



**ANC PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS
HELD THREE
DAY LEKGOTLA IN JHB**

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CAUCUS NEWSLETTER INTERVIEW WITH CDE HOPE PAPO (MP)

CN: What is the significance of ANC Makgotla?

HP: ANC Makgotla are important because they allow the ANC to receive and analyse reports related to the progress in implementing organisational resolutions, decisions and tasks agreed to by the organisation and conduct a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis of the work done/not done in the previous year.

Based on the SWOT analysis, a Programme of Action (POA) is developed for the coming year to consolidate and expand on strengths and opportunities and overcome weaknesses and threats. The POAs developed at ANC Makgotla are supposed to guide the work of ANC constitutional structures and public representatives at regional, provincial and national levels, respectively.

CN: Why is the ANC Parliamentary Caucus Lekgotla important?

HP: ANC Parliamentary Caucus is a substructure of the organisation. The political mandate and work of the Caucus are politically informed by ANC National Conference resolutions, Strategy and Tactics document, policies, principles and national programme of action, particularly on matters relating to governance. The Caucus Lekgotla is important because it brings all ANC MPs deployed in the Executive and



ANC MP: Cde Hope Papo

Legislature together to assist in building unity and cohesion among them and assess work done or not done by the Executive and Legislature. Based on the assessment, a Caucus programme of action is then developed to strengthen the work of ANC in the Executive, Legislature and community.

CN: How are the deliberations of the ANC Parliamentary Caucus Lekgotla going to enhance the work of the ANC in Parliament and benefit South African society in general?

HP: ANC MPs deployed in the Executive and Legislature are all Caucus members. The deliberations of the ANC Parliamentary Lekgotla were informed by the 2023 ANC national priorities and national programme of action. The ANC Parliamentary Caucus Lekgotla resolved on several important issues to strengthen the work of the ANC Caucus in Parliament.



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CDE PEMMY
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**ANC DEPUTY
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CDE DORIS
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**ANC CAUCUS
CHAIR CDE
SEISO MOHAI**

Interview with Cde Papo

This includes the strengthening of parliamentary constituency work and robust oversight work.

This will be done through strengthened Caucus Study Groups and Portfolio/Standing and Select Committees. The robust oversight will ensure the speedy implementation of all adopted programmes during the remainder of the parliamentary term. If this Lekgotla decision is implemented, the people of South Africa will benefit through improved service delivery which will positively impact their living conditions and livelihoods.

CN: What key outcomes have emerged at the Lekgotla, and how will such outcomes advance the “DECISIVE ACTION TO ADVANCE THE PEOPLE’S INTERESTS AND RENEW OUR MOVEMENT?”

HP: The 2023 ANC Parliamentary Caucus Lekgotla took several important decisions to advance the ANC 2023 theme. The Lekgotla media statement captures some of the decisions:

- The Caucus resolved to focus on priority legislation, oversight and servicing our constituencies with the parliamentary constituency offices (PCOs) as centres of following up service delivery challenges faced by communities with various government executives at local, provincial and national levels.
- The Lekgotla resolved that ANC MPs will do more work in and amongst constituencies, taking up the issues of concern to those communities and holding regular feedback sessions with the people.

ANC MPs will also ensure that the transformative programme of the ANC finds expression in the programme of Parliament and is given life through the debates, members’ statements and parliamentary oversight. The ANC Parliamentary Caucus will ensure that budgets are spent in a planned manner with priority given to services, infrastructure, jobs, fighting crime and the development of communities”

In my view, if all the Lekgotla decisions are implemented in a focused, better coordinated, diligent and smart way by Parliament and the Executive, the theme of 2023 will materialise.



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HUMAN RIGHTS DAY DEBATE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY CDE ZIZI KODWA, 22 MARCH 2023



ANC MP: Cde Zizi Kodwa

The fundamental tenet of our struggle for national liberation was and continues to be the redress of historical injustices. The struggle for human rights in South Africa is well-known and documented from colonisation to the apartheid era.

The Bill of Rights protects and promotes fundamental human rights. The Chapter 9 institutions protect human rights and the rights of vulnerable groups such as women, national groups and linguistic communities.

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture contributes to Pillar 2 of the National Strategic Framework on Gender-Based Violence 2020, which focuses on Prevention and Rebuilding Social Cohesion. The examples of initiatives being undertaken are:

- Code of Good Practice Pledge with Sisters Working in Film and Television (SWIFT),
- Campaigns to end GBV, such as the Golekane (It's enough) campaign,
- Baqhawafazi – Survivor's Guild and Silapha Wellness Programme.

