

**2014 ELECTION MANIFESTO  
OF THE INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY**

**INTRODUCTION**

The IFP believes that when you vote you shape and own your own future. We want to help you make that future the one you deserve.

The IFP has spent long hours listening to you and analysing the problems you have raised. We have spent even longer looking for viable solutions and practical steps to put these solutions into action. This manifesto is proof of our commitment to you and our earnest desire to get South Africa working. It is also evidence of almost forty years' experience in good governance. We know what works, and how to get things working.

We value your opinion, your contribution as a donor and a volunteer, and your vote.

South Africa's Constitution gives us all the right to vote. But this right also comes with responsibilities and duties. It is our duty, come election time, to question the path and vision the country is pursuing. It is also the time to reassess those who represent us.

It is our duty to ask ourselves three questions:

- Are our representatives capable of fulfilling their duties and their promises?
- Have they represented our interests with honesty and integrity?
- Have they responded to the issues that affect our families?

Today, many young South Africans believe that they will never be gainfully employed. The flowery struggle rhetoric and apparent gains of the past twenty years have not helped millions of South Africans put food on their tables. 1994 may have changed how we manage the affairs of our country; but for too many it has not changed how we live.

Where once we struggled against Apartheid, now the vast majority of South Africans just seem to struggle. Frustration is rising, protests are flaring, street justice is burgeoning; and who is responding? What is the government doing? Does it even care?

These are questions we as South Africans should ask our representatives and ourselves as voters.

If the answers do not meet your expectations, and if politicians choose to placate you with vague promises, then it is your duty – it is your obligation as a citizen living in a democracy – to vote with your feet.

It is time for South Africans to demand more of government. Let's assess those in power and consider how we can make a change for our country, and ourselves. Your vote can change your future. I invite you to partner with the IFP, so that together we can heal our nation.

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**PRINCE MANGOSUTHU BUTHELEZI MP  
PRESIDENT OF THE IFP**

## **SERVICE DELIVERY – You Deserve Better!**

### **THE PROBLEM**

Service delivery is in crisis and South Africans have lost faith that national, provincial and local government can perform even the most basic of functions:

- Water services have collapsed because existing infrastructure has not been maintained nor new infrastructure developed to meet our growing needs. In some places, there is no water at all.
- People's health is threatened and their dignity affronted because the "bucket system" persists.
- Money is wasted and municipalities do not spend the money they have. This is why the poor live in squalor.
- Municipalities cannot manage finances effectively creating opportunities for graft and fraud.
- Those responsible for delivering essential services are not qualified and rely on overpaid consultants to do their jobs.
- Only card-carrying members of a particular party are hired and promoted.
- Too many councillors and officials are dishonest and do not care about our communities.

### **OUR SOLUTION**

Professionalise how municipalities are managed. This means employing qualified people who have the political will and experience to:

- Properly plan infrastructure and schedule regular maintenance of existing facilities;
- Deliver free basic services to all in need;
- Host regular community meetings to give status updates and to listen to residents' issues; and
- Publicly account for all monies.

We will also hold municipal managers to their targets by tracking track their progress with regular site visits and spot inspections.

All South Africans deserve accountable delivery, not empty promises. For the IFP, it has and always will be our duty as your representatives to serve you.

### **ACTION STEPS**

Actions speak louder than words. Like you, the IFP wants to see action. This is why we will:

- Implement the law without fear or favour, and take quick action against those who do not deliver.
- Employ competent and experienced people and offer on-the-job training to those who need it.
- Assess and reward senior managers based on their performance and not their excuses.
- Take politics out of service delivery. You have the right to clean, drinkable water, dignified toilet facilities, shelter and electricity, no matter whom you vote for or where you live.
- Address the current skills and capacity crisis by rolling-out professional training programmes linked to compulsory norms and standards. Those who are not interested in learning will be retrenched and the policy of seconding temporary consultants will end.
- Employ a zero tolerance policy on corruption, prosecuting those accused of corruption and ensuring that, if guilty, they serve their full sentences.
- Partner with the community, especially women and differently abled members, to help deliver essential services. These partnership programmes will promote sweat

equity incentives to those who work to build houses, and lay pipes for water, electricity and sanitation in their communities.

An IFP government will work for you. We value your dignity and your right to access clean water, electricity, toilets, roads, housing and other infrastructure.

It is our duty to ensure that every South African can access quality services wherever they live.

