



RESOLUTIONS FROM PROVINCIAL DIALOGUES

The Purpose of the report is to provide feedback and recommendations or resolutions from the Provincial Civil Society consultations or Dialogue held from the 12th of July to the 22nd of July 2022 the presidential social sector summit approach included the provincial dialogues as a build-up of the summit which is the apex gathering characterised by the engagement, discussions and agreement of the civil society and government.

Provinces hosted the consultation with civil society in preparation for the Presidential Social Summit. The provincial consultations were themed according to the greed commission themes and discussions were held on the agreed themes.

Each provincial dialogue where planned to be attended by agreed civil society representatives as presented by the NEDLAC, NDA and DSD and NLC. The plan envisaged that all delegates must actively participate and provide recommendation or resolutions to address the challenges they are experiencing and what the state and civil society must adopt going forward. The recommendations or resolutions from the provincial dialogues currently or previously must feed into the framework agreement and implementation plan.

The following are the resolutions emanating from the provincial dialogues according to the themes:

A. TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION

The commission resolves the following:

1. Support towards Enterprise and Business Development for townships and village-based enterprises
2. Social partners agree to identify, package and roll-out green economy jobs Inclusive of digitalization and Fourth Industrial Revolution processes at a community level
3. Support for localisation and import substitution initiatives and infrastructure development as an enabler for economic recovery and reconstruction

4. Fostering the adoption of EPWP recruitment standards
5. Forging an anti-corruption strategy (with underlying interventions and actions) to support the building of an efficient economy and the protection of community and public assets

B. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The commission resolves the following:

1. The sector must develop its own internal regulatory mechanisms to act as a peer review
2. mechanism and early warning system for good conduct and practice in the sector. This will build trust between the sector and all its partners including the communities where they operate. These systems are aimed at identifying elements of corruption, self-enrichments and tendencies that undermine the objectives of the organisations working in the sector.
3. A legal framework for the establishment of a single regulator/Apex body must be developed
4. A regulatory framework, in line with the legislation must be develop to regulate all activities of the sector and standardise how the state, private sector, donors and communities works and engage with the sector. These regulations must regulate amongst others, governance structures of the sector, accountability requirements, code of conduct and practice, registration or affiliation of organisations requirements and standards, funding of the sector by government, private sector, donors, foreign governments, bilateral and multilateral funding from international organisations such as the UN, world bank, EU, USAID, DFID etc
5. The regulatory body that will manage the affairs of the sector and mediate between the sector, state, donors and communities on regulated requirements of the sector. This will ensure that the sector and its partners are held accountable for all activities of the sector including those aggrieved by the actions of all the partners.

C. CAPACITY BUILDING

The commission resolves the following:

1. Develop a strategy and training plan for the sector in collaboration with higher education institutions (TVET Colleges and Universities) to build both management and technical capacity for the sector. This will be a bold move to professionalise the sector and create sustainable employment opportunities for professional's employability by the sector.
2. The sector must develop forums at all levels (national, provincial, local) to provide structures for peer learning, mentorship and support. State institutions such as the NDA to ensure that there is capacity within the sector to mentor and support emerging organisations at all levels.

D. RESOURCE MOBILISATION

The commission resolves the following:

1. Create a legal structure to coordinate and manage all funding from government, private sector and donors for the civil society sector. The structure will be main conduit for funding and have the responsibility of disbursing, managing and reporting to funders.
2. Develop a framework for CSOs funding that will protect and do not discriminate organisations based on their size, history of operations and location of the organisation. The funding framework must consider that civil sector organisations are not for profit therefore they need reasonable funding to cover their administrative and support functions to improve efficiency and compliance.
3. Design compliance to accountability systems, including monitoring and evaluation for the sector to ensure accurate reporting, accounting and build trust between the sector and funders.
4. Develop training and capacity building programmes to ensure that civil society organisations are skilled in financial management and accounting to their funders

E.COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Strengthen Social Cohesion as a vehicle to build inclusive and safer communities free from GBV, Substance and alcohol abuse, and to end all forms of discrimination, especially racism, discrimination against women & children, disability, xenophobia, homophobia
2. Promote access to education including Early Childhood Development as a cornerstone to build the nation, foster transformation and end poverty, unemployment and inequality.
3. CSOs reclaim their space as active citizens and participants in the local economic development of their communities and the mainstream economy
4. Revive sport, recreation, arts, culture and indigenous sports as vehicles to promote healthy living and as a deterrent to social ills.
5. CSOs commit to lead interventions and campaigns that seek to promote cleaner and safer communities