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YOUTH CONFERENCE

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YEAR OF UNITY IN ACTION

ANC NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.

The National Executive Committee of the African National Congress at its December 1981 meeting took a decision in favour of the convocation of the Youth Conference in 1982. The main objective of the conference is the re-organisation and strengthening of the Youth wing of the movement in line with the 70th Anniversary tasks of strengthening all sections of our movement and population in readiness for the battles ahead.

The advanced stage of our revolutionary struggle demands that great importance be attached to the task of improving the youth organisational structure to suit the unfolding general offensive of our people against the fascist regime.

The task of continuously perfecting our organisational structure and therefore our ability to mobilise more and more of our people into the revolutionary structure headed by the African National Congress is an on-going process. The aim is to increase our ability to strike at the enemy.

It is one of the central aims of the structure to clearly pinpoint responsibility and accountability through unambiguous distribution of tasks.

It is the task of all members, and organs of the Youth Section to scrupulously implement the structure guided by the central strategic objective that our National Movement pursues - everything for the seizure of power by the people!

This structure flows from the operative structure of the ANC adopted by the NEC at its January 1978 meeting and should enable the Youth to play its role as the main helper of the mother-body, the ANC.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.

1. The highest organ of the African National Congress is Conference.
2. The highest Executive body of the ANC in-between conferences is the National Executive Committee (NEC).
3. The Executive body of the ANC in-between the Sessions of the NEC is the WORKING COMMITTEE (WC).
4. There are three offices under which all Departments of ANC fall viz,
 - i. The Office of the President.
 - ii. The Office of the Secretary-General (SG).
 - iii. The Office of the Treasurer-General (TG).
5. The Youth Section falls under the Office of the SG.
6. The Highest organ of the Youth Section is the Youth Conference
7. The Highest Executive body of the Youth Section in-between conference is the National Youth Committee (NYC)
8. The Executive body of the NYC, in-between sessions of the NYC is the National Youth Secretariat (NYS).

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE (NYC)

1. The National Youth Committee shall consist of a maximum of 15 members.
2. These shall comprise Nine members of the National Youth Secretariat plus six members with Special duties away from H.Q.
3. Special Duties shall cover representatives in some established ANC structures and in international organisations.
4. Members of the National Youth Committee not based at HQ shall attend meetings of the National Youth Secretariat whenever they are present at HQ.
5. Members of the National Youth Committee who are working or attached to other departments in addition to the Youth Section, shall be expected to perform their duties well. Naturally, they will be expected to obey and report to those departments and National Youth Committee or National Youth Secretariat regularly.

6. They are obliged to attend meetings of the National Youth Committee regularly. They might be invited to some special meetings of the National Youth Secretariat.

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARIAT (NYS).

The National Youth Secretariat shall comprise Nine (9) members of the National Youth Committee.

COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARIAT.

1. Head of the National Youth Committee.
2. Deputy-head and Secretary of NYC.
3. Assistant Secretary on external ANC Units and Personnel.
4. Assistant Secretary for Internal Affairs.
5. Assistant Secretary for International Affairs.
6. Assistant Secretary for Information and publicity.
7. Assistant Secretary for Administration.
8. Assistant Secretary for Finance and material assistance.
9. Assistant Secretary for Education and Culture.

SUB-COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARIAT.

There are Six sub-committees of the National Youth Secretariat.

These p represent the six basic spheres of work of the Youth Section.

1. Sub-Committee on External ANC Units and Personnel.
2. Sub-Committee for Internal Affairs.
3. Sub-Committee for International Affairs.
4. Sub- Committee for Information and Publicity.
5. Sub-Committee for Finance and Material Assistance.
6. Sub-Committee for Education and Culture.

TASKS OF THE YOUTH SECTION.

- (a) Shall organise the South African Youth and Students into the African National Congress.
- (b) Shall mobilise the masses of Youth and Students in South Africa into the struggle.
- (c) Shall organise ANC Youth and Students abroad into active units of the Youth Section.
- (d) Shall organise Masupatsela (Pioneers)
- (e) Shall mobilise the Youth internationally to support the ANC politically and materially.

- (f) Shall issue propaganda material for both internal and external use.
- (g) Shall be one of the main helpers and implementers of the decisions of the NEC/WC.
- (h) Shall be the reserve-force/task force of the movement ready at all times to immediately respond to any call of the movement.
- (i) Shall report regularly to the Secretary-General or Office of the Secretary-General.

TASKS OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE (NYC).

1. Shall coordinate, supervise and direct the work of the Youth Section in-between Sessions of the Youth Conference.
2. Shall receive and consider reports from all organs, NYS and representatives of the Youth Section.
3. Shall report to conference on the state of the organisation and recommend new initiatives.

TASKS OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARIAT.

