

ANC POLICY PROCESS - THE WAY FORWARD

(FROM THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION, HUMAN RESOURCES
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1. POLICY FORMULATION PROCESS

It was noted that policy formulation is a **political** process and should, therefore, be under the control and ownership of regions and branches. We need to ensure that there is a balance between the role of experts and the role of the membership. Policy should be opened up to our fraternal organisations.

It was stressed that development of sectoral¹ policy documents and composite policy must ensure that there is efficient and effective inter-sectoral and inter-departmental coordination and co-operation.

2. RELATIONSHIP TO CODESA AND ELECTIONS

Noting that policy is being formulated in the negotiations forum, at Codesa and in regions in relation to future election processes, it was agreed that all these must be bound by the policy adopted at this conference and in future by the recommendations of the ANC's policy departments and structures.

3. ACCESS AND LANGUAGE

Noting that the composite policy document is inaccessible to many of our people by virtue of the language used, it was agreed that the document be translated into all languages. Further, that the document be accompanied by other forms of media in order to be accessible to those people who are illiterate.

It was further suggested that the media, in all its forms - television, print and radio, including the development of audio-visual aids - be used to popularise the ANC's policies.

Further, that the ANC's departments of Organising and Political Education be responsible for making the ANC's policies more accessible and that, especially Organising, be responsible for ensuring regional-national co-operation and coordination in developing and popularising the ANC's policies.