

## RESOLUTIONS OF PROVINCIAL GENERAL COUNCIL 2009

### 1. INTRODUCTION

On the 04<sup>th</sup> – 05<sup>th</sup> July 2009, more than 1200 delegates, representing Branches, Regions and Provincial Executive Committee assembled in the Provincial General Council (PGC) of the African National Congress (ANC) in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). This PGC was also strengthened by the presence and participation of the ANC Women's League, ANC Youth League and ANC Veteran's League, as well as the components of the ANC Alliance, namely; SACP, COSATU and SANCO.

This PGC was the first convention of the ANC in the province since the 22<sup>ND</sup> April 2009 General Elections which gave the ANC an overwhelming elections victory since the 1994 democratic breakthrough.

The PGC was held under the theme: ***Working Together We Can Do More; Now Is The Time To Fight Poverty And Build A Prosperous Society***. The PGC conducted a thorough analysis on the elections campaign as well as the results. The PGC congratulated all elections structures for the job well done and further saluted the great contribution and hard work of the volunteers and party agents who ran a vigorous and consistent campaign till the elections victory.

The extensive and engaging debates that characterised the PGC were indicative of a great sense of unity and cohesion that helped to keep the organisation focused during the elections campaign. The debates also reflected the democratic principles that guide the ANC as a mass based organisation steeped into the culture of open, frank and constructive engagements.

The PGC also provided a platform for proper evaluation of the state of the organisation and developing concrete programme to sustain and further strengthen organisational structures at all levels and to continue mobilising people into the ranks of the organisation.

The end of the debates spelt that the ANC has lots of tasks to attend. The primary task arising from these debates was that we need to give practical expression to the objectives of the ANC 2009 elections manifesto. Hence the PGC declared this term of our government as a defining five years for the people of KwaZulu – Natal which must leave the lives and conditions of the people completely changed for the better. This change should find expression through a dedicated and focused approach on service delivery aimed at the emancipation of all sections of our society, both rural and urban which, therefore, requires all of us, as cadres of the movement to spare no effort in the implementation of our elections manifesto.

The resolutions were as follows:

## **1. ANC SUPPORT FOR THE 2010 SOCCER WORLD CUP**

In the same vein PGC, the ANC expressed its full support of the 2010 FIFA World Cup to be held in the country and further agreed to embark on the campaign to popularise it. The PGC also received a briefing on the state of readiness for the hosting of 2010. The briefing was presented by Dr Irvin Khoza who indicated that:

“A festival, a gathering of nations, and a celebration of humanity spread across the host cities, culminating in the final... a game of football watched by three out of every five people living on this planet”.

“So the question of readiness of the FIFA Confederations Cup was answered with a loud; booming; deep; rich; resounding and reverberating – Yes, by Sepp Blatter, every South African and the international media. The fact remains it was answered after the effect”. “Yes, we can!

There are now 343 days remaining before the Opening Match of the FIFA World Cup, staged in South Africa.

### **Areas for improvement**

- Process and communication around ticket sales and skyboxes,
- Quality and quantity of food provided for hospitality areas, spectators and volunteers.
- Safety and security planning and implementation.
- Protocol arrangements.
- Spectator transport and public information (including park and ride service in cooperation with the host cities).
- Waste management and stadium cleaning.

### **Lessons Learned**

- The delivery of the FCC was successful as a standalone event but it is a microcosm of the scale and complexity of the FWC. The FCC consists of 8 teams; the FWC 32. The FCC consists of 16 matches; the FWC 64. The FCC was played in 4 match venues; the FWC 10. The scale and intensity of all operations will have to be accelerated for the FWC.
- The FCC confirmed that thorough planning, and further integration and alignment of resources i.e. budget and personnel.
- With 9 months to go to FWC operations the procurement of all the temporary elements (tents, desks, chairs, fencing, etc) must commence with efficiency.
- Centralised and venue specific training programmes to be developed incorporating new hires.
  - Development of standard operating procedures.
  - Test events prior to FWC in non-FCC stadiums.

- A coordinated approach is required from all spheres of government (national, provincial and local). While provinces have not signed guarantees in favour of FIFA, they still have a supportive role to play especially in respect of provincial competencies such as transport, health, security and sport and recreation. Forums such as the Premiers' Co-ordinating Councils or the 2010 FIFA World Cup Host City Forum could be utilised to provide support to Host Cities by developing joint work programmes to ensure implementation of the work of Host Cities.
- It is imperative that government departments at all spheres plan jointly and monitor progress for the purpose of among others:
  - Facilitating processes whereby all relevant stakeholders, in particular the law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system, develop appropriate and holistic security plans in an integrated and systematic manner.
  - Developing a volunteer strategy for communities to contribute to the safety and security of the tournament and beyond.
  - Develop integrated provincial safety and security plans.