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## **EDUCATION – It's about our children.**

### **THE PROBLEM**

The education system in South Africa is broken. Many of our children have no desks or books or toilets and their education is held to ransom by unions who seem to be accountable to no one but themselves. The matric pass rate has been lowered to 30% to accommodate our falling standards – yet despite this, learners will not be allowed to fail a grade more than once before being promoted. It is no surprise then, that the economy is underperforming because it lacks the required numbers of skilled people.

By voting for the current government, we are harming our children's future, and the future of our country.

- The education system prioritises quantity over quality. It is unacceptable that any child should leave school without being able to read, write properly and understand basic arithmetic.
- Too many of our children's schools do not have water, libraries, laboratories, toilets and textbooks. Very few have adequate sports facilities.
- Too many of our children cannot access scholarships, bursaries or to study further.
- There is inadequate accountability for failure.
- Absent and overtaxed teachers, together with strike action, compromise how and what our children learn.
- Some principals lack the ability to navigate the system and manage their resources.
- Many parents are not involved in their children's learning and do not track or help their children's progress.
- Most matriculants do not meet universities' real requirements, because the quality of their matric does not equip them for tertiary study.
- The gap between high school and university needs to be bridged to ensure that students are able to cope with university demands.
- The absence of work-integrated learnerships prevents learners from gaining essential experience.
- Many teachers are under-qualified and are unable to teach the curriculum.
- FET colleges are not working as they should, making them unattractive to learners and inadequate as an alternative.

### **THE SOLUTION**

Our education system needs to be overhauled to meet world standards. South Africa's future socio-economic stability and growth depends on a system that prioritises trained teachers, proper educational facilities and quality results.

## **ACTION STEPS**

To nurture our children, the IFP is determined to:

- Focus on teaching our children to read, write and understand arithmetic.
- Re-focus the curriculum to concentrate on quality and to motivate teachers and children to learn to think and challenge themselves. Standards must be raised.
- Encourage parents to get more involved in their children's education.
- Take politics out of education – our children's future should not be compromised by politicised unions and governing body politics.
- Help teachers develop their skills by establishing more support programmes. Reopen closed teacher training colleges.
- Support each principal's efforts to hold their teachers accountable and manage their schools honestly and efficiently.
- Promote inclusive education to cater for the differently abled.
- Spend the Department of Education's budget honestly and effectively so that each school has textbooks, water, toilets, electricity, a library and a laboratory. This means implementing the law to vet and monitor all tender procedures and to prosecute those suspected of corruption.
- Provide better opportunities for school-leavers to find jobs by funding more apprenticeships, especially for those from rural areas and townships.
- Support tertiary education by allocating more money for accommodation and scholarships, bursaries or loans.
- Support FET institutions by helping skilled technicians learn to teach their craft.
- Monitor all accredited adult education centres to ensure the quality their curriculum's.

The IFP values our country's children and their future. We believe our children deserve to learn how to think and challenge themselves and their environment. This is the cornerstone of a quality education.

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## **UNEMPLOYMENT & JOB CREATION – Get South Africa Working!**

### **THE PROBLEM**

Most South Africans are struggling to get by. Without jobs we depend more on the State and less on ourselves. We cannot make our own decisions and create our own future. This puts our nation at risk because it breeds poverty, inequality, crime and hopelessness.

- Some 7.1 million people do not work – 4.7 million South Africans are unemployed and a further 2.4 million have given up looking for work.
- The economy is growing at less than 2%, which means we cannot create new jobs.
- 7 out of 10 people between the ages of 18 and 35 are unemployed.
- Our education system is not teaching the skills our children need for today's job market.
- Prolonged unemployment increases crime, as well as drug and alcohol abuse, and other social ills.
- Too many industries are uncompetitive. The mining industry is in a state of severe decline. Food industries such as sugar, textiles, tomatoes and chicken are threatened by imports from China and South America.
- Bureaucracy and a complicated legal and financial system stifle new businesses, especially small businesses.

- South Africa's rigid labour laws, excessive bank fees and toll levies, and strike action destabilise the country's economy and discourage new businesses and new sustainable jobs.

## **THE SOLUTION**

The IFP will get South Africa working. We have the experience, the knowledge and the will to take action NOW! Our mission is to create conditions that attract and develop skills and investment, and that enable current and new businesses to create new jobs and drive our country forward.

