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# HOPELESS FUTURE



**OUR CHILDREN ARE DYING  
WE SAY NO TO DRUGS**

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## **PREAMBLE: A NEW COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE**

- South Africa belongs to its people, united in their diversity. Ilizwe Nathi stands for National Restoration and Unity, committed to rebuilding our nation through leadership that serves the people, protects human dignity, manages public resources responsibly, and advances safety, peace and prosperity for all.
- Guided by Ubuntu, justice, integrity, compassion and accountability, we call for the restoration of our nation's dignity, values and hope. We believe that systems must serve the people, and that through unity, responsible leadership and practical action, we can build a South Africa that works for all its people.
- We commit ourselves to national renewal, equal opportunities and the restoration of public trust, in accordance with the needs of our people. The people of South Africa

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HER EXCELLENCE SPEECH**



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## HER EXCELLENCE SPEECH

**PRESIDENT OF ILIZWE NATHI**

**THABILE SIBEKO**

### **SOUTH AFRICA, MY BELOVED COUNTRY AND HER PEOPLE**

- My beloved South Africa, and all her beautiful people, receive my greetings with the utmost respect, honour and humility. Today, we are witnessing in real life the painful truth of the words: “When the wicked rule, the people suffer.” Look around us. Our children are falling victim to drugs and substance abuse. Our streets have become places of fear rather than safety. Our people are unemployed, families are struggling, and far too often, we gather to bury those whose lives have been lost to violence and crime. Our people are suffering under systems that were created to serve them but have, in many instances, become obstacles to their dignity, progress and prosperity.
- My beloved people, this is not the South Africa we deserve. We cannot continue to accept suffering as normal, hopelessness as our future, or broken systems as the best we can achieve. The time for restoration has come. The time for justice has come. The time for a government that truly serves its people has come! The Word reminds us that when the righteous rule, the people rejoice. I believe that South Africa can rise again. Our streets can become safer, our communities cleaner, our young people can find meaningful opportunities, and our people can live with dignity, peace and hope.
- Ilizwe Nathi stands for restoration, development, justice, accountability and Ubuntu. We stand for leadership that listens to the people, respects public resources and understands that government is a responsibility not a privilege. My beloved people, I invite you to become part of this restoration. Let us choose a future in which our children can dream again, our families can live without fear, and our communities can prosper. On 4 November 2026, let your vote speak for justice. Let your vote speak for restoration. Let your vote speak for a government that puts the people first.

#### **Vote ILIZWE NATHI (IN)**

Together, let us build a South Africa in which the people are served, justice prevails, and every community has reason to rejoice.

May God bless South Africa, protect her people, and guide us towards a future of peace, justice and prosperity.

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The People First. Ubuntu Always. Accountability Without Compromise.



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## 1. OUR VISION

- To build a united, safe, clean and economically empowered South Africa where every community has access to reliable basic services. Essential services are affordable and delivered with dignity. South African citizens have fair opportunities to work, learn and build businesses.
- Where senior citizens and vulnerable children receive meaningful support from their government.
- Our communities are protected against crime, corruption and neglect. With families who have access to decent housing and opportunities for land ownership. And ensuring that Public money is spent transparently and responsibly.



Ubuntu guides our leadership and strengthens unity across our nation.

## OUR MISSION

- Ilizwe Nathi is committed to building a government that places people and communities at the centre of decision-making. We will strive to improve the quality, reliability and affordability of basic services, ensuring that public institutions serve the people with dignity, efficiency and accountability. We are committed to creating local economic opportunities, promoting skills development and supporting the lawful employment of South African citizens. We envision a local economy that prioritises local people, local businesses and local industries, ensuring that our communities benefit directly from the economic activities and resources within their areas, in accordance with applicable laws.
- We will protect public resources and pursue a policy of zero tolerance for corruption. Those who misuse public funds, abuse public office or engage in corrupt activities must be held accountable through lawful and transparent processes. No individual, regardless of position or political connections, will be above the law. We will work to improve community safety, strengthen the rule of law and promote fair access to justice. We are committed to protecting the dignity and wellbeing of senior citizens, orphans, widows, persons with disabilities and vulnerable households through practical, sustainable and accountable support programmes.
- We will promote education, skills development, responsible citizenship and the values of Ubuntu. We will advance fair access to land, housing and meaningful economic participation, enabling our people to build secure futures for themselves and their families. Finally, we will establish measurable service-delivery commitments and publish regular progress reports so that the public can assess our performance. We believe that leadership must be measured not merely by promises, but by results, transparency and the difference it makes in people's lives.
- **OUR MISSION IS TO RESTORE DIGNITY, ADVANCE JUSTICE, PROTECT PUBLIC RESOURCES AND BUILD A SOUTH AFRICA IN WHICH THE PEOPLE COME FIRST.**

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## OUR 19 POLICY COMMITMENTS



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## 1. WATER: A BASIC NEED, NOT A LUXURY1

- Water is essential to life. No household should be denied access to safe water because of poverty, neglect or failures in service delivery. Ilizwe Nathi will work towards expanding free basic water, with the long-term objective of making water accessible and free to every household, subject to sustainable funding and applicable laws.
- Water Infrastructure and Maintenance. We will prioritise repairing leaking pipes, damaged infrastructure and failing supply systems. Through improved maintenance and reduced water losses, we will protect our water resources and strengthen the reliability of supply. Water for Every Community
- We will expand reliable water access in underserved communities. No formal or informal community should be left without a reliable plan for safe water. Water provision must be an urgent priority, keeping pace with community growth and development. Water Quality and emergency Response. We will strengthen water-quality monitoring and ensure suspected contamination is investigated urgently. Where water is unsafe, the responsible authorities must issue timely warnings, take protective action and restore safe supply as quickly as possible.
- A Dedicated 24-Hour Water Communication Line. We will work towards a dedicated 24-hour, seven-day-a-week communication service for reporting water interruptions, leaking pipes, low pressure, damaged infrastructure and suspected contamination. Residents should receive reference numbers where practical, regular updates and clear restoration timelines.
- Fair Support for Vulnerable Households. We will strengthen transparent indigent-support programmes to help qualifying low-income households access essential water services with dignity, fairness and no political favouritism.

## OUR COMMITMENT

- Water must flow to our communities, not merely through our promises. Ilizwe Nathi will pursue reliable access to safe water, urgent responses to service failures and accountable water management for every community.