The Department coordinates and reports on Priority 6, Social Cohesion and Safer Communities. Through its delivery partners, issues of racism and xenophobia are addressed. The Bill on Prevention and Combating of Hate Crime and Hate Speech has recently been passed and awaiting the President's assent into law.

The department partners with UNDP to strengthen Social Cohesion in South Africa. This partnership has a special focus on attacks on foreign nationals.

The National Archives and Records Service of South Africa embarked on digitising valuable historical records for preservation and access. Commitment to the elimination of exploitation of the rights of artists will be achieved through the enactment of the Copyright Amendment Bill and The Performers Protection Amendment Bill.

RESTORING THE DECORUM OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS A TRIBUNE OF THE PEOPLE BY CDE M MAHLAULE, 22 MARCH 2023



ANC MP: Cde Mikateko Mahlaule

The events we witnessed on the evening of the SONA 2023 would have made Dr Frene Ginwala cringe with embarrassment. The EFF has mastered the art of abusing the rules of the House by disguising disruptions as points of order. Whilst they can afford to boycott the SONA as they don't respect the people of South Africa who sent them here, some of us cannot, as we meant the oath that we affirmed and swore when we became Members of this House. This abuse of the Rules has reached alarming levels and anarchy as we saw EFF members storming the stage with placards under the pretext of protesting peacefully and threatening the person of the President.

No one should advocate for what the EFF did during the SONA 2023 night primarily because such barbaric behaviour displayed by the EFF is responsible for the low esteem in which the National Assembly is held today in South Africa. As the Speaker of the National Assembly, Honourable Mapisa-Nqakula is duty-bound to reverse the current disdain for the National Assembly linked to the EFF's conduct, using her creative thinking, immense patience, and tolerance. Unfortunately, the EFF's only talent is disruption and anarchy!

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Nevertheless, we must applaud the Speaker for her firm stance to remove the EFF from the Chamber as an effective way of remedying and rebuilding the National Assembly's decorum that the EFF was so proud of destructing. Unsurprisingly, as their norm, the EFF proposed a "manifesto of mistruths" outlined by its third-rate politicians as the basis for the motion of no confidence in the Speaker. The deliberate mistruths contained in this manifesto should be understood as inganekwane.

They should be completely deleted from the Hansard to save the 6th Parliament from the indignity of future generations reading about these embarrassing acts. The EFF's decision to climb on the stage was not only an infantile disorder. It established an intention to cause harm to the President and violate the sanctity of the House. As such, the Speaker had no option but to take a firm stance that matched the EFF's inappropriate attention-grabbing tactics.

The EFF's bigotry and toxic machismo expose a dangerous form of patriarchy which has been a daily occurrence in the National Assembly since 2014 and is more expressed when the presiding officer is female. It is blatantly sexist and must be denounced!

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CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO UPHOLD THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS FOR ALL BY CDE G TSEKE, 22 MARCH 2023



ANC MP: Cde Grace Tseke

Mmusakgotla o o tlotlegang, Maloko a Palamente e e tlhomphegang, Setshaba ka kakaretso, Dumelang Mmusakgotla, mokgatlo wa African National Congress o filwe tokelo le matla a go busa Afrika Borwa, e se ka ntwaga gotsa dikgotlhang, e le thato, lerato le boikoba ba MaAferika a mmala wa sebilo, bao ba nang le tshepo, kgatlhego le botshepegi, gore re tla fetola serodumo sa naga e, re tla tokafatsa matshelo a badudi, ke ka moo bontsintsi ba bone ka 2019 ba re neile tetla ya go busa naga e, gape.

Re dira jalo e le ka go rata naga e, ebile ke maikemisetso a rona gore badudi ba tlhokang ditirelo, ba di fitlhele ka ponyo ya leitlho. Re a tshepisa gore mo re sa fitlhellang maitlhomomagolo a mokgatlo o, ke maikemisetso a mokgatlo o o busang go gata ka botlako mo ngwageng e le go tliša direlo mo dinageng tsa rona. Re a itse gore ga ra dira go tliša seatla, e bile re a netefatsa gore re tla tsweletsa kgolagano magareng ga rona le lona, re lwantshe bothokatiro, tliša le lehuma mo nageng e.

Wealth and income distribution are an important part of restoring people's dignity. According to the equality commission, about 70% of top managers in the public sector are black, compared to over 70% of white top managers in the private sector. In addition, men hold 77% of the top management positions in both sectors. This implies that achieving gender equality in the workplace, particularly for executive roles, remains a significant problem. We are confident that inequality between men and women will be addressed as we continue to implement our transformative legislation.