1. Shall coordinate, supervise and direct HQ work of the Youth Section in-between sessions of the NYC.
2. Shall receive and consider reports from all the departments, sub-committees, Regional Youth Committees, representatives in established ANC structures and Youth representatives in International Organisations.
3. Shall report to the meetings of the NYC.
4. Shall report regularly to the Office of the Secretary-General.

TASKS OF THE HEAD OF YOUTH SECTION.

1. Shall head the Youth Section (NYC and NYS)
2. Shall liaise with the NEC.
3. Shall preside over NYC and NYS meetings.
4. Shall supervise work of the Youth Section.

TASKS OF THE DEPUTY-HEAD OR SECRETARY OF THE YOUTH SECTION (NYC & NYS)

1. Shall deputise for the head of the section in his/her absence.
2. Shall be the overall Secretary of the Youth Section.
3. Shall coordinate work of the NYC and NYS.

4. Shall convene meetings of the NYC and NYS.
5. Shall be the main administrator of the Youth Section assisted by the Assistant Secretary for Administration.
6. Shall report regularly to the NYC and NYS.

TASKS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL ANC UNITS AND PERSONNEL

This sub-committee shall be headed by the Assistant Secretary for External ANC units and personnel.

TASKS.

1. Shall spearhead the General Mobilisation of South African Youth into the ANC.
2. Shall strengthen ANC Youth units and raise still higher their political consciousness.
3. Shall liase with all ANC organs dealing with ANC members abroad.
4. Shall ensure the implementation of NYC and NYS decisions by promptly communicating them to all ANC Youth units and representatives and receive reports on steps taken.
5. Shall continuously review and if necessary, recommend changes in the structure and personnel deployment to ensure that Youth works efficiently and effectively.
6. Shall report to the Secretary or directly to the NYS.

TASKS OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee shall be presided by the Assistant-Secretary for Internal Affairs.

TASKS.

1. Shall be a member of the RC.
2. Shall in cooperation with the RC, establish projects for the Youth internally.
3. Shall work within RC structures to establish ANC Youth Units inside South Africa.
4. Shall through RC framework, maintain contact with legal Youth Organisations within South Africa with the aim of influencing them towards acceptance of the Freedom Charter and the Strategy and Tactics of the ANC.
5. Shall set-up legal Youth Organisations within South Africa for purpose of mass mobilisation and mass action.

6. The Assistant Secretary for Internal Affairs shall convene meetings of the sub-committee for Internal Affairs.
7. Shall co-ordinate the activities of Masupatsela.
8. Shall report to the Secretariat regularly.

TASKS FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

This Sub-Committee shall be presided over by the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs. He shall convene meetings of the sub-committee.

TASKS.

1. Shall liaise with the International department and the Women Section.
2. Shall mobilise the international Youth community in support of the struggle waged by the people of South Africa.
3. Shall mobilise Political and material support for the struggle of the people of South Africa.
4. Shall supervise the work of all Youth Representatives in International Organisations.
5. Shall study the international situation and make recommendations to the NYS and NYC on the selection and preparation of delegations to conferences.
6. Shall assist in the establishment of ANC Youth support groups.
7. Shall obtain information about the International Youth Movements for the advancement of the political Programme of the Youth.
8. Shall report to the NYS.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY.

This Sub-Committee shall be presided over by the Assistant Secretary for Information and Publicity. He shall convene all its meetings.

TASKS.

1. Shall prepare and disseminate Information and other propaganda material for the Youth internally and externally.
2. Shall edit official organ of the Youth "FORWARD", etc.
3. Shall deal with such aspects of ANC Youth work as Radio Propaganda, leaflets, periodicals, research, legal publications, films, posters, press, news briefings and training of publicity personnel.
4. Shall report regularly to the Secretary and the NYC and NYS.

5. Shall liase with Department of Information and Publicity (DIP) Internal and External Sub-Committees.

TASKS OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION.

1. Shall be the main helper of the Secretary on the handling of administration, receiving instructions from him.
2. Shall assist Secretary with the taking of minutes at meetings of NYC and NYS.
3. Shall ensure the proper functioning of the Secretariat.
4. Shall report regularly to the NYG.

TASKS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE.

This Sub-Committee shall be headed by the Assistant Secretary for Finance and Material assistance.

TASKS.

1. Shall study possibility of raising material resources for the African National Congress.
2. Shall research on projects which can be undertaken to raise material aid for the movement.
3. Shall keep and record the funds for the National Youth Committee.
4. Shall report regularly to the National Youth Committee.
5. Shall prepare financial reports for the National Youth Secretariat.
6. Shall liase with the office of the Treasurer-General.

TASKS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

This Sub-Committee shall be headed by the Assistant Secretary for Education and Culture.

TASKS.