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## 2. ELECTRICITY: AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE

- Electricity must be affordable for households and businesses. High electricity costs place pressure on families, limit economic activity and make life difficult for vulnerable residents. Iizwe Nathi proposes a target of working towards reducing electricity costs to consumers by up to 50%, subject to a detailed affordability, tariff and infrastructure assessment. We will also advocate for a 30% electricity subsidy for qualifying pensioners, orphans and widows, subject to eligibility rules and available funding.



### OUR PRIORITIES INCLUDE

- Improving electricity infrastructure maintenance. Reducing avoidable losses and addressing illegal connections lawfully. Promoting energy efficiency and appropriate renewable-energy solutions. Improving billing accuracy and resolving billing disputes.
- Protecting households from unfair or unexplained charges. Engaging the relevant electricity suppliers and regulators on affordable tariffs.
- Funding and implementation: The proposed reduction and subsidy are policy targets, not an assertion that a municipality can unilaterally change every electricity tariff. Implementation will depend on the responsible supplier, tariff approvals, municipal financial sustainability, applicable regulatory requirements and an identified funding source.

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## 3. HEALTHCARE: DIGNITY, ACCESS AND BETTER CONDITIONS

- Access to healthcare is essential to human dignity. Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for accessible and affordable public healthcare, including access to essential medicines, reliable health facilities and respectful treatment of patients.
- We will prioritise municipal responsibilities that support public health, including:
  - Environmental health and sanitation. Clean public spaces and safer living conditions. Health education and community outreach partnerships. Improved coordination with provincial health services. Identifying and reporting service gaps affecting local communities. Implementation: Hospitals, clinics and medical staffing largely fall under provincial health responsibilities, with national policy also playing a role. Ilizwe Nathi will work with the responsible authorities and advocate for improvements rather than promise services outside municipal control.



## 4. POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNITY TRUST

- Every resident deserves to live in a community where the law is respected and law-enforcement institutions are accountable. Ilizwe Nathi will work with the South African Police Service, Community Policing Forums, municipal safety units and relevant oversight bodies to strengthen public safety and accountability.

### OUR PRIORITIES INCLUDE

- Encouraging the proper investigation of complaints against officials. Supporting lawful oversight and transparent reporting. Improving street lighting in high-risk areas. Strengthening community-police cooperation. Supporting victims and witnesses through appropriate referral services. Encouraging professional conduct and respect for human rights. No official should be above the law, and no resident should be denied fair treatment.



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## 5. COMMUNITY SAFETY: WE WILL BE PROTECTING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Violence, murder, robbery and other serious crimes undermine the safety and dignity of our communities. Ilizwe Nathi will pursue a coordinated community-safety programme focused on crime prevention, safer public spaces and cooperation with law-enforcement agencies.

### WE WILL PRIORITISE:

- identifying and addressing local crime hotspots. Improving lighting and the maintenance of public spaces. Supporting community safety initiatives and lawful neighbourhood partnerships.
- Strengthening responses to violence against women and children. Supporting victims and families affected by violent crime. Improving coordination between municipal safety services and SAPS. Disperse the army where necessary, especially in a case where woman and children are dying.

Where additional provincial or national intervention is needed, Ilizwe Nathi will formally advocate for it. Any deployment of the South African National Defence Force must comply with constitutional and legal requirements and be authorised by the appropriate national authorities.

# SAFETY

## 6. JOBS, LOCAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Employment is central to dignity, family stability and community development. Ilizwe Nathi will promote local economic development and seek to expand employment opportunities, especially for young people and unemployed residents.

### OUR PRIORITIES INCLUDE

- Supporting small businesses, cooperatives and local entrepreneurs. Expanding skills-development and apprenticeship partnerships. Improving access to municipal business information and lawful procurement opportunities. Supporting local manufacturing, agriculture, services and community enterprises. Using public works and maintenance programmes to create appropriate work opportunities. Promoting fair recruitment and lawful employment practices. Supporting South African citizens in employment opportunities where permitted by applicable law and the requirements of the relevant programme.
- We will pursue a local economy that gives people a fair opportunity to earn a living and build a future.

Implementation: Job-creation programmes will be linked to available funding, realistic project plans and measurable employment outcomes. National employment and labour laws will be respected.



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## 7. SCHOOLS, PRAYER AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Ilizwe Nathi believes that families are the foundation of a disciplined, respectful and responsible society. Parents and guardians must be supported in raising their children with strong moral values, respect, discipline, compassion and a sense of responsibility.

## WE WILL PRIORITISE

- **Returning Prayer to School Assemblies:** Support the return of prayer during school assemblies, where appropriate, in a manner consistent with the Constitution, education laws and the rights of learners and families of different beliefs. **Strengthening Moral Values:** Encourage schools to promote respect, honesty, discipline, responsibility, compassion and Ubuntu. **Restoring Parental Responsibility:** Empower parents and guardians to play an active role in their children's upbringing, education, discipline and character development.
- **Stronger Parent–School Partnerships:** Encourage meaningful cooperation between parents, teachers and school governing bodies to address misconduct, bullying, substance abuse and declining discipline. **Protecting Children While Supporting Families:** Review policies that affect parental involvement and family responsibilities, while protecting children's constitutional rights, dignity, safety and best interests.

## OUR COMMITMENT

We want schools that educate the mind, nurture character and strengthen families. Parents must be respected as primary caregivers, schools must be supported in maintaining discipline, and every child must be raised in an environment of safety, responsibility, love and Ubuntu.



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## 8. A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT AND DIGNIFIED COMMUNITIES

- A clean environment is a public necessity. Residents should not have to live among unmanaged waste, illegal dumping, blocked drains or neglected public spaces. Ilizwe Nathi will work towards cleaner and healthier communities through: Reliable refuse collection.
- We shall ensure proper cleaning and maintenance programmes.
- We shall ensure local employment opportunities through lawful cleaning contracts.
- We shall continue with recycling and waste-reduction initiatives.
- We shall improve drainage maintenance and illegal-dumping enforcement.
- We shall ensure that we have a better upkeep of parks, roadsides and public spaces.
- We shall ensure that we have clear procedures for reporting environmental problems.
- Where appropriate, municipal contracts and community programmes should create work while improving the places where people live.

Our goal is to make our communities clean, welcoming and safe for present and future generations.



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## 9. SYSTEMS THAT WORK FOR THE PEOPLE

Government systems should make life easier, not trap residents in endless queues, unanswered complaints and unexplained delays. The systems are servants of the people always.

