



## **KEY MIDDLE STRATA CENTRED PRIORITIES TO FIND EXPRESSION IN THE 2024-29 ANC MANIFESTO**

The Progressive Professionals as the champion of the country's middle strata namely: professionals, intellectuals, academics and patriotic entrepreneurs hereby submit the following issues as recommendation for prioritization and inclusion in the ANC manifesto. We believe that the prioritization of these issues will certainly assist the ANC in regaining the trust of the country's middle strata. Owing to the time and space, these are only the top ten issues:

1. The ANC will strive to provide equitable and fair opportunities to the professionals in public service and state-owned entities with bias to the black middle strata, by improving the recruitment and appointment of capable, competent and ethical professionals.
2. Making it mandatory that procurement regime of public and private sectors including municipalities, especially the so-called panels, rotate work among capable entrepreneurs who are in the database with a strong bias towards the previously disadvantaged.
3. The ANC commits to improving the political-administration relationship framework, to avoid poor service delivery and undue interference. This framework will be based on lessons drawn from 30 years of political freedom and democracy.
4. The ANC will focus on intentional, innovative and accelerated support to the emerging Black professionals (engineers, planners, accountants, lawyers, etc.) including the establishment of a special purpose vehicle and seed funding mechanism for innovative and viable business ideas seeking to create sustainable jobs by the country's emerging professionals.
5. The ANC government will promote funding for research and development aimed at encouraging innovative and accelerated interventions to improve basic service delivery based on two decades of a democratic local government.
6. The ANC will also review on education and training. Special attention to be placed on redirecting the school and university curriculum to inculcate knowledge, competencies, values and attitude of creating jobs than seeking jobs.
7. The ANC will intensify its fight against corruption, especially in relation to both recruitment and procurement processes. The focus must not be limited only to political leadership and senior management, but it must also target the professional employees at lower levels of the state especially municipalities.



8. The ANC must recommit to the implementation of BEE Act, especially in the light of the fact that little progress has been achieved on transforming the economic relations. However, improve its relevance and significance as an integral part of socio-economic transformation agenda.
9. The ANC will intervene in the regulatory authorities of various professions to ensure consistency in equal treatment of all the professionals in both the private and public sector.
10. The ANC will undertake the enhanced mandatory training capacity interventions for the elected and appointed public representatives serving and supporting in MPAC structures.
11. The ANC shall intensify collaborations mainly with the country's middle strata (professionals, intellectuals, academics and patriotic entrepreneurs) to identify and harness the existing progressive and innovative support and empowerment interventions which seek to recognize Black professionals and patriotic entrepreneurs under the auspices of Black Excellence Agenda.
12. The ANC working with key stakeholders and integrated law enforcement agencies shall accelerate the implementation of an innovative and integrated approach which seeks to alleviate challenges associated with the halting of infrastructure projects by criminal elements as such negatively affect the country's patriotic entrepreneurs.
13. The ANC shall ramp up the implementation of an innovative government and citizenry/stakeholder accountability framework through which ANC as the ruling party shall account to RSA stakeholders and populace.

## About the PPF



The Progressive Professionals Forum (PPF) is a non-racial, non-sexist and non-xenophobic organisation of progressive professionals, academics, intellectuals and patriotic entrepreneurs subscribing the values of the Freedom Charter and the Constitution of South Africa and who are the think tank and resource base of South Africa towards the realization of the country's developmental goals through policy, research and advocacy.