Africa:

Resolve:

- 1. To establish a network:
- a) To facilitate development of democratic structures and culture in all African Countries.
- b) To facilitate the building of political capacity of member organisations and parties to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness
- c) To act as a lobby for the promotion of ideals of genuine multiparty democracy.
- 2. That Membership of the network shall be opened to all parties in Africa with common democratic principles, with participating parties herein being the founding members.
- 3. There shall be established an interim mechanism comprising Secretary /Coordinator and three Regional Coordinators for Southern, Eastern and Western/Central Africa to coordinate the affairs of the network until otherwise decided.

4. These resolutions and the contents herein shall be a framework for pursuing the objectives of the network until otherwise established by a constitution or any other instrument.

- 5. The network shall meet every quarter at a venue to be mutually decided in order to consolidate the process.
- 6. We express our profound gratitude to our hosts, the leadership and the general membership of the Democratic Party of Uganda for according us excellent facilities and hospitality and further register our appreciation to the Labour Party of Britain and the Labour Party of the Netherlands and the Westminister Foundation for facilitating this important process.

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PROJECT

NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORTBACK WORKSHOP - 1998

The coming ANC National Conference has been characterized by intensive and robust preparations. Numerous workshops, seminars and political papers have all ensured that ANC membership is well prepared for the coming conference. The is a general feeling within the ANC that we should be starting to prepare for a post - conference period. Millions of people and thousands of ANC members in particular will be waiting with keen interest to hear the resolution of conference. In anticipation of this scenario, the Department of Political Education and Training is planning to convene the following workshops;

1. One National Workshop, End Jan'1998

Target Group:

Provincial Secretaries, Provincial Chairs, Provincial Organizing and Political Education and Training Secretaries.

Content:

To look at conference resolutions and the ANC programme of action.

2. 9 Provincial Workshops

Target Group:

Provincial Executive Committees (PEC). Regional Executive Committees

Content:

Development of a Programme of Action to report to branches.

Publications;

The DEPT is intending to publish the fifth edition of UMRABULO. The aim of this education is to continue the debates that started before National Conference.