- Ilizwe Nathi will work towards a more accessible, responsive and accountable municipality.

### WE WILL PURSUE:

- A clear service-delivery standards.
- A simple and accessible complaint-reporting channels.
- There shall be reference numbers and tracking for service requests where practical.
- We shall published response targets and escalation procedures.
- We shall mantan high level of communication about delays and service interruptions.
- We shall ensure accessible public participation in municipal decisions.
- We shall ensure regular reporting on service-delivery performance.

Our principle is simple: The Systems must work for the people, not people be enslaved by systems. Our is the sytems and the people.



## 10. FIGHTING CRIME, EXTORTION AND ORGANISED CRIMINALITY

Organised crime, extortion, trafficking, fraud and corruption threaten residents, businesses and public institutions. Ilizwe Nathi will strengthen lawful cooperation with SAPS and other competent authorities to prevent crime and protect communities.

Our priorities include:

- Reporting suspected criminal activity through lawful channels.
- Improving cooperation between communities and law-enforcement agencies.
- Supporting victims and witnesses through appropriate services.
- Protecting municipal systems from fraud and criminal exploitation.
- Strengthening controls against theft of public infrastructure.
- Improving transparency in the management of municipal assets.

All enforcement must follow due process, protect constitutional rights and ensure that allegations are investigated fairly.



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## 11. FIGHTING DRUG ABUSE, VIOLENT CRIME AND MURDER

### 1. Drug Abuse Prevention, Enforcement and Recovery

Ilizwe Nathi is committed to building safer, healthier and more stable communities by addressing drug abuse, drug trafficking and the crimes associated with substance abuse.

We will support an integrated approach that includes:

- Law enforcement: Strengthening cooperation with the South African Police Service and other relevant authorities to combat violent crime, drug trafficking and the illegal distribution of narcotics.
- Community awareness: Introducing and supporting awareness campaigns in schools and communities to educate young people and families about the dangers of drug abuse.
- Youth prevention: Expanding constructive opportunities for young people through skills development, sports, vocational training and community service.
- Treatment and recovery: Establishing referral pathways to appropriate treatment, rehabilitation and recovery services for people affected by substance-use disorders.
- Family support: Supporting families affected by addiction, violence and crime through counselling, social services and community-based assistance.
- Rehabilitation and reintegration: Promoting structured rehabilitation, skills development, vocational training and reintegration programmes that help recovering individuals rebuild their lives and contribute positively to society.

### 2. National Service and Rehabilitation Programme

Ilizwe Nathi proposes exploring a structured national service programme for eligible individuals recovering from drug addiction, combining rehabilitation, discipline, vocational training, life skills and service to the country.

- The programme would seek partnerships with relevant government departments, health professionals, social workers, rehabilitation centres and appropriate public-service institutions. Ilizwe Nathi also proposes exploring voluntary national service opportunities, including eligible military training pathways, for individuals who meet the applicable legal, medical and service requirements.
- Participation in rehabilitation and national service must comply with constitutional rights, applicable laws, medical assessments and appropriate safeguards. Compulsory treatment or restrictions on liberty may only occur where authorised by law and subject to the required legal procedures.
- Our objective is rehabilitation with accountability: helping people overcome addiction, restoring dignity, reducing repeat offending and enabling individuals to make a meaningful contribution to South Africa.



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## 11. FIGHTING DRUG ABUSE, VIOLENT CRIME AND MURDER

### Murder and the Protection of Human Life

- Ilizwe Nathi condemns murder and all forms of unlawful violence. Every innocent life lost is a tragedy for a family and a wound to our nation. We will advocate for stronger measures to prevent murder, improve investigations, strengthen prosecution, protect witnesses and ensure that offenders are held accountable through fair and effective criminal justice processes.
- Our position is that serious violent crimes must carry serious consequences. Sentences must reflect the gravity of the offence, protect the public and be imposed in accordance with the Constitution and the law.
- Ilizwe Nathi recognises the anger and pain experienced by families who have lost loved ones. We will advocate for stronger victim support, improved access to justice and effective measures to prevent further violence.

### 4. The Death Penalty and Justice Reform

- Ilizwe Nathi acknowledges public calls for the return of the death penalty for murder. The party proposes a national discussion on sentencing, public safety, victims' rights and the effectiveness of the criminal justice system.
- However, South Africa's current constitutional framework prohibits capital punishment. Any proposal concerning the death penalty would therefore require careful consideration of constitutional law and the binding judgments of the Constitutional Court.
- Ilizwe Nathi's immediate commitment is to strengthen the justice system, ensure that murder cases are properly investigated and prosecuted, and pursue lawful, effective measures to protect the lives of South Africans.

### OUR COMMITMENT

Ilizwe Nathi stands for safer communities, rehabilitation with accountability, justice for victims, and the protection of human life. We will fight drug trafficking, confront violent crime and work towards a South Africa where every person can live in safety and dignity.



**DRUGS ARE A FAMILY & COMMUNITY DESTROYER**

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## **12. BUILDING INTEGRITY, PROPERTY RECOVERY AND RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT**

- Ilizwe Nathi will work to address the unlawful occupation, exploitation, criminal activity and unsafe management of buildings in Ekurhuleni and other communities across South Africa.
- Our objective is to restore lawful property management, protect public assets, promote community safety and ensure that buildings are used responsibly for the benefit of society.

### **ILIZWE NATHI WILL ADVOCATE FOR THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:**

- **Audits of Municipal Properties:** Conduct comprehensive audits of municipal buildings and properties to establish their ownership, condition, occupancy status and lawful use.
- **Verification of Ownership and Occupancy:** Verify title deeds, ownership records, leases and occupancy arrangements to identify irregularities and establish the lawful rights of owners and occupants.
- **Investigation of Suspected Criminal Activity:** Support investigations into suspected property fraud, building hijacking, extortion, unlawful rental collection, exploitation and other criminal conduct, regardless of the nationality or status of the persons involved.
- **Lawful Recovery of Public Property:** Pursue the recovery of municipal and other public properties where unlawful occupation, fraud or misuse has been established through the appropriate legal processes.
- **Recovery of Illegally Obtained Funds:** Where evidence establishes that individuals or entities have obtained money through fraud, unlawful rental collection, corruption or unjust enrichment, Ilizwe Nathi will support lawful investigations and the recovery of those funds. Recovered public funds will be directed to the appropriate municipal or public treasury, or allocated to a legally authorised public-benefit or community development programme, as permitted by law. These measures will apply regardless of nationality and will respect the rights of affected parties.
- **Responsible Management of Recovered Buildings:** Ensure that buildings lawfully recovered by their rightful public owners are secured, maintained and managed transparently, with municipal accounts, rates, utilities and other obligations properly administered.
- **Empowering South African Property Managers:** Advocate for opportunities for qualified South African individuals, community organisations, cooperatives and businesses to manage suitable recovered public properties through transparent, lawful and accountable arrangements. Such management must preserve the buildings, maintain municipal payments and protect the public interest.

