

**RESOLUTIONS TAKEN AT THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT HELD AT LAKHI'S SPORTS FIELD
UMVOTI MUNICIPALITY, UMZINYATHI DISTRICT 17- 18 JUNE 2015**

We, the delegates of the Youth Parliament sitting under the theme "Youth Moving South Africa Forward," took the following resolutions which emanated from five commissions to further guide the Legislature in its interaction with the sector in terms of Section 118 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa

The Sector made the following resolutions:

Social Transformation Cluster 1. (Health, Social Development, Arts and Culture)

The Government to:

- Establish art Galleries, create opportunities for holding of festivals, talent searches and exhibition centres in the township and villages that will show-case youth skills, and talents
- Promote awareness campaigns for young people on social ills
- Ensure that mobile libraries are available and accessible in rural areas and that books are updated on a regular basis
- Ensure that virginity testing is voluntary not compulsory
- Review EPW programme to ensure that it empowers the youth
- Ensure that mobile clinics increase frequency of its-visits and to improve services
- Ensure that separate facilities for chronic disease medication are abolished as this promotes stigmatisation for people with chronic illness
- Consider opening clinics 24 hours for improved service
- Consider introducing intensive school health programme with special focus to rural areas

Social Transformation Cluster 2 (Education, Human settlements & Sports and Recreation)

Education

The Government to:

- Find ways and means to legislate processes to allow for application of set-asides in respect of procurement awards for youth sector only.
- Partner with other departments to address social ills.
- Design history books with correct historical perspective to be introduced across all education levels.
- Facilitate the deployment of social workers to departments like Department of Education, Health and Correctional Services.
- Review payment of School Nutrition Suppliers within 30 days as it is currently dysfunctional. All incomplete invoices to be returned to the suppliers within 15 days (to effect corrections).
- Prioritize school safety by creating partnerships between the Department of Community Safety (individual police stations) and schools.

- Embark on extensive awareness campaigns to demonise drug and alcohol abuse by school learners and tertiary students.

Human settlements

The Government to:

- Insist that implementing agents make use of qualified & skilled artisans in all Department of Human Settlement projects.
- Ensure that all maintenance issues, the Department of Human Settlements together with municipalities embark on capacity building of part time/contract employees with the intention of creating permanent jobs,
- Ensure that deliberate succession planning is made compulsory in all government departments
- Ensure nurturing of critical skills, e.g. engineering and architecture is intensified to eliminate the sourcing of work through consultants.
- Make it a prerequisite for big contractors to sub-contract work to emerging contractors when they are awarded contracts by government departments.
- Implement punitive measures/penalties for contractors who do not complete jobs on time or deviate from agreed to schedule of projects.
- Create awareness campaigns in order to market departmental programmes aimed at benefitting youth.

Sports and Recreation

The Government to:

- Promote School sports tournaments to attract national sporting bodies like PSL clubs to scout for talent in the province.
- Consider introduction of other many sporting codes, other than soccer, in rural areas.
- Engage in placements of sports science graduates in schools and student movements to provide a database of all sports science graduates.
- Ensure that sports and recreation forms part of the school curriculum; and two hours to be dedicated to physical training and sports in schools.

Economic Transformation Cluster 3 (Public Works, Transport, Economic Development Sports and Recreation and NYDA)

Department of Public Works

The Government to:

- Review the R12billion allocated for infrastructure as this amount is allocated through tender award system which limits access by young people. The government should abolish the tender system and these available opportunities be given to the unemployed young people.

Department of Transport

The Government to:

- Ensure that repairs to road potholes should form part of the set-asides for the youth
- Introduce some form of grading by the department so that emerging business people should not find themselves competing with more established business people
- Revive the Vukuzakhe initiative as this would be beneficial to young people
- Focus on eradication of corruption perpetrated by driving schools and traffic officials

Department of Economic Development

The government to:

- Eliminate existing red-tape around the-call for tenders as this is delaying the access.
- Restructure supply chain management policies to enable young people access to government tenders
- Assist and guide young people so that they are able to own businesses or shares in the shopping malls that are being built on an ongoing basis.
- Fast track the issuing of cooperative certificates to improve development.
- Implement local economic development initiatives both at national, provincial and local government levels.
- Establish regional business support centres; which will include SEDA.
- Place more emphasis on new growth paths.

