

1. The Economics Unit of our Movement was established in February 1982 as one of the professional bodies of our Organisation by the simple process of bringing together all known ANC economists who were based in Lusaka at that time.
2. This was in line with our task of perfecting the organisational structure of our movement in accordance with our developing situation and our aim of evolving new or improved structural forms best suited to the unfolding situation in the country, area and the world.
3. In our paper on National Structures presented to National Consultative Conference, we pointed out clearly that one of the central aims of our structure is to clearly pinpoint responsibility and accountability unambiguous distribution of tasks.
4. One of the main aims of forming the Economists' Unit was that with the growth of its personnel, it would be possible to transform it into an Economics Department manned by full-time Economists who would be able to interpret economic issues for the movement.
We should point out that the Unit has reached such a level of development that it could become a fully-fledged independent Department.
5. In terms of numbers, the Unit is the biggest of all our professional bodies including those, which have recently matured into departments. However, not all members of the Unit could be released from their present responsibilities in the different departments so that they may become full-time functionaries of the Department of Economics and Planning. We also have eight economists based at present at our development project-Dakawa and also at Mazimbu.
Members of the Unit are as follows:
 1. Patrick Magapatona (the Secretary of the Unit).
 2. Jaya Josie (PMC)
 3. Manala Manzini (Tanzania)
 4. Conny Ndingea (S.G.'s Office)
 5. Siza Sigxashe (Intelligence)
 6. Masiphula Mbonwa (present in Holland)
 7. Edison Maphumla (DIP)
 8. Moses Medupe (Star)
 9. Sam Modisane (Star)
 10. Thabo Mbeki (DIP)

11. Simon Mankana (Political Education)
12. Fanele Mbali (SACTU)
13. Jacob Chiloane (Projects)
14. Neva Makgetla (UNZA)
15. Junaina Motaung (Lialnda)
16. Hintsa Tshumo (Education)
17. Max Sisulu (Projections)
18. Matlape (in Holland, Project)
20. Raymond Maku (Education)
21. Eleanor Mbako (at present in Lesotho)
22. Koos Segola (with ECC)
23. Sadhan Naidoo (with Projects)
24. Papi Moloto (IMD)

ECONOMISTS BASED IN TANZANIA :

1. Jacob Mthopeng M.A.(Econ) Dakawa
2. Thandi Sibisi M.A.(Econ) Dakawa
3. Sikelela Diphojoe M.A.(Econ) Mazimbu
4. Sithembiso Ngweni M.A.(Econ) Dakawa
5. Pinki Thusi M.A.(Econ) Dakawa
6. Dolores Funani M.A.(Econ) finance Dakawa
7. Shigwadane Mashole B.A.(Econ) SOMAFCO
8. Jabulile Kunene B.A. Accountancy SOMAFCO

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We clearly spelt out our strategy and tactics that "The purpose of our struggle is the complete political and economic emancipation of our people and the construction of a society which accords with the basic provisions of the Freedom Charter. It is therefore a fundamental feature of our strategy that our victory must embrace more than a formal political democracy. Our drive towards national emancipation is therefore in a real way bound up with economic emancipation". Preparations for the attainment of genuine economic independence cannot be postponed until freedom day.

Our movement has long realised that economic independence is the foundation of political independence and that preparation for the efficient running of a well-sustained economy of an independent and democratic South Africa, can not be suspended until the day we capture state power.

8. There is no doubt that our struggle for political power will be crowned with victory and that victory will arm us with the tools for embarking on "The Second War of Liberation- the struggle for genuine economic independence".
9. The enthusiasm of our people must also be properly mobilized as the basic energising force of our economic emancipation and if we put our people both as producers and consumers at the centre of our analysis, we will surely not lose sight of what our future development will be all about.
10. This is in line with our recognition that the inventive and innovation capacity of our people will be a major source of improvement in the art of production (technology) and that our society like all others will improve its art of production through a combination of research, invention, innovation and development.
11. The Economists Unit should start working in cooperation with all our departments to lay the foundation for a strong, resilient, efficient, more self-reliant and increasingly integrated economy of an independent South Africa.
12. The Economics Unit takes upon itself the task of disseminating information to all our economists wherever they can be traced in order to solicit welcome suggestions from them and also to invite them to join the Department.
13. We are fighting to liberate a country very rich in both human and material resources where our main task would be to improve our ability to bring the resources into play in the interest of a quickened economic and social restructuring and improved quality of life among our people.
14. Our movement has always recognised the importance of specialized economic research in the planning for a genuinely independent South Africa. Such planning will help us define the nature, pace, and results of our socio-economic activities. The research studies will also enable us identify the problems likely to be encountered by independent South Africa in transition from the internationally rejected Apartheid system to one firmly oriented towards regional ^{and} international cooperation.
15. We mention all these points to show the weighty responsibility that would be put squarely on the shoulders of our Economics and Planning Department.

16. The Economists Unit warmly welcomes the Decision of our National Consultative Conference concerning the establishment of the Department of Economics and Planning.

17. DECISION OF THE N.C.C.

Our National Consultative Conference unanimously decided that we should establish the Department of Economics and Planning which will run the economic life of our movement including our projects and start preparations for the running of the economy of an independent South Africa.

Conference also decided that pending the establishment of the Department, the Economists Unit must be fully involved in the running of the projects of our movement. Conference further emphasised the fact that the formation of the Economics and Planning Department is long over-due.

18. SUGGESTIONS OF THE ECONOMISTS UNIT:

Our Economics Unit suggests the following:

- a) That pursuant to the said decision, the Economists Unit should now devote most of its activities towards the formation of the Department of Economics and Planning.
- b) That since we have already enough economists available at HQ, who could man such a department, any further delay in the formation of the department would be tantamount to ignoring the decision of our National Conference- the Supreme Organ of our revolutionary movement. Such a delay would also amount to arresting the forward march of the South African people to self - determination.
- c) That the Unit give a full report of their activities so far and then devote all its energies to proper consultations with other departments with the aim of establishing the department.
- d) That the NEC authorise the Economics Unit to convene a two-day workshop to be attended by all our economists to map out the terms of reference of the department, its major tasks, programme of work and other activities.
- e) That the Unit be fully involved in the running of our projects in accordance with the decision of Conference.

19. RELATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

- a) The Treasury: The Economics and Planning Department would help all departments falling under the Treasury both in administering the productive and service projects.

- b) The DIP: It will work in cooperation with the DIP particularly its research unit in the field of economic research.
- c) International Department: The Economics and Planning Department will cooperate with the International Department by making meaningful representation of our movement in national, regional and international economic affairs.
- d) DND: The department will work together with the DND in the development and planning of our human resources.
- e) Legal Department: The DEP will cooperate with the Legal Department in such fields as South Africa's Law of Contracts, laws governing the expatriation of profits and dividends, Contract Law, Law of the Sea, INCOTERMS (International Commercial Terms), laws governing industrial secrets, the socialisation process etc. etc.

20. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND MAJOR TASKS

The programme of work and major tasks of the Department will be worked out by the suggested workshop of ANC economists. The Unit will work out suggestions that will be presented to the workshop.

21. IMMEDIATE REQUESTS:

- a) The Unit requests that the NEC authorise the convening of a two-day workshop to be attended by the economists of our Movement to discuss the establishment of the Department, map out its strategy, decide its programme of work as well as its structural formation.
- b) That our economists be released from their other responsibilities during the 2 days of the workshop so that they may make their valuable contributions towards the creation of the department.

22. The formation of the Department of Economics and Planning will be a significant step in our efforts of continuously perfecting the organisational structure of the Movement.