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- Fair Consideration of Housing Needs: Recognise the housing needs and legal rights of lawful occupants, tenants and vulnerable households. Any relocation or eviction must comply with applicable legislation and relevant court orders.
- Public-Benefit Use of Suitable Buildings: Where appropriate, redevelop or repurpose Safety and Regulatory Compliance: We will promote compliance with building regulations, fire safety requirements, zoning rules, public health standards and applicable municipal by-laws.

## Legal Safeguards and Accountability

- No property will be confiscated, transferred or taken from a lawful owner merely because of an allegation, the owner's nationality or the identity of its occupants. Any investigation, recovery, eviction, asset forfeiture, transfer or redevelopment must comply with the Constitution, applicable legislation, due process and relevant court requirements.
- Ilizwe Nathi will promote transparent investigations, proper record-keeping, accountability for recovered assets and regular reporting on the use of public properties and recovered funds.

## Our Commitment to South Africa

Ilizwe Nathi believes that buildings must serve a lawful, safe and constructive purpose. Public assets must be protected, criminal exploitation must be addressed, and property management must be governed by accountability and the rule of law. We will pursue lawful solutions that restore order, protect communities, safeguard public resources and create opportunities for responsible South African participation in property management. We will stop abandoned buildings, it is a risk to us and our people.



**ILIZWE NATHI 2026 BRINGS SOLUTIONS**

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## 13. EDUCATION, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND FREE EDUCATION

Education is the foundation of opportunity, personal development and national progress. Every South African should have the opportunity to learn, develop practical skills and participate meaningfully in the economy and society, regardless of their financial circumstances or disability. Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for a national education system that expands access to quality education, strengthens vocational training and equips present and future generations with the knowledge and skills needed to build South Africa.

### Our Commitments

- Ilizwe Nathi will work with relevant education and training authorities, businesses, educational institutions and community partners to support:

Early Childhood Development: Expand access to affordable, quality early learning and development programmes.

- Free Education for All: Pursue a phased and sustainable policy to make quality education free at all levels, from early childhood development and basic education through vocational training, colleges and universities, subject to a credible funding and implementation plan.
- Vocational and Technical Skills: Strengthen practical training in trades, technology, engineering, agriculture, construction and other fields needed by the economy.
- Apprenticeships and Workplace Training: Promote partnerships between educational institutions and employers to create opportunities for practical experience and skills development.
- Career Guidance and Digital Skills: Improve access to career counselling, computer literacy, digital technology and future-oriented skills.
- Safe and Accessible Learning Environments: Advocate for safe schools, appropriate learning facilities, accessible infrastructure and supportive educational environments.
- Inclusive Education: Promote equal educational opportunities for persons with disabilities and learners who require additional support.
- Educational Support Partnerships: Encourage partnerships that improve access to learning materials, libraries, technology, school facilities and other educational resources.
- Lifelong Learning: Expand opportunities for adults, unemployed people and those seeking to retrain or improve their qualifications.

Our Vision: Free Education for Generations to Come

Ilizwe Nathi believes that a person's educational opportunities should not be determined by their family's financial circumstances.

## **EDUCATION CONTINUED.....**

Our long-term objective is to establish a system in which quality education is accessible and free at every level for present and future generations.

- We will pursue this objective through responsible financial planning, the protection of public education budgets, transparent spending, investment in educational infrastructure and partnerships that expand learning opportunities without compromising educational quality.
- Implementation will take account of the respective constitutional responsibilities of national, provincial and local government, as well as the resources and institutional capacity required to deliver this commitment.

## **OUR PROMISE**

Free education for our generation and generations to come.

Ilizwe Nathi will work towards a South Africa where every learner has the opportunity to develop their potential, every young person can acquire meaningful skills, and lifelong learning remains within everyone's reach.

## **14. BORDER SECURITY, IMMIGRATION CONTROL AND NATIONAL SAFETY**

### **Ilizwe Nathi Manifesto 2026**

- Ilizwe Nathi maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards illegal entry, immigration fraud, human trafficking and the exploitation of vulnerable people. South Africa's immigration laws must be enforced consistently, and the country's borders must be properly secured and managed.
- Our objective is to strengthen border control, protect communities, uphold the rule of law and ensure that immigration processes serve South Africa's national interests while respecting constitutional rights and applicable international obligations. However where international obligation does not serve the interest of south Africans, ilizwe Nathi will propose cutting ties with such obligations

### **Our Commitments**

#### **1. Stronger Border Management**

- Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for stronger border security through improved surveillance, effective patrols, modern technology, adequate staffing and properly maintained border infrastructure.
- We propose allocating R600 million annually towards an intensified border-security programme, subject to a detailed implementation plan, parliamentary budget processes, available public resources and transparent financial oversight.

### **The proposed funding will support:**

- Increased monitoring and patrol capacity in identified high-risk border areas.
- Improved surveillance and detection technology.
- Maintenance of border infrastructure and access-control facilities.
- Better coordination between the Border Management Authority, the South African Police Service, the South African National Defence Force and other relevant authorities.

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## **14. CONTINUED.....**

- Measures to prevent unlawful crossings, smuggling, trafficking and organised cross-border crime. Our objective is to substantially reduce illegal entry through effective enforcement, accountable administration and measurable security outcomes.

### **2. Immigration Law Enforcement**

- We will advocate for the consistent enforcement of immigration laws, including lawful verification of immigration status by authorised officials.

#### **Priority areas will include:**

- Fraudulent passports, permits and identity documents.
- Corruption and the unlawful issuing of immigration documents.
- Organised networks facilitating illegal entry.
- Human trafficking, forced labour and exploitation.
- Abuse of workers and unsafe accommodation.
- Unlawful employment practices and the exploitation of vulnerable people.
- Investigations and enforcement must be evidence-based, non-discriminatory and conducted within the law.

