

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS MANIFESTO



**A people-centred plan for capable, productive
and accountable municipalities**

JOBS, WATER AND SERVICE DELIVERY NOW!

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A. PREFACE



Fellow South Africans, The time has come to restore the promise of democracy at the level where it matters most: our municipalities. For too long, our people have endured broken promises, collapsing infrastructure, corruption, and the daily indignity of unreliable services.

Local government, the sphere closest to the people, has become the sphere furthest from their aspirations. Afrika Mayibuye Movement was founded on the unshakeable belief that Total Freedom and Emancipation must be achieved now, not only nationally, but in every ward, village, township and suburb.

We reject the politics of elite capture and tenderpreneurship. We stand for a capable, caring and people-centred developmental state that puts land, resources and power back into the hands of the people. This Manifesto is not a list of empty slogans.

It is a covenant with the working class, the unemployed, the youth, women, traditional leaders, professionals, elders, people with disabilities and all oppressed sectors of our society. It is rooted in the lived realities of our communities and guided by the principles of the Afrika Mayibuye Restoration Manifesto.

We pledge to build municipalities that work: municipalities that deliver water, sanitation, electricity, housing, roads and safety; that drive local industrialisation and job creation; that fight corruption without fear or favour; and that restore dignity and pride in every corner of our country. The road ahead will not be easy, but with the active participation of the people, victory is certain. Let us together reclaim our municipalities and advance the total liberation of Afrika.

Nyiko Floyd Shivambu

President

Afrika Mayibuye Movement

B. INTRODUCTION

Afrika Mayibuye Movement presents this Manifesto with profound respect for the people of South Africa, whose resilience, determination and unwavering hope continue to inspire the pursuit of a just, democratic and prosperous nation. The legitimacy of any government is measured not by the promises it makes, but by the confidence it earns through honest leadership, accountable governance and faithful service to the people.

Democracy is not an event confined to Election Day; it is a continuous relationship between the people and those entrusted with public office. Public office is not a privilege to be enjoyed, but a responsibility to serve. This is a People-Centred Manifesto. It is organised around clear, measurable and people-centred priorities.



It begins with the immediate material concerns of the people: jobs, water and reliable basic services, and proceeds towards the complete transformation of municipalities into developmental, productive, accountable and capable institutions.

A Mayibuye municipality must create jobs, provide water, deliver services, build infrastructure, grow the local economy and remain permanently accountable to the people. Local government must become the sphere of government closest to the people and therefore the sphere most immediately capable of changing people's material conditions.

"EVERY WARD MUST EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT. EVERY COMMUNITY MUST RECEIVE SERVICES."



Every ward must experience development. Every community must receive services. Every municipality must create economic opportunities. Every councillor must be accountable. Every available public resource must serve the people. We reject a one-size-fits-all approach. Every municipality requires its own tailored implementation of this national framework, rooted in detailed local diagnostics while remaining fully aligned with the national vision of Total Freedom and Emancipation.

C. DIAGNOSIS



1. The problem of municipalities in South Africa is foundationally caused by tenders and an incapable local state. Municipalities throughout the country are in chronic crisis and incapable of contributing to the welfare of their residents. Local municipalities have become a site of deep political instability, financial collapse, crumbling infrastructure, and the daily denial of basic dignity.
2. Tenders have eroded the ability of municipalities to drive development and enriched a few while local people remain unemployed. This, combined with an incapable local state that lacks the skills, honesty, and systems to deliver, has made the collapse even more dire.
3. While municipalities have a mandate to drive mass employment and creating conducive conditions for industrialisation high levels of unemployment define daily life in most municipalities.

