

The Economy

Submission to Theme Committee 1

Block 5

Guiding Principles

1. The ANC submits that the following guiding principles are relevant for the question of the Economy and should be taken into account in any reference to economic issues in the formulation of the constitution:
 - 1.1 The Constitution should promote greater democratic participation in economic life,
 - 1.2 The Constitution must include the application of principles of affirmative action to correct racial and gender imbalances in the economy.
 - 1.3 The Constitution shall recognise the development, growth, and promotion of the economy.

Constitutional regulation of economic matters

2. Labour relations will be dealt with in the Bill of Rights and the Labour Relations Act:
 - 2.1 Worker's rights to set up trade unions will be protected.
 - 2.2 Workers' rights to engage in collective bargaining , including, the withdrawal of labour will be protected.
 - 2.3 Slave labour and forced labour will be expressly prohibited.
 - 2.4 The exploitation of children in the workplace will be prohibited.
3. The Constitution should include provisions for access to land and for the redress of inequities.
4. The Constitution will direct that the environment be protected from degradation and nurtured, on a sustainable basis, for the benefit of South Africa and future generations.

Constitutional mechanisms to achieve substantive equality, economic empowerment and socioeconomic advancement

5. The Constitution will address the social, economic, and ideological barriers to full and equal participation in the economy by women, including their unpaid labour.