### **3. Asylum and Refugee Policy**

- Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for an efficient, secure and accountable asylum system that protects South Africa's national interests while complying with the needs of foreign countries seeking refuge in SA, refugee legislation and applicable international obligations only when necessary needed.

#### **We will support:**

- Thorough and timely assessment of asylum applications.
- Verification of identity and available supporting documentation.
- Measures to identify fraudulent claims and prevent abuse of the system.
- Stronger cooperation with relevant authorities to verify information where lawful.
- Fair, lawful decisions on asylum applications and appeals.
- The removal of persons who have no lawful basis to remain in South Africa, following the applicable legal process.
- Our policy will support the return of people who do not qualify for protection and have no other lawful basis to remain, while respecting the rights of people whose asylum claims must be considered under the law.

### **4. Foreign Relations and National Interests**

- Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for a foreign policy that prioritises South Africa's national security, sovereignty, economic interests and the safety of its people.
- We will call for a review of diplomatic and bilateral relationships where credible evidence demonstrates serious threats to national interests or persistent failures of cooperation on criminal activity.

## **14. CONTINUED.....**

- Where warranted, Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for strong diplomatic measures, including the reconsideration or severance of diplomatic relations with a country where this is justified by the national interest and undertaken through the constitutionally authorised national government.
- Our position is that diplomatic relationships must serve the interests of South Africa and its people.

### **5. Protecting Workers and Vulnerable Communities**

- We will advocate for stronger action against human trafficking, labour exploitation, unlawful recruitment practices and unsafe living conditions.
- Employers, landlords, recruiters and criminal networks must be held accountable where evidence establishes violations of the law. Victims must have access to appropriate protection and support.

### **6. National and Local Accountability**

- Immigration enforcement and border control are primarily national government responsibilities. Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for effective coordination between national authorities, provincial government, municipalities and affected communities, with every institution acting within its lawful powers.
- We will also support transparent reporting on border-security expenditure, enforcement outcomes and the use of public funds. Our Legal and Constitutional Principles
- Ilizwe Nathi believes that national security and the rule of law must operate together.
- Immigration laws must be enforced fairly and consistently, without unlawful discrimination based on nationality or country of origin. Every person must be treated with dignity, and enforcement must follow due process.
- Our commitment is clear: secure borders, lawful immigration, accountable enforcement and the protection of South Africa's national interests.



**BOADER**  
**CONTROL**

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## 15. UBUNTU: THE HEART OF OUR NATION

- Ubuntu is not merely a word. It is the foundation of who we are, how we treat one another and how we must build our nation.
- Ilizwe Nathi believes that South Africa can only prosper when dignity, justice, love and shared responsibility guide our communities and our government.
- We will promote equal treatment under the law, opportunities for women and young people, respect for senior citizens, protection of children and support for persons with disabilities and vulnerable households.
- We believe in Batho Pele — People First. Public service must put people before personal interests, and leadership must be measured by responsibility, honesty and service.
- We believe that a child belongs to the village. Parents and guardians have a central responsibility, but families, schools and communities must work together to protect children, guide them and help them fulfil their potential.
- We will encourage a culture of loving your neighbour as you love yourself, standing together in difficult times and taking collective responsibility for the wellbeing of our communities.
- Ubuntu does not mean accepting corruption, abuse or disorder. We will stand for fairness, accountability, justice and the lawful restoration of order wherever our communities are threatened.

### Our guiding principle is:

UMUNTU NGUMUNTU NGABANTU — I AM BECAUSE WE ARE.

- Let Ubuntu live in our homes. Let it guide our schools. Let it shape our communities. Let it be reflected in our leadership and in every public institution.
- Let us build a South Africa where we care for one another, serve one another and recognise that our future is connected.

LET UBUNTU LIVE AMONGST US.

ILIZWE NATHI — UBUNTU AT THE HEART OF OUR NATION.



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## 16. ANTI-CORRUPTION AND TRANSPARENT MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT

Public money belongs to the people. It must be used for public benefit, service delivery and community development—not personal enrichment.

Ilizwe Nathi adopts a zero-tolerance approach to corruption, fraud, bribery, tender manipulation and the misuse of public funds. Anyone suspected of wrongdoing must be investigated, and those found guilty must face the consequences prescribed by law.

### Our Commitments

Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for

- **Transparent Procurement:** Review municipal procurement procedures and strengthen safeguards to promote fair competition, prevent favouritism and ensure value for public money.
- **Stronger Financial Oversight:** Introduce appropriate financial authorisation, independent verification, separation of duties and clear audit trails.
- **Public Accountability:** Promote transparent reporting on municipal contracts, expenditure, project progress and service-delivery outcomes, subject to lawful disclosure requirements.
- **Effective Auditing:** Strengthen financial controls, regular audits and the investigation of suspected irregular expenditure.
- **Consequences for Corruption:** Refer suspected criminal conduct to the relevant authorities and support lawful disciplinary, civil and criminal proceedings where warranted.
- **Whistleblower Protection:** Promote safe reporting channels and protection against unlawful retaliation.
- **Contractor Accountability:** Monitor contractor performance and take lawful action against non-compliance, poor workmanship, fraud and failure to fulfil contractual obligations.
- **Opportunities for Disadvantaged Groups:** Promote fair access for historically disadvantaged individuals, emerging businesses and cooperatives in accordance with applicable procurement law.
- **Competent Service Providers:** Ensure that public contracts are awarded through lawful, transparent evaluation that considers capability, quality, price, transformation objectives and value for money.

### Procurement Reform

Ilizwe Nathi will review the existing quotation system and consider a two-quotation procedure in appropriate procurement categories, provided it complies with prescribed legal requirements and does not undermine fair competition.

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- We will also advocate for a strengthened financial oversight model to ensure that municipal payments are properly verified, authorised and recorded.

### Protecting Public Resources

- Where evidence establishes that public funds have been obtained unlawfully, Ilizwe Nathi will pursue appropriate legal processes to recover those funds and restore them to their lawful public purpose.
- No public official, contractor or political leader should be shielded from accountability because of their position or connections.

Our commitment: Public money for public benefit. Fair opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Competent service providers. Accountability without favouritism. Let us deliver competent service to the people.



