

***Minutes of meeting of the External Preparatory Committee for Consultative Seminar held 15/8/90.**

Present: Shaheed Rajie(Projects Dept); Jones Seagals(Projects Dept); Angela Brown(Dept. of Culture); Vivian Stratten(Projects Dept.); Sikelela Lipokojoe(Dept. of Economics and Planning); Ntaba Zimvu (Dept. of Education); Lucy Mwale(Social Welfare Dept.).

Absent: MHQ and Women's Section.

Chairperson: Shaheed Rajie.

Agenda:

- a) Background to the Consultative Seminar of 28-30th Sept., 1990.
- b) Minutes of External Prep. Committee meeting held 3/8/90.
- c) Matters arising.
- d) Understanding the objectives of the Consultative Seminar.
- e) Resource People.

Proceedings:

a) For the benefit of the comrades who were just joining the External Prep. Committee a briefing was given of the background to the Consultative Seminar. This included:

- The increasing need for greater consultation between the ANC Projects Department, the MDM and other project holders brought about by our impending return home.
- The Harare Funding Workshop and how it impacts on this process of consultation.
- The Recommendations for Funding adopted at the Harare Workshop, and the need to get these recommendations ratified by the structures of the participants.(ANC-NEC/MDM and others)

d) The objectives for the Consultative Seminar were discussed. These objectives, as agreed upon at the 29th July Workshop held in Lusaka, are:

- (1) To articulate a Development Strategy for Projects.
- (2) To examine the present state of projects in SA, their mechanisms of functioning and donor relations.
- (3) To investigate ways and means of maximizing experience, skills and resources in support of new project initiatives.
- (4) To create new structures, networks and mechanisms for effective coordination and accountability to both project holders and donors.
- (5) To examine the future training needs of project officers in the ANC, MDM and other project holders.
- (6) To adopt a Code of Practice for Fundraising and other donor relations, which will be reviewed periodically.

It was emphasised that these objectives were under discussion by the Internal Prep. Committee and could be changed/amended during consultations between the two Prep. Committees.

e) It was agreed that the Dept. of Economics and Planning (DEP) would prepare a paper covering objective (1). We should also communicate with the Internal Prep. Committee to find out what the possibilities are of a paper from their side as well.

Objective (2) would best be handled by the comrades at home. The Internal Prep. Committee would be responsible for deciding how to get and present input into the situation at home. Every invited group to bring background material on their project/organisation etc.

It was felt that these first two objectives could be dealt with in Plenary. The rest of the objectives could be achieved during Commissions, and then report-backs to Plenary. This, however, is subject to agreement with the Internal Prep. Committee.

It is necessary now to make concrete suggestions on who resource people should be and what papers would be necessary;

and to get this adopted by the Internal Prep. Committee.

A feedback from the Internal Prep. Committee is urgent so that resource people be informed as soon as possible.

External resource people agreed upon:

- Obj. (1) DEP - Villay Pillay
- Obj. (2) Internal Prep. Committee to be responsible.
- Obj. (3) Gavin Anderson
- Obj. (4) Patrick Fitzgerald (Vella Pillay to be in this Commission)
- Obj. (5) Ethel de Keyser
- Obj. (6) Trevor Abrahams.

Dr. Sibusiso Bhengu of the World Lutheran Federation based in Geneva was recommended as a further resource person - as someone who would be working with DEP on Obj. (1). Cde. Sikelela to see whether he is not too involved in other work.

Agreed that for all the objectives there should also be input/papers etc. from home.

Communication to Internal Prep. Committee:

Agreed that we communicate urgently with the Internal Prep. Committee to :

1. Ask them to look at our suggestions for commission leaders/resource people and to make suggestions of comrades inside.
2. Find out what has been established/done, and what is still necessary. (Is there a full-time Internal Coordinator? Is it feasible to have it in JHB during 28-30th September?)

Further agreed that these minutes be typed as soon as possible and sent to the Internal Prep. Committee.

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