4. Municipal technical and maintenance teams for plumbing, electricity, roads, waste, and water infrastructure have been totally replaced by a corrupt tender system.
5. On a daily basis, residents are faced with water shortages and inconsistent supply of this basic human right.
6. Service delivery has come to a halt, with residents going for days without water, uncollected refuse, dark streets, and potholes on all roads.
7. Traditional and royal authorities are totally excluded from municipal development systems, to the extent that key decisions of municipalities do not involve traditional leaders who sway legitimacy among residents.
8. The same exclusion applies to religious leaders and faith communities, who are treated as occasional partners rather than essential allies in social development, moral regeneration, and community mobilisation.
9. The situation is prevalent in urban areas and worse in townships, informal settlements, and rural areas.
10. Housing and human settlements development is slow, and, in most communities, nonexistent. Access to serviced and informal- settlement upgrading remains limited.
11. Abandoned, ownerless, and unused buildings are not explored for social housing and remain derelict, contributing to urban decay. Throughout the municipalities, agricultural support as a means to drive mass employment is nonexistent.

12. Emerging farmers and small- scale producers struggle for land, water, inputs, skills, storage, logistics, and market access.

13. Municipalities do not procure fresh produce from local small-scale farmers, leading to food traveling long distances while local produce is neglected.



14. Residents' freedom and health are undermined by crime, illegal dumping, and weak by-law enforcement. The capacity of policing remains extremely low, with street lights not maintained and no CCTV monitoring in crime hotspots.

15. Refuse is not removed in townships and rural areas. Where refuse removal exists, it is irregular, leading to illegal dumping everywhere. The situation is exacerbated by high migration to urban areas and townships.

16. People living with disabilities lack coherent municipal programmes that deliver real inclusion and opportunity.

17. Undocumented and illegal immigration places additional strain on already overstretched municipal services, housing, health, and community safety.

18. Industrialisation is blocked by prohibitive and bureaucratic municipal by-laws. Suitable land and infrastructure for manufacturing and industrial parks remain underused. Investor facilitation is weak.
19. Overly complex by-laws stifle small businesses, cooperatives, and informal traders, making it harder for local production to take root. Community involvement in ensuring that allocated resources actually result in delivery and intended impact is almost absent.
20. Residents are treated as voters once every few years rather than active partners. Ward committees rarely reflect the full diversity of the community. Many councillors become unresponsive after elections, distant from the people they represent.



21. Financial collapse runs deep. Municipalities cannot optimally collect rates, taxes, and other revenue on their own.
 22. The majority lack an expanded revenue base. Billing systems are dysfunctional and unreliable; indigent policies are inadequate.
 23. Municipalities fail to apply for and properly use relevant conditional grants, such as Rural Projects Grants, Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) funding, and the Integrated National Electrification Programme.
 24. A critical and under-addressed problem is the legislated prevention of municipalities from collecting revenue and taxes from large-scale industrial businesses, commercial farms, and mines.
 25. Disproportionate business incentives further distort local markets. The digital divide remains severe.
 26. Affordable broadband and network connectivity are out of reach for many, especially in townships, villages, and rural areas.
 27. The cumulative result is eroded public trust, service-delivery protests, health risks, economic stagnation, and the daily denial of dignity.
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STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA 1 – JOBS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



1. JOBS

1.1 Mayibuye Municipalities will create jobs directly and convert EPWP and CWP to full-time employment contracts.

1.2 Mayibuye Municipalities will run Occupational Skills and Soft Skills programmes.

1.3 Mayibuye will advocate for the decentralisation of TVET colleges and other training institutions to all local areas.

1.4 Mayibuye will provide work placement opportunities for the completion of qualifications and employment opportunities

1.5 Mayibuye will support agricultural programmes and initiatives, while the municipality will provide off-take opportunities for fresh produce.

1.6 In the City of Johannesburg, Mayibuye will establish a Small-Scale Development Division to protect against price fluctuations and ring-fence a percentage for small-scale farmers.

1.7 Mayibuye will attract local investors in the labour-absorptive manufacturing sector to produce goods and products that are daily consumables for domestic and global consumption.

1.8 Mayibuye will advocate for Special Economic Zone benefits for all investors that will employ a minimum of 500 employees.