# A NEW GERMISTON - A NEW VISION FOR THE CITY -

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## 17. HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, SHELTER AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION

- Ilizwe Nathi believes that every person deserves dignity, safety and a place to call home. Homelessness and social exclusion require practical, compassionate and sustainable solutions that address both immediate needs and the underlying causes of homelessness.
- Our vision is clear: no one should be left homeless. Our goal is to work towards ending homelessness through coordinated support, access to safe accommodation and sustainable pathways to independent living.
- A government led by Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for the responsible use of suitable public infrastructure to establish additional temporary shelters and safe accommodation facilities, alongside a longer-term programme to expand access to permanent housing.

### Our Commitments

- Ilizwe Nathi will work with municipalities, social-development authorities, health services, community organisations and other relevant institutions to:
- Expand Shelter Capacity: Identify suitable public buildings and infrastructure that can lawfully be converted into safe, accessible temporary shelters.
- Assess Individual Needs: Establish appropriate assessment and referral processes so that people can access accommodation and support suited to their circumstances.
- Connect People to Places of Safety: Strengthen access to social workers and relevant services to assist vulnerable people in finding safe accommodation and accessing appropriate support.
- Link Shelter to Housing: Work towards ensuring that shelter programmes include a clear pathway to longer-term housing, rather than leaving people indefinitely in temporary accommodation.
- Support Rehabilitation and Recovery: Improve access to appropriate healthcare, psychosocial support and voluntary substance-use treatment and rehabilitation services.
- Promote Skills and Employment: Connect eligible residents with vocational training, skills development, employment opportunities and suitable community-service programmes.
- Support Family Reintegration: Where safe, appropriate and agreed to by the individuals concerned, facilitate family reunification and reintegration into supportive communities.

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- Protect Vulnerable Groups: Provide appropriate referral and support arrangements for children, older persons, persons with disabilities, survivors of abuse and people with complex support needs.
- Address the Causes of Homelessness: Strengthen coordination between housing, social development, healthcare and employment services to reduce the risk of people returning to homelessness.

### From Temporary Shelter to a Stable Home

- Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for a coordinated programme in which temporary accommodation is the beginning of recovery and stability, not the final destination.
- We will pursue a model that connects shelter residents to individual support plans, relevant social services, housing opportunities and pathways towards independent living. Where appropriate, structured skills training and community-service opportunities may be developed in partnership with relevant institutions. Participation must respect individual rights, capacity and applicable labour requirements.
- Our long-term objective is to expand access to permanent, affordable and appropriate housing while ensuring that people facing immediate hardship are not abandoned without support.

### Accountability and Implementation

- Any homelessness programme will be developed within the law, available funding and the responsibilities of the relevant institutions.
- Public buildings must be assessed for suitability, safety and lawful use before conversion. Shelter facilities must meet applicable health, fire-safety and building standards, with transparent management and appropriate protection for residents.
- Ilizwe Nathi will promote measurable reporting on shelter capacity, housing referrals, support services and progress towards sustainable reintegration.
- Our commitment: No person should be forgotten, no one should be denied dignity, and everyone deserves a pathway towards a safe and stable home.

Ilizwe Nathi — Restoring dignity. Rebuilding lives. Creating pathways home.

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## **18. SOCIAL PROTECTION: DIGNITY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND ORPHANS**

A society must be judged by how it treats its elderly people, its children and those who cannot adequately provide for themselves. Ilizwe Nathi proposes a stronger social-support programme with the following policy commitments.

### **A. Senior Citizen Grant: R10,000 Per Month**

- Ilizwe Nathi proposes a R10,000 monthly grant for qualifying senior citizens.
- The policy is intended to help older people meet essential living costs, live with dignity and reduce financial hardship.

#### **The proposed programme will require:**

- Clearly defined eligibility criteria.
- A reliable and accessible application process.
- Measures to prevent fraud and duplicate payments.
- A cost assessment based on the number of eligible beneficiaries.
- A sustainable funding and payment mechanism.
- Coordination with the national social-security system.

### **B. Orphan Grant: R4,000 Per Month**

- Ilizwe Nathi proposes a R4,000 monthly grant for qualifying orphans to help meet essential needs and support their wellbeing.
- Clear definitions and eligibility criteria.
- Appropriate verification and safeguarding procedures.
- Coordination with guardians, social workers and relevant child-protection services.
- Accessible application and review processes.
- A sustainable funding mechanism and transparent administration.
- The interests, dignity and safety of children must remain central to the programme.

### **C. Reviewing Social Relief and Strengthening Support**

- Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for a review of social-relief programmes to improve their effectiveness, support people in financial distress and strengthen pathways into sustainable employment.
- We will pursue a system that combines appropriate social protection with access to skills, work opportunities and economic participation.
- No person should be left without essential support while reforms are being considered or implemented.
- Funding, Authority and Accountability
- The proposed R10,000 and R4,000 monthly grants are Ilizwe Nathi policy proposals. They are not a claim that a municipality currently has the legal authority or budget to introduce national social grants independently.

- Implementation would require the appropriate legal authority, an identified and sustainable source of funding, clear eligibility rules and coordination with the national government and relevant social-security institutions. Any proposed municipal supplement would also need to comply with municipal powers and financial legislation.
- Before implementation, Ilizwe Nathi will seek a published financial assessment showing the estimated number of beneficiaries, total annual cost, administrative costs, funding sources and proposed rollout.
- We will not present an unfunded promise as though the money has already been secured. Our commitment is to pursue these proposals seriously, transparently and responsibly.

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## **19 HOUSING, LAND REFORM AND OWNERSHIP POLICY**

**LAND FOR DIGNITY. LAND FOR OPPORTUNITY. LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT. LAND FOR OUR PEOPLE'S FUTURE.**

### **Our Vision: Restoring Dignity Through Land Ownership**

Ilizwe Nathi believes that access to land, secure housing and essential services can help families build stability, independence and generational wealth.

- It is time to transform the future of RDP housing and human settlements by moving towards a serviced-plots-first approach that promotes ownership, dignity, self-reliance and economic opportunity.
- Our vision is to empower South Africans to access suitable residential land and build homes according to their needs, resources and aspirations. Rather than relying exclusively on the traditional model of government-built RDP houses, we will pursue a gradual transition towards properly planned and serviced residential plots, supported by appropriate housing assistance.
- This transition will be implemented responsibly, recognising that not every household has the financial means, physical ability or personal circumstances to construct a home independently.
- Our principle is clear: land must create opportunity, not dependency or exploitation.