## **ACTION STEPS**

To grow our country's economy and create jobs, the IFP is determined to:

- Balance job creation and job protection by revising labour laws to allow more flexibility. This will generate investment, new jobs and growth.
- Take politics out of the economy – union politics should not hold our economic future ransom.
- Focus on developing skills suitable for today's job market by funding training programmes, apprenticeships and learnerships.
- Support sustainable small and medium sized businesses (SMMEs) and reward them for employing and training women, youth and those who are differently abled.
- Create a mentorship programme through which local and international business people can help young business owners learn to manage and grow sustainable ventures.
- Establish Special Economic Zones (SEZs), particularly in rural areas, to help communities become self-sustainable and create tax incentives and low tax investment zones in these areas to stimulate growth, jobs and development.
- Partner with the mining and related sectors to refine raw materials in South Africa and build our processing and manufacturing industries.
- Encourage new and current farmers to grow cash crops for export.
- Fund an experience-embracing FET learning programme with the public, private and third party sectors.
- Invest in the future of our children by ensuring that within the next ten years every school has one counsellor, librarian, nurse, sports teacher, cleaner, library, laboratory and internet connection.

Our future, freedom and dignity depend on our ability to work. The IFP will get South Africa working.

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## **CORRUPTION – Demand honesty, it's your right!**

### **THE PROBLEM**

To be corrupt is to be dishonest. South Africa is riddled with dishonest people who through their stealing, lessen our ability to learn, work, and survive. Dishonesty means:

- State procurement laws are abused and officials steal money from service delivery projects to enrich themselves and their families.
- Those guilty of stealing escape public prosecution.
- People are hired based on their party affiliation and not their competence.
- State-owned enterprises and departments cannot function properly because their resources are used to advance the political and financial interests of the elite.

- Big business steals your money by colluding to fix prices for essential items, like bread.
- Law enforcement officers break the law by soliciting bribes, hijacking, extorting, pimping, assaulting, raping and murdering those they are meant to protect.

## **THE SOLUTION**

Corruption is a cancer that is not easy to remove. If allowed to thrive, it becomes a culture that will steal our future. We, as South Africans, must not tolerate dishonesty. We must refuse to be part of it, we must report it, and we must demand a justice system that punishes it. The IFP believes in fighting corruption with a zero tolerance policy.

## **ACTION STEPS**

With your support, the IFP will:

- Enforce the Constitution and make Parliament review and punish dishonesty and inappropriate use of resources. This also means guaranteeing the Auditor General, the Public Protector, the National Prosecuting Authority and the Special Investigating Unit have the resources they require to investigate and prosecute suspected abuse.
- Appoint qualified and competent people to head the country's prosecution and policing agencies.
- Re-investigate all cases of corruption and prosecute the offenders in a specially mandated Corruption Court.
- Fire all law enforcement officers and public servants found guilty of stealing from the State or abusing their power.
- Eradicate tender fraud by giving the National Treasury the means to monitor all supply chain management activities.
- Professionalise the civil service by limiting the policy of cadre deployment that currently compromises delivery and development.
- Assess and reward officials based on their performance.
- Ask communities to help us fight dishonest behaviour by reporting it.

As a South African, you elect your representatives to serve you, not themselves. The IFP believes you deserve a government that serves you with integrity.

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## **HEALTH - Let's heal our nation**

### **THE PROBLEM**

Health and healthcare in the public sector in particular, is in a state of crisis:

- Poor funding, management, and maintenance have resulted in many State-run hospitals and clinics running badly or even having to close.
- There are too many facilities that are filthy and under-resourced and cause the deaths of the very patients who should be helped.
- Complex and convoluted policies strangle our ability to provide healthcare, especially in rural areas.
- A lack of preventative treatment has created a nation in which obesity and lifestyle diseases are multiplying rapidly.
- Doctors and nurses are leaving to practice in countries where their skills are better appreciated and rewarded, and too few replacements are being produced.
- Corruption, tender fraud and operational mismanagement steal essential medical supplies and equipment.

- The system is so dysfunctional that the proposed National Health Insurance initiative is seriously compromised.

## **THE SOLUTION**

South Africa needs to professionalise how hospitals and clinics are run. Proper planning, targets, accountability and oversight are essential to a Department of Health that cares about the people it serves. The IFP believes that people should be hired based on their competence and rewarded for their performance. The IFP has a proud history of delivery in government and we believe it is our duty to make sure you receive the healthcare you deserve.