### **Way Forward**

- Interactive debrief workshops with all stakeholders and service providers.
- Re-planning and delivery of actions plans by end of August 2009.
- Alignment of budgets by end of August 2009.
- Recruitment and staff deployment by 1 September 2009.
- Decentralization and localization of operational plans to venues by January 2010.
- FIFA / LOC interaction to be continued.
- Establishment and refinement of key working groups.
  - Security
  - Transportation
  - Accommodation
  - Spectator services

## **2. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

We delegates of the African National Congress coming from the breath and length of KwaZulu – Natal, representing all the ANC branches gathered in this Provincial General Council to review the activities of the past year, including the performance the ANC structures in the general election. We noted the ANC resounding victory and commit ourselves to building on this momentum working together with the people of KwaZulu -Natal as we march towards 2011 local government elections victory.

### **2.1 Resolution on Election Related Violence**

The PGC noted with grave concern the escalation of violence directed at ANC members and supporters in the run up to and post the general elections.

The PGC commended our members and the people in general for acting with restraints even in the face of extreme and deadly provocation by forces hell-bent on intimidating people from expressing their free will.

The PGC further noted progress made in the investigation of some of the cases and commend the police for their swift action in this regard.

Therefore resolved:

To call upon the law enforcement agencies including the justice system to spare no effort in meting out full justice to perpetrators.

## **2.2 Resolution on ANC Election Victory**

The PGC notes the performance of the ANC in the last general elections and the role played by the Alliance partners and volunteers throughout the Province in ensuring the resounding victory of the ANC. The PGC recognizes that the ANC has a historical duty to unite all the people of this Province behind the national project of deepening democracy and building a prosperous future for all.

Therefore resolves:

- To thank all the people of KwaZulu- Natal for bestowing trust and confidence in the ANC ;
- To work together with all the people as active participants in building a better life for all;
- To revive the process of normalization of the historic relations between the ANC and the IFP ; and
- To encourage our communities to swell the ranks of the volunteer movement as an expression of human solidarity towards building a caring and a responsible society.

## **2.3 Resolution of the Court Case of the ANC Provincial Treasurer**

The PGC noted the allegations before the Court in Pietermaritzburg against the Provincial Treasurer and the presumption of innocence unless proven otherwise.

Therefore resolved: To re-affirm the resolution of the PEC to support the Treasurer and mandated the PEC to co-ordinate support for the Provincial Treasurer.

## **2.4 FIFA World Cup**

Noting

The recent successful hosting of the FIFA Confederations Cup by South Africa in June 2009; and

The sterling performance of our own team BAFANA BAFANA in this competition of champions from all the regions of the world.

Therefore Resolved:

- To congratulate the BAFANA BAFANA , LOC and the people of South Africa for their contribution in the success hosting of this FIFA event; and

- To encourage our communities to participate fully in the preparation for 2010 world cup to make it a memorable African event.

### **3. RESOLUTIONS ON PROGRAMMATIC AREAS**

#### **3.1 Organisational Development**

##### **Noting:**

The ANC 52 National Conference resolution 1 million membership but 2012;

Further noting that this resolution was initially taken at the 1942 National Conference of the ANC.

##### **The PGC resolved:**

- To endorse the PEC decision of launching an intensive recruitment campaign, which will be conducted through Voting Districts
- To convert VD teams that ran the elections campaign, into the volunteer corps movement to conduct recruitment and other organisational mass campaigns.
- To increase the 70% trench-holder for regional conferences to 80%

#### **3.2 Local Government Elections**

##### **Noting:**

The high level of contestations and challenges that often characterises the ward conference; and

The need to meet the 50/50% gender representation in the list for local government elections:

##### **The PGC resolved:**

- That ward conferences should elect at least 3 candidates in a priority order to allow space for intervention to address local dynamics but also to ensure gender balance in our lists;
- That Regional Conference should take place immediate after Local Government Elections to sustain the strong machinery the organisation built in the last General Elections; and
- To once again launch the elections campaign early for sufficient time for campaigning and this should be a minimum of 09 months.