### **Our Housing and Land Reform Programme**

- Ilizwe Nathi will pursue a fair, transparent and sustainable land-access programme aimed at expanding ownership, addressing historical land inequalities and creating stronger, more stable communities.

### **Identifying Suitable Public Land**

- We will advocate for comprehensive audits to identify vacant and underutilised public land that may be suitable for residential development. Any land considered for allocation will be subject to ownership verification, applicable legal requirements, land-use planning, environmental assessments and infrastructure feasibility.

## **LAND CONTINUED.....**

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### **Serviced Residential Plots for Our People**

- Where feasible, we will work towards making properly planned residential plots available to eligible beneficiaries through lawful and transparent allocation processes.
- Our approach will prioritise access to essential infrastructure, including water, sanitation, electricity and roads, subject to technical feasibility, available funding and the capacity of municipalities and relevant service providers.
- Our goal is to give families a meaningful opportunity to establish homes, exercise greater control over their living arrangements and build assets for future generations.

### **Lawful Acquisition of Privately Owned Land**

- Ilizwe Nathi will explore lawful mechanisms for acquiring suitable privately owned land for redistribution and residential development, in accordance with the Constitution, applicable legislation and fair, transparent procedures.
- Land reform must address historical inequalities while respecting the rule of law, protecting legitimate rights and promoting the public interest.

### **Fair Allocation and Anti-Corruption Measures**

- Land must never become a privilege reserved for political connections, wealthy individuals or those willing to pay bribes.
- We will advocate for clear eligibility criteria, transparent beneficiary selection, proper allocation records, independent oversight and accessible complaints procedures.
- Fraud, bribery, favouritism, unlawful land sales and the exploitation of beneficiaries must be investigated and addressed through appropriate legal processes.

### **Protecting Vulnerable Households**

- Our commitment to land ownership must not leave vulnerable people behind.
- We will retain appropriate housing assistance and alternative accommodation options for older persons, persons with disabilities, low-income households, families facing severe hardship and individuals who cannot independently finance or construct their homes.
- Support may include suitable housing, assisted construction, social housing or other legally available housing programmes, depending on individual needs, eligibility and available resources.

No responsible housing policy should assume that every family has the same income, abilities or circumstances.

## **LAND CONTINUED.....**

### **Sustainable Communities and Future Generations**

- Residential land allocation must be supported by proper planning, secure tenure, essential services, accessible public facilities and sustainable community development.
- We will advocate for settlements that connect families to schools, healthcare, public transport, employment opportunities and local economic activity.
- Land must be more than a place to build a house. It must be a foundation for family stability, enterprise, community development and generational opportunity.

### **A New Direction for RDP Housing**

- Ilizwe Nathi seeks to change the face of housing delivery in South Africa.
- We envision a future in which eligible families have greater opportunities to access serviced land, build homes suited to their needs and develop a sense of ownership and independence.
- We will pursue a gradual transition towards serviced residential plots as a preferred option where practical and financially sustainable, while retaining appropriate government-built housing and other assistance for people who cannot build independently.

This is not a commitment to withdraw existing housing support without alternatives. It is a commitment to broaden the choices available to our people and to make housing policy more impactful and serving.



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### **Foreign Land Ownership and South African Land Sovereignty**

Our principle: South African land must serve the long-term interests, dignity and prosperity of the people of South Africa.

- Ilizwe Nathi believes that land is a vital national resource and that South African citizens must receive priority in access to land, residential ownership and land-reform opportunities.
- We propose a policy framework to regulate foreign ownership of land, protect national interests and ensure that land reform advances the interests of South African citizens.

### **Prioritising South African Citizens**

- Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for legislation that prioritises South African citizens in the allocation of public residential land, serviced plots and land-reform opportunities.
- Our proposed policy will seek to reserve eligible land allocations under government-supported land-reform and housing programmes for South African citizens, subject to fair eligibility criteria and applicable law.

## **Regulation of Foreign Land Ownership**

- Ilizwe Nathi proposes that foreign nationals who are not South African citizens should generally not be eligible to acquire freehold ownership of land in South Africa, subject to a legally defined framework and appropriate transitional arrangements.
- We will advocate for the development of legislation that regulates foreign land ownership while protecting legitimate rights, providing legal certainty and addressing the country's historical land inequalities.

## **Permanent Residency and Eligibility**

- Ilizwe Nathi proposes that foreign nationals who obtain permanent-resident status should qualify to apply for land ownership under a defined legal framework, subject to prescribed eligibility requirements and applicable restrictions.
- Permanent residency would provide eligibility to apply under this proposed policy; it would not automatically confer citizenship or guarantee the allocation of land.

## **Renting and Other Limited Property Rights**

- Under our proposed framework, foreign nationals who do not qualify for land ownership could access residential accommodation through lawful rental agreements with property owners.
- The policy will also consider clearly defined leasehold arrangements and other limited property rights where permitted by law. Any restrictions on ownership, registration or other real rights would need to be established through legislation and implemented consistently with the Constitution.

## **Transparency and Accountability**

- We will advocate for transparent property-registration records, appropriate disclosure of beneficial ownership, effective monitoring of land transactions and safeguards against the use of companies or other legal structures to evade lawful ownership restrictions.
- The objective is to promote accountability, protect the integrity of land reform and prevent unlawful practices that undermine fair access to land.

## **A Citizen-First Land Policy**

- Ilizwe Nathi's position is that land reform must place the needs of South African citizens at the centre of national development. We will pursue a lawful and carefully structured approach that promotes citizen access, responsible land management and the sustainable use of South Africa's land resources.

Our commitment is clear: South African land policy must protect national interests, expand fair opportunities for citizens and preserve the country's land resources for future generations.

# THE FIRST 100 DAYS: FROM PROMISES TO ACTION

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Ilizwe Nathi will pursue a practical first-100-days programme in any municipality where it is entrusted with governing responsibility.

## **Days 1–30: Assess, Listen and Establish Priorities**

- Review municipal finances, service-delivery performance and existing projects.
- Consult residents, community organisations, businesses and local workers.
- Identify urgent water, electricity, sanitation, waste and road-maintenance problems.
- Review complaint-handling systems and unresolved service requests.
- Identify high-priority community-safety concerns.
- Assess available municipal land and existing housing initiatives.