## **ACTION STEPS**

To reform this system, the IFP will:

- Streamline the policies governing how healthcare is delivered.
- Prosecute and punish dishonest behaviour according to the law.
- Hire and reward people based on their competence and performance.
- Promote and attract people to the healthcare profession by offering proper compensation and working conditions, especially in rural areas.
- Train more doctors and nurses.
- Take politics out of healthcare – party and union politics should not compromise the service you receive.
- Train and re-train hospital staff to cope with new procedures and equipment.

The IFP believes you have the right to access proper healthcare. We believe it preserves your dignity and helps us all build a brighter tomorrow. We believe in you.

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## **LAND USE AND REFORM – Prosperity through diversity! or Make our land work**

### **THE PROBLEM**

Land ownership is one of the most contentious issues in South Africa. It pits black claimants against white farmers, landowners against tenants, successful claimants and traditional leaders against government, and homeless people against municipalities. Land reform policies affect how South Africa produces its own food, protects its food security, and seizes socio-economic opportunities.

Despite 20 years of trying, Government has made little progress because:

- It has no plan to accommodate tenants and farmworkers, some of whom are 3<sup>rd</sup> generation tenants with nowhere else to go, when they are evicted by a land owner.
- The ‘willing seller – willing buyer’ policy is too expensive to pursue, which is why the government is threatening to expropriate farms.
- Hostile policies force established farmers to leave and farm in Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Kenya and Uganda, boosting these economies instead of our own.
- The high incidence of farm murders discourages farmers from continuing to farm.
- Government delays buying land that is on the market. This means farms lie fallow and lose their value, making it too expensive for new owners to make the farm financially viable.
- Often new farmers do not know how to plan, manage, and access finance for their farms.

- Government resettles communities on prime farming land harming the country's ability to produce food to feed us all. Where once we fed the world, we now have to rely on the world to feed us.
- The Property Rates Act and the Extension of Security of Tenure Act threaten commercial farmers and their ability to compete in a global market.
- Contentious relations between various stakeholders on farms are among causes for farm murders.
- Government's restitution efforts have failed because it does not know how much land it owns. In one province alone the State owns 600,000 hectares, which emerging black farmers could own without the need for government to pay compensation.
- Traditional leaders feel government is destroying their authority and right to administer communal land.
- Government does not have a plan to accommodate people migrating to towns and cities. This means informal settlements are mushrooming, along with frustration, crime and disease.

## **THE SOLUTION**

The IFP's policy aims to build trust and common purpose amongst all land users: traditional leaders, claimants, tenants, farm workers, farm owners and government.

## **ACTION STEPS:**

The IFP will work with stakeholders to search for common and viable solutions. An IFP government will:

- Commission a full-scale land audit to officially determine who owns what.
- Use these findings to focus on State land – to redistribute it where necessary and to support community projects to farm it commercially.
- A new owner will not be allowed to evict farmworkers and tenants unless s/he finds them alternative residential rights at his/her own expense.
- Empower traditional leaders to develop communal land. Our government will provide these leaders and their communities with equipment, seeds, fertilizer and training to cultivate these lands.
- Extend provisions of the Ingonyama Trust Act to all provinces, in consultation with traditional leaders. Efforts will be made towards delimiting every portion of land as public, private or communal.
- Limit taxes that minimize a farm's profitability, such as those required by the Property Rates Act.
- Encourage partnerships and mentorships with experienced farmers to attract and train new farmers, and to develop supporting industries such as transport services.
- Ensure that commercially productive farms will not be used for mere resettlement or subsistence farming.
- Encourage subsistence farming and agricultural cooperatives within rural communities.
- Build high-density housing for city dwellers that are close to places of employment. Residents will be encouraged to grow vegetable gardens on the rooftops to provide for themselves and to help clean up the environment.

The IFP believes diversity creates prosperity for all South Africans. Respecting each other and upholding our rights is the law, and the only way we can secure our future. The IFP values this freedom.

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## **LAW AND ORDER – Honour the Law!**

### **THE PROBLEM:**

Government does not ensure our safety and security.