1.9 Mayibuye will expand labour-intensive public works (infrastructure maintenance, greening, public facilities) with pathways to skills training and certification.

1.10 Mayibuye will formalise and fund care-economy jobs (early childhood, health, elderly care) as permanent employment.

1.11 Mayibuye municipalities will invest in sports, arts, and culture to create employment.

1.12 Mayibuye municipalities will create home appliance repair hubs to create jobs.

1.13 Mayibuye will establish municipal arbitrators linked to the Fresh Produce Markets.



2. BUILDING LOCAL LABOUR ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY TO DELIVER SERVICES

2.1 Mayibuye will build the capacity to deliver municipal services through skills development, training, insourcing, and preferential employment of local residents.

2.2 Mayibuye will conduct a municipal skills audit to identify services currently outsourced that can be delivered by trained municipal employees.

2.3 Mayibuye will establish municipal technical teams for plumbing, electrical maintenance, roads, waste, sanitation, water, and general infrastructure maintenance.

2.4 Mayibuye will introduce apprenticeships, learnerships, and technical training linked directly to identified municipal labour shortages.

2.5 Mayibuye will prioritise local labour in all municipal projects; develop local skills for service delivery.

2.6 Mayibuye will partner with training institutions to build capacity.



3. LOCAL INDUSTRIALISATION AND MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL PARKS

3.1 Mayibuye Municipalities will boost domestic production by adding value to raw resources in localities.

3.2 Mayibuye will strengthen regional supply chains rather than permanent reliance on imported goods.

3.3 Mayibuye will commit supply chains to buying local goods and hitting clear local-content targets.

3.4 Mayibuye Municipalities will identify their economic comparative advantages and deliberately develop manufacturing, processing, and beneficiation and industrial zones that create permanent employment.



3.5 Mayibuye will identify suitable municipal land and infrastructure for industrial and manufacturing development.

3.6 Mayibuye will establish municipal industrial parks or economic hubs, prioritising sectors with strong local employment potential.

3.7 Mayibuye will identify and revive abandoned factories, industrial buildings, and production sites close to communities.

3.8 Mayibuye will provide coordinated infrastructure, finance, technology, skills, market access, and hands-on support so local industries survive and grow.

4. AGRICULTURE AGRO PROCESSING AND FOOD PRODUCTION

4.1 Mayibuye will support local agro-processing by strengthening the link between small-scale farmers and industrial value chains through targeted financial grants, shared infrastructure, and expanding market access.

4.2 Mayibuye will facilitate cost-sharing incentives and blended finance models.

4.3 Mayibuye will build localised agri-enterprises and multi-purpose farmer support hubs.

4.4 Mayibuye will release municipal land for farming, support emerging farmers, develop fresh-produce markets, irrigation, and agro-processing facilities, and promote local food procurement.

4.5 Mayibuye will support household food gardens, markets, and food-production programmes.

4.6 Mayibuye Municipalities will facilitate cost-sharing incentives, blended finance, grants, shared infrastructure, and market access.

4.7 Mayibuye will build multi-purpose farmer support hubs for product aggregation and provide technical training in food safety, quality assurance, and packaging.



5. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

5.1 Mayibuye Municipalities will partner with TVET Colleges to drive youth development.

5.2 Mayibuye will integrate the teaching of TVET skills and corporate training centers into the actual workplace.

5.3 Mayibuye will establish municipal youth employment programmes, apprenticeships, internships, artisan training, digital skills programmes, entrepreneurship support, and pathways into permanent employment.

5.4 Mayibuye will establish municipal youth employment and internship programmes linked to real municipal skills requirements.



5.5 Mayibuye Municipalities will create partnerships with businesses, training institutions, and government agencies to expand apprenticeships, learnerships, and work opportunities.

5.6 Mayibuye will urgently build artisans, technicians, operators, digital skills, and entrepreneurs alongside university pathways.



6. HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ROLE OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

6.1 Mayibuye local leaders will help facilitate strategic partnerships focused on co-creating knowledge, aligning local economic development (LED), sharing municipal infrastructure, and building institutional capacity.