## **Days 31–60: Publish Plans and Begin Priority Actions**

- Publish an initial service-delivery action plan.
- Set practical targets for priority repairs and maintenance.
- Identify lawful employment opportunities in approved local projects.
- Review cleaning and waste-management performance.
- Engage relevant provincial and national departments on issues beyond municipal authority.
- Begin cost assessments for proposed electricity relief, social-support measures and serviced-plot programmes.

## **Days 61–100: Report, Measure and Improve**

- Publish a public progress report against the initial targets.
- Explain completed work, delays and obstacles.
- Identify expenditure and funding sources for approved projects.
- Provide updated plans and timelines for outstanding priorities.
- Establish ongoing public reporting and community-feedback arrangements.
- The first 100 days will be a period of assessment, action and accountability—not a claim that every major policy can be completed within three months.



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## **FUNDING, FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Ilizwe Nathi recognises that promises must be supported by realistic plans.

Major proposals—including electricity relief, expanded water provision, social grants and serviced-plot development—must be assessed against their full cost, the powers of the responsible institution and the funding available.

### **WE WILL PURSUE:**

- Costed implementation plans for major commitments.
- Transparent budgets and expenditure reporting.
- Better collection of revenue lawfully due, while treating vulnerable households fairly.
- Reduced waste, financial irregularities and avoidable losses.
- Responsible use of public assets.
- Partnerships and lawful funding arrangements with other spheres of government.
- Measurable performance targets and regular public updates.
- Where a policy requires national or provincial legislation, approval or funding, Ilizwe Nathi will advocate for the necessary action and report honestly on progress.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PEOPLE**

Ilizwe Nathi commits itself to leadership that listens, serves and accepts responsibility.

- We will work towards a culture in which:
- Public money is protected.
- Service-delivery failures are investigated.
- Residents can raise concerns without being ignored.
- Officials are assessed on their performance.
- Public reporting is honest and accessible.
- Suspected corruption is referred for appropriate investigation.
- Community participation is meaningful.
- Policy commitments are reviewed against evidence and available resources.
- We recognise that trust is earned through consistent action, not slogans alone.

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## OUR CLOSING COMMITMENT

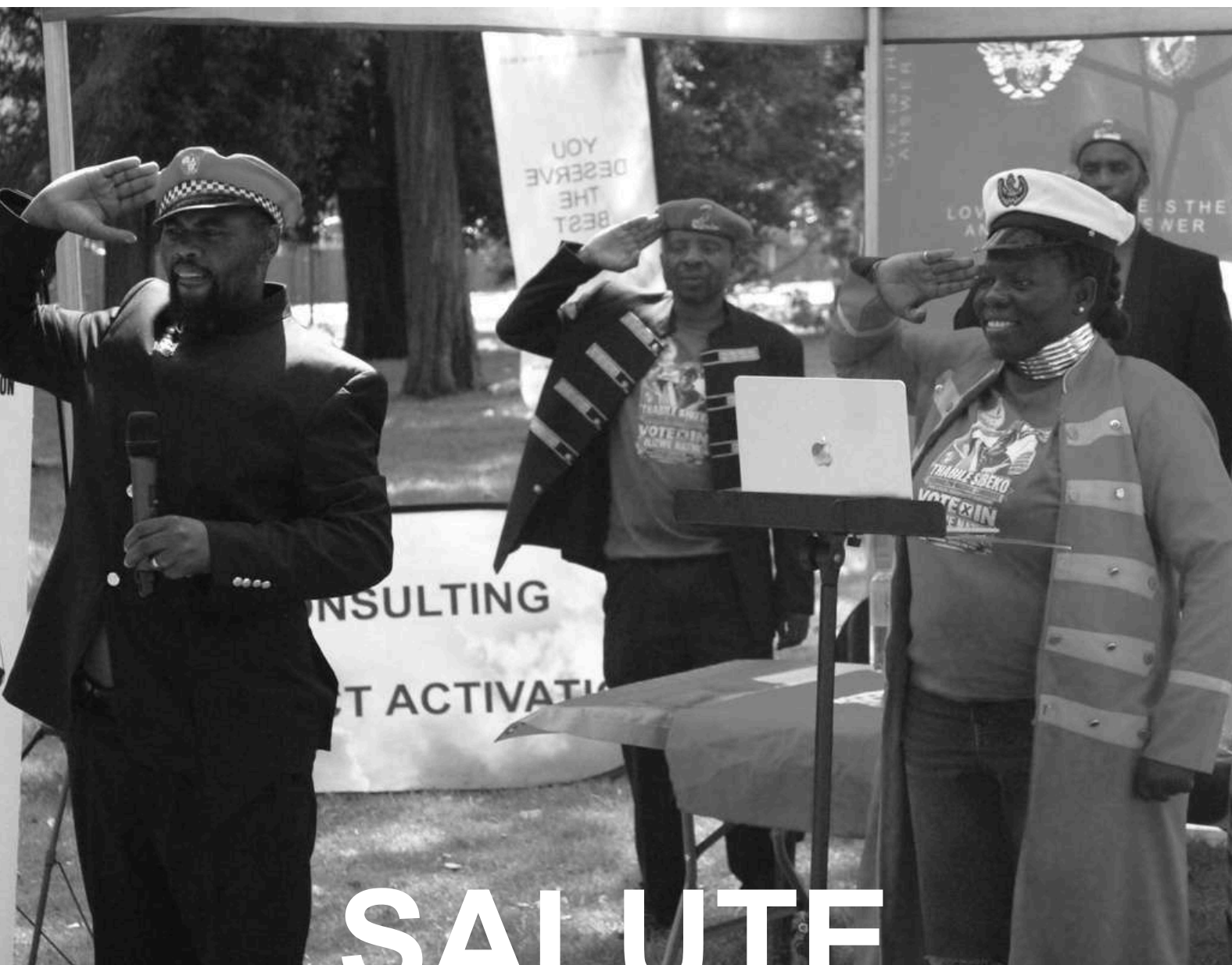
Ilizwe Nathi believes in a South Africa that thrives in its sovereignty, takes pride in its natural resources, values its people and safeguards its national interests. We envision a nation that exercises its right to self-determination, manages its resources responsibly for the benefit of its people, protects its independence and upholds its sovereignty without compromise, in accordance with the standard of South Africa.

Ilizwe Nathi — Isiviko Selizwe.

Phambili Ilizwe Nathi!

Umntu Umntu Ngabantu — I am because we are.

The People First. Ubuntu Umntu. Abukho ubuntu ngaphandle ko - muntu



# SALUTE