

Water Amendment Bill (2023) should it be enacted, as it seeks to transfer many of the water-use rights vital to commercial agriculture to emergent farmers lacking rights to land, working capital, and a host of other vital inputs. This is likely to curtail production, push up food prices and terminate many thousands of farming jobs.

Education and skills development

Everyone should have access to quality basic education in safe, well-maintained schools where parents are central to the education of their children, quality tertiary education is accessible to those who qualify, and where skills training is linked to market needs and career opportunities. The ACDP will adopt a world-class education system such as the Cambridge system and repeal the 30% pass mark and automatic promotion policies, while addressing the drop-out rate by having smaller classes and enhancing mother tongue education.

Training programmes will be introduced in schools to improve the standard of reading and writing. We will also make provision for special education needs through special and mainstream schools, and ensure that Grade R and Early Childhood Development facilities are available in all areas. Learner health and safety will be prioritised and we will ban gangs, firearms and drugs in schools. Training colleges will be re-opened and equipped, and education standards and teachers' salaries improved. School inspectors will be re-introduced and union activities at schools restricted.

Provisions of the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill (BELA) relating to home-schooling, the closing of rural schools, criminalisation of parents, limitation of the powers of School Governing Bodies (SGBs), and ministerial over-reach which infringes on the rights of parents, will be repealed and freedom of religion in schools protected. We will review the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) curriculum and provide sex education that is age-appropriate. Students will be encouraged to study Science, Mathematics and Computer Coding in addition to Information Technology (IT), and we will provide schools with low-cost single-board computers to teach basic computer science principles. We will focus on trade, apprenticeships and skills schools, especially for learners who drop out of the academic system and introduce a National Senior Certificate for Adults.

Health and well-being

To enjoy a South Africa where good health and well-being is the norm, and where access to quality health care is readily available to all in both public and private spheres, the ACDP will repeal government's

proposed expropriation of private health care through the National Health Insurance legislation and launch a national dialogue on access to universal health care. We will improve public health facilities and services as well as the waiting time for diagnosis, procedures and treatments by increasing the number of doctors, nurses and administrative staff and ensuring there is sufficient stock of medicines and other medical supplies. The number of community-based primary health care workers will also be increased to improve the tracing, early screening and treatment of patients suffering from HIV and AIDs, tuberculosis, cancer, diabetes, stroke, heart and other chronic diseases. We will relaunch mobile clinics to provide health services to rural communities and increase the number of 24/7 health care facilities close to vulnerable communities. The safety of health care workers and emergency personnel will also be prioritised. Counselling and care for women with unplanned pregnancies, and counselling and medical support for victims of gender-based violence will be provided. Additionally, we will ensure that referrals to mental health services are concluded and that patients are treated with care and respect.

An ACDP government will not be forced into contracts on unfavourable terms with global pharmaceutical manufacturers and suppliers, such as occurred with the Covid-19 vaccine procurement contracts. We oppose mandatory Covid-19 (or similar variants) vaccinations, and will provide medical and other interventions for patients suffering from Covid-19 vaccine injuries and see they get easier access to compensation from the Vaccine Injury Fund. Additionally, Ivermectin will be made available to doctors wishing to prescribe it for Covid-19 related illnesses.