6.2 Mayibuye will align university profiles with municipal Integrated Development Plans (IDPs).

6.3 Mayibuye will establish formal partnerships with universities, TVET colleges, and other accredited institutions on municipal research and skills development.

6.4 Mayibuye will create opportunities for students to undertake appropriate internships, research projects, and practical training within municipal programmes.

7. WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Mayibuye will champion the war against gender-based violence (GBV) awareness.

7.2 Mayibuye will support widespread microfinance access, seed funding, and entrepreneurship incubation for women.

7.3 Mayibuye Municipalities will expand women's participation in municipal procurement, business ownership, agriculture, cooperatives, employment, and decision-making while strengthening municipal responses to gender-based violence.

7.4 Mayibuye will support women-owned cooperatives and businesses through training, market access, and supplier-development programmes.

7.5 Mayibuye will ensure municipal economic-development planning considers the specific barriers facing women entrepreneurs and workers.

7.6 Mayibuye will invest in care infrastructure (childcare and eldercare).

7.7 Mayibuye will support women asset ownership (land, equipment, licenses).



STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA 2 – WATER



8. WATER FOR ALL

8.1 Mayibuye will provide clean and reliable water for all.

8.2 Mayibuye will maintain wastewater treatment plants and systems and build new ones in municipalities where they don't exist.

8.3 Mayibuye will expand water treatment to also deal with effluent water recycling.

8.4 Mayibuye will roll out solar-powered affordable groundwater systems (boreholes).

8.5 Municipalities will eliminate prolonged water interruptions, repair leaks, expand bulk infrastructure, and protect water sources.

8.6 Mayibuye will provide support and institutionalise agricultural irrigation systems, and provide access to water to all stakeholders.

8.7 Mayibuye will build rainwater systems and institutionalise affordable and innovative water harvesting systems

8.8 Mayibuye will conduct regular water-quality testing and publish results in accessible formats (municipal offices, wards, community facilities, digital platforms).

8.9 Mayibuye will establish rapid-response teams for major water failures with clear communication on the cause, expected restoration time, and progress.

8.10 Mayibuye will protect water sources, catchment areas, and resources through responsible management and community programmes.

8.11 Mayibuye will create jobs through water-infrastructure projects.

9. SANITATION SEWERAGE AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

9.1 Mayibuye will wage a fight against unmanaged sewage waste to preserve dignity.

9.2 Mayibuye will eradicate bucket toilets and unsafe sanitation.

9.3 Mayibuye will rehabilitate wastewater treatment plants, repair sewer networks, and stop the pollution of rivers and communities by untreated sewage.

9.4 Mayibuye will establish rapid-response teams for sewer blockages, overflows, and major wastewater failures.

9.5 Mayibuye will implement preventative maintenance schedules for sewer networks, pumps, treatment facilities, and wastewater infrastructure.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA 3 –SERVICE DELIVERY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY



10. RELIABLE SERVICE DELIVERY

10.1 Mayibuye Municipalities will provide reliable services for the following service delivery obligations:

1. Electricity supply
2. Water
3. Sanitation,
4. Primary healthcare
5. Provision and maintenance of graveyards
6. Refuse Removal,
7. Roads,
8. Electricity,
9. Streetlights,
10. Public Safety

11. Traffic Management

12. Accurate and timely billing systems,

10.2 Mayibuye will introduce ward-level service-delivery targets covering water, electricity, roads, waste, sanitation, and municipal maintenance.

10.3 Mayibuye will establish a Service Delivery Response Centre through which residents can report faults and receive a reference number and progress updates.

10.4 Mayibuye will publish monthly service-delivery performance reports showing outstanding complaints, completed work, response times, and unresolved problems.

10.5 Mayibuye Municipalities will strengthen communication so residents are informed about projects, budgets, and interruptions.

10.6 Mayibuye will create mechanisms for communities to monitor and report failures.