1. Shall deal with Educational needs and problems of the ANC Youth.
2. Shall act as Scholarship Officer of the National Youth Committee and will liase closely with the National Scholarship Committee.
3. Shall be the Officer of the NYC through whom contact is kept with the department of Education and Culture.
4. Shall report regularly to the NYS.
5. Shall see to the all-round promotion of Culture among the Youth of the ANC.
6. Shall liase with the other Cultural Officers of the movement and

be part of the overall ANC Cultural Committee.

7. Shall see to it that Culture is used as a mobilisation factor ensuring high standard of performance.
8. Shall liaise with the other Cultural Organisations and institutions of the host country and fraternal organisations.

REGIONAL ANC YOUTH STRUCTURE.

1. The highest organ of the Youth Regionally is the Regional ANC Youth Conference.
2. The Regional Youth Committee shall be the highest Executive body of the Regional Youth Section in-between Regional Conferences.

COMPOSITION OF RYC (REGIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE)

1. Chairperson.
2. Secretary.
3. Organising Secretary (COMMISSAR)
4. Treasurer
5. Education Officer.
6. Cultural Officer.
7. Publicity Officer.

The size of the Committee shall be dictated by the size of Youth and availability of personnel. The above is the ideal if circumstances allow.

3. In any Region where an RPC and ANC Office exist, the RYC shall immediately fall under them having one of its members seconded to the RPC Office.

GENERAL DUTIES OF THE RYC.

1. Shall ensure that all South African Youth in the region are mobilised into active ANC Youth section and functioning ANC Youth Branches and units.
2. Shall mobilise the Youth in the host country to support the movement politically and materially.
3. Shall ensure that all members are grounded in the policies of the movement and that members discuss and understand the current political Strategy and Tactics of the movement as well as the current situation internally and internationally.

4. Shall supervise the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the NYC, NYS, and RYS.
5. Shall ensure that members participate in the formulation and evaluation of the Policies of the Youth Section and ANC as a whole.
6. Shall ensure that the NYS/NYC are acquainted with such political, social and other problems as the member may face regionally. It shall, however, try to solve the problems before passing them over to the NYC/NYS, in co-operation with the RPC and office of the Chief Representative.
7. Shall help in ensuring the security of the movement in the area of its jurisdiction.
8. Shall appoint a representative to the RPC with duties extending to the ANC office in consultation with the Chief Representative in any area where the RPC and an ANC office exist.
9. Shall be responsible for the welfare of the Youth.
10. Shall approve all publicity material produced in the region.
11. Shall report regularly to the NYS.

DUTIES OF THE RYC CHAIRPERSON.

1. Shall liase with the Youth Secretariat.
2. Shall preside on all regional Youth Committee meetings.
3. Shall see to the implementation of tasks assigned by the NYS/NYC to the region.
4. Shall supervise at all times work and tasks of the regional youth.
5. Shall report regularly to the NYC and the RYC.

DUTIES OF THE RYC SECRETARY.

1. Shall take minutes in all meetings of the RYC.
2. Shall keep records of all decisions, documents, correspondence of the RYC.
3. Shall liase with secretaries of the branches in the region and demand regular reports, feed-backs on all activities of all the youth units in time to be discussed by the RYC.
4. Shall be the administrative officer of the RYC.
5. Shall convene meetings of the RYC in the region.

DUTIES OF THE RYC TREASURER.

1. Shall study possibilities of raising material resources for the African National Congress.
2. Shall research on projects which can be undertaken to raise material aid for the movement.
3. Shall keep and record the funds of the regional youth sections.
4. Shall report regularly to the regional youth committee.
5. Shall prepare regional financial reports to the RYC.
6. Shall liase with the regional treasurer.

DUTIES OF THE ORGANISING SECRETARY OF THE RYC.

1. Shall mobilise South African youth and students in the region into the ANC/ANC Youth and Masupatsela.
2. Shall promote dynamic contact with the local youth and other youth movements in the host country.
3. Shall ensure that youth is engaged in useful work such as production, solidarity etc.
4. Shall act as a whip and public relation officer of the youth in the region.

EDUCATION OFFICER.

1. Shall deal with the educational problems and needs of the RYC.
2. Shall act as scholarship officer of the RYC - shall liase w closely with the National Scholarship Committee, through the NYS.
3. Shall be the officer of the RYC through whom contact is kept with the Education department or its representative machinery in the region.
4. Shall report to the RYC regularly.

CULTURAL OFFICER.

1. Shall see to the all-round promotion of culture amongst the youth of the ANC within the region.
2. Shall liase with the other cultural officers of the movement and be part of an overall ANC Cultural Committee within the region.
3. Shall see to it that culture is used as a mobilising factor, ensuring high standards of performance in the region.
4. Shall liase with the cultural organisations and institutions of the youth of the host country.

PUBLICITY OFFICER.

1. Shall see to the production and distribution of propaganda material in the host country.
2. Shall function as a correspondent for "Forward".