- Law enforcement agencies cannot protect us because they are poorly trained and lack commitment and resources.
- Political agendas complicate and compromise honest policing and prosecution.
- State prosecutors are overwhelmed and demoralised by their caseloads.
- The courts take too long to finalise cases; some 70% of all cases are not prosecuted, and most criminals escape punishment.
- Our borders allow criminals free entry and exit.
- Our prisons are overcrowded and encourage crime instead of rehabilitation.

### **THE SOLUTION**

The IFP believes the Judiciary, the Police and the prison system need to be overhauled.

### **ACTION STEPS**

An IFP government will insist that the Judiciary:

- Implement mandatory timeframes for each case to improve the efficiency of judgement and sentencing.
- Make legal action affordable and accessible for all South Africans by improving the legal aid system.
- Prosecute and punish any dishonest behaviour according to the law.
- Improve the working conditions for prosecutors, judges and court administrators to boost morale and efficiency.
- Depoliticise judicial appointments and instead appoint people who are capable and have

The IFP believes a highly qualified, well paid and highly motivated police service is essential. We will, therefore, support the Police by:

- Upgrading the current training curriculum to emphasise human rights, empathy, investigative skills, and forensic analysis.
- Decentralising how the police and its various divisions are managed.
- Encouraging the community to respect authority, and making the police more accountable to the communities they serve.
- Funding and resourcing the police service properly to make it more effective, efficient and professional.
- Appointing senior officers and administrators based on their ability and experience, and regularly review and reward their performance.
- Depoliticise the appointment of the Commissioner and other senior positions.
- Improving the conditions police officers work under and paying them properly.
- Re-introducing specialised crime units.

South Africa needs prisons and correctional institutions that reform inmates.

To achieve this, the IFP will:

- Overhaul and depoliticise the parole system so that hard-core criminals and those who are politically connected serve their full sentences.
- Introduce hard labour for those convicted of serious crimes like murder, rape and corruption.

- Improve the working conditions of correctional service employees and reward them based on their performance.
- Develop and fund programmes that rehabilitate juvenile offenders.
- Develop alternative sentencing guidelines for those convicted of minor offences to reduce the number of inmates in our prisons and to ensure that violent criminals are not housed with those convicted of lesser charges.
- Prosecute officials accused of corruption and hire and reward people based on their skills and experience.

South Africa needs a tougher and more professional approach to crime and its prosecution.

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## **TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP – Our culture, customs and values make us stronger**

### **THE PROBLEM**

Since 1994, traditional leaders have slowly seen their authority eroded. They no longer have a say in how communal land is administered, and municipalities all but ignore indigenous and customary law.

- Despite the fact that the institution of traditional leadership is enshrined in Sections 211 and 212 of the Constitution, post-1994 national and provincial legislation has whittled away most functions, powers and rights, once held by traditional leaders. For instance, the Traditional Courts bill which is hotly debated in parliament currently provides that only a select few traditional leaders will qualify as judicial officers using traditional law and custom and these will first have to do a prescribed course. Even the number of offences they will have jurisdiction to try has greatly been reduced.
- The roles of municipalities and traditional leaders are duplicated and blurred.
- In municipal councils, the right of traditional leaders is selective and limited. No more than 20% of Amakhosi may participate in council business. They do not have the authority of councillors nor can they vote.
- Traditional leaders cannot administer their communal land according to customary law.
- Traditional Authorities do not have budgets to work and plan with but are also prohibited from raising their own funds through levies.
- Promises by the ruling party that Chapter 12 of the Constitution shall be amended so as to spell out functions, rights and powers of traditional leaders remain unfulfilled.

### **THE SOLUTION**

Culture is the foundation upon which a stable nation is built. The IFP believes that our traditions, customs and values are what define us as a people, and must be nurtured and protected. Our traditions essentially compliment democracy, but the IFP will continue to work for greater inclusivity and recognition of the leadership role women play.

### **ACTION STEPS**

An IFP government will:

- Protect and sustain the institution of traditional leadership.
- Respect, train and properly compensate traditional leaders.

- Support their efforts to promote and preserve the moral fibre and regeneration of our society.
- Help traditional leaders promote communal economies through self-help and self-reliance programmes and projects.
- Insist that traditional leaders promote peace, stability and social cohesion in their communities.
- Insist on the amendment of Chapter 12 on the Constitution so as to spell out the functions, rights and powers of traditional leaders.

Our prosperity relies on our diversity. We urge every ethnic group in South Africa to nurture and sustain their unique cultures and customs.

Our culture, customs and values define us. Be proud of who you are!

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