Department of Agriculture

The government to:

- Review the policy of 50% contribution by applicants when accessing assistance from the Department of Agriculture
- Provide land for young people who have obtained certificates in agriculture so that the youth has access to land that is ready to be utilised for agriculture.
- Review Youth in Agriculture initiative (Yard) in order to address some gaps that have been identified.
- Not renew the soon to expire leases with the land tenants; rather have such land allocated to young people who wish to venture into farming

National Youth Development Agency

NYDA to:

- Ensure that there is synergy between programmes of provincial NYDA offices and those offered by the Office of the Premier.
- Ensure that NYDA is accessible to everyone; (not only to people living in Durban) by establishing more offices in all districts

Governance Cluster (Office of the Premier, Local Government and Traditional Affairs)

The Government to:

- Strengthen communication initiatives utilised to cascade information on available bursaries (COGTA) and Youth Opportunities (Office of the Premier). Information to be communicated through strategic forums that can be accessed by all youth to avoid them being accessible to a few
- Ensure that Community Works Programme such a youth empowerment should have an integrated approach and be sustainable
- Align youth development initiatives with key economic drivers of the province to avoid youth development being “meet and greet” approaches
- Should investigate enforcement of Youth Set-Asides through passing of the relevant legislation and policy formulation
- Ensure implementation of a procurement policy that will be favour the youth, e.g. 30% set aside for the youth and policy should be formulated to enforce it.
- Relook into the issue of compliance versus implementation. The issue of youth directorate has been a resolution in the past 10 years but it is still not fully implemented by all government departments; including the municipalities.
- Finalise Youth Directorate framework before the commencement of the new financial year
- Introduce monitoring and evaluation of youth programmes; with clear objectives.

Security Cluster

The government to:

- Ensure that the youth desks are restructured to reflect their level of importance and deal with all safety related matters. These structures (at all levels) should also report directly to the relevant MEC.
- Ensure that political organisation refrains from making provoking statements when they are given podium to speak.
- Ensure that there is a coordination of public meetings with taxi associations.
- Facilitate awareness campaigns whereby the members of community are educated on the functioning of SAPS in order to prevent unnecessary complaints thereafter.
- Ensure that community and liaison works together with Justice Departments to educate the community especially when it comes to crime related matter.
- Ensure that clear guidelines for the recruitment of young people in SAPS.
- Ensure that there is regulations of security personnel's in schools and in taxi associations.
- Ensure that it intensifies its efforts to fight against corruption, i.e. kingpins that get arrested and get released the day after. This must be coordinated by Department of Justice and SAPS.
- Ensure that security personnel in schools is upgraded and taken seriously. Security personnel must be armed and equipped to deal with crime that takes place within the school facilities.
- Ensure that municipality-led structures lead crime prevention issues and work together with other government departments. They should lead education campaigns about crime at all


levels, because crime affects all departments. The Mayors and Deputy Mayors should play roles in communities' safety


ALL DEPARTMENTS AND THE LEGISLATURE


- The government should place more emphasis on in-service training as well as increasing internship programmes so that young people are able to gain experience
- The government should make provide opportunities for youth representatives to sit at decision-making structures of the Office of the Premier
- The government should invite Youth in Agriculture in the next Youth Parliament (YARD) with the aim of sharing information.
- The Legislature should ensure that more time is allocated to the commissions
- The government should change policies so that young people can access the mainstream businesses such as mines
- The government should conduct skills audit among the youth so that those who do not have skills should be identified
- The government should review the issue of people who are holding many portfolios; this limits entrance to the job market by young people (as multiple jobs are held by a few people, e.g. a person being a councillor and a teacher at the same time).
- The government to ensure that all departments have a fully functional youth directorate by December 2015
- All departments should have transformation units that will monitor transformation initiatives as well as skills audit
- The government should relook into the issue of delayed payments to suppliers as this badly affects the credit profile of the service providers
- The government should amend the payment cycle from 30 days to 15 days cycle.
- The government should improve its systems to ensure that the appointment of service providers is done speedily and efficiently (this can also be achieved through effective monitoring and evaluation)
- The appointed service providers (main contractors) should be compelled to subcontract local young people

Signed on behalf of Representatives

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Signed at Lakhi's Sports Field, Greytown on the 18th June 2015