Family values and moral regeneration

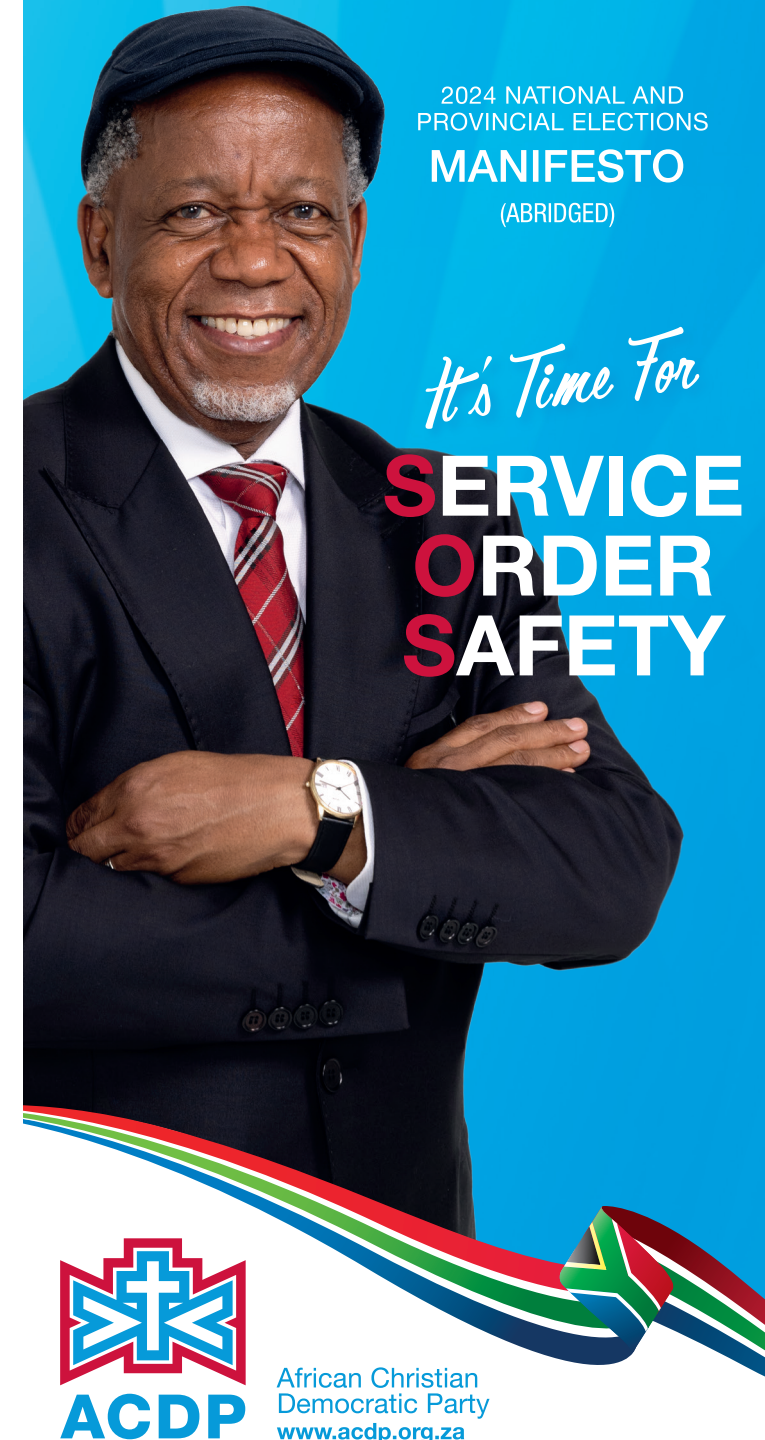
The ACDP will accelerate moral regeneration by amending liberal and humanistic policies and legislation that have systematically undermined family values. Legislation that grants access to contraceptives and abortion for young girls without parental consent, teaches Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and gender ideology, bans moderate parental chastisement, and legalises prostitution, pornography and abortion-on-demand, will be amended.

The ACDP is committed to implementing these policies to ensure that we can all enjoy a safe, healthy and prosperous South Africa. **VOTE ACDP!**

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2024 NATIONAL AND
PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS
MANIFESTO
(ABRIDGED)

It's Time For
**SERVICE
ORDER
SAFETY**



We all want a South Africa with a vibrant, healthy economy, where jobs and opportunities are in abundance, and where everyone is able to benefit and feel safe. The African Christian Democratic Party has effective policies and solutions for the many challenges currently facing our nation. These will boost our economy, and help create a brighter future for us all.

Job creation

The ACDP supports an open market economy with a social conscience. Our economic policies seek to address the high levels of unemployment, poverty and inequality, by growing the economy at a faster rate. To do this, we will focus on the country's competitive advantages which include its mining and natural resources through beneficiation. Policy uncertainty which deters foreign direct investment will be removed, as would cadre deployment and race-based policies that have caused inflated prices and resulted in a 'tenderpreneur' economy. Fair and equal access to markets for local owners who compete against increasing numbers of foreign-owned businesses will be encouraged. We will also review all the components of the fuel price to provide cheaper fuel. Small businesses will be supported with mentoring and start-up funding, skills development and training. Business needs should be linked to education and we will ensure that young people have the relevant skills by funding the necessary degrees and diplomas. Unnecessary red tape will be reduced, and we will expand incentives for businesses to employ more people, particularly youth.

Keeping the lights on and our trains and ships moving

Fixing our energy and logistics challenges at Eskom, Transnet and PRASA is the fastest way to achieve higher economic growth. This will not only create more jobs, but will generate higher revenue and stabilise public finances.

Crime and justice

We all want to live in a country where we feel safe whether it is in our homes or playing in recreational spaces, going to work or school, or surfing the internet. We also want to see the recovery of the billions of rands stolen through state capture and corruption, and the thieves behind bars. To do this, the ACDP will increase the number of police stations, forensic laboratories and courts (particularly sexual offences courts equipped for GBV cases), and establish an independent specialised anti-corruption entity, with prosecutor-driven

investigations that is fully resourced and has trained staff with secure tenure of office. The Auditor-General, the Public Protector, SAPS, Hawks, SIU, AFU, and the NPA will be properly staffed and resourced and protected from political interference. We will strengthen whistle-blower protection, and approach civil courts internationally to recover the tens of billions of rands that have been stolen through state capture. Public officials found guilty of corrupt conduct must not be suspended indefinitely on full pay but speedily prosecuted and held personally liable to refund the state.

We will broaden prison labour programmes whereby prisoners can learn various skills and contribute to the costs of their board and lodging. The parole system will be reviewed and bail denied for certain categories of crime such as murder, rape, armed robbery and car hijacking. The ACDP will actively assist communities in their struggle against gangsterism and drug and alcohol abuse by successfully arresting and prosecuting more drug dealers, increasing the number of sniffer dog units, and shutting down drug dens and illegal shebeens. Police visibility and roadblocks will be increased.

Property rights

The ACDP will protect all property rights and ensure that just and equitable compensation is paid for any expropriated land. Access to security of tenure as well as the freedom to acquire, utilise, rent and sell property/land will be strengthened. Rural development will be promoted through incentives for industries to relocate to rural areas and help build better infrastructure, roads, housing, schools, and recreational facilities. Ownership of tribal or trust land must be negotiated between the relevant traditional authority and community in order to extend land ownership for the benefit of everyone connected to the land. The ACDP will finalise outstanding land restitution claims and ensure that land owners who were illegally dispossessed of their land are compensated or have their land restored to them. An opportunity to access land through a system facilitated by government's own land assets and that of other willing land owners will also be given to the rural poor, labour tenants and entrepreneurial farm workers.

Agricultural development and food security will be prioritised by protecting existing commercial farmers while assisting small and emerging farmers to become commercially viable through better access to finance and markets. We will adopt measures to grow the agricultural sector and expand the number of successful commercial farmers of all races. We will not, as the government wants to do, take away large amounts of land (and now water) from experienced farmers and give it to mainly

subsistence producers. The National Rural Safety Strategic Plan will be reviewed by involving all stakeholders. We will also ensure that our farmers and their workers, as well as other rural dwellers, are more adequately protected with a possible reintroduction of the Commando (or a similar) system. Illegal land invasions will be met with the full force of the law.

Access to housing

The ACDP is committed to protecting and extending property rights of ownership to as many citizens as possible. We will ensure that state land not being fully utilised is allocated for the residential and agricultural needs of communities, and will award title deeds to qualifying residents of municipal-owned housing units. The database of persons on waiting lists for housing will be urgently reviewed and we will publish one national list to deal with any duplications. We will promote the development of affordable and inclusionary housing through the provision of community-owned self-help schemes. The process of awarding of housing development tenders will be transparent and successful bidders will go through rigorous evaluation and approval stages. Newly built homes must be properly inspected and contractors will be held accountable for poor workmanship, which includes blacklisting repeat offenders. Infrastructure, such as sewage treatment plants and land-fill sites, must keep pace with housing developments to prevent pollution, unhygienic living conditions and environmental pollution.

Access to clean water and sanitation

We all need clean and safe drinking water, yet many towns suffer without water for extended periods of time, with water tankers and tanks having to provide emergency water supplies. We are also facing severe challenges due to deteriorating water infrastructure and a decline in the quality of our drinking water. To correct this, the ACDP will hold underperforming national, provincial and local authorities, as well as water boards and water service authorities, accountable for poor service delivery and employ private sector engineering and other necessary skills to remedy this crisis. The need for informal settlements will be removed by prioritising permanent solutions over temporary ones. We will replace communal toilets with bulk water and sanitation infrastructure, and ensure that all schools have flushing toilets to replace pit-toilets. We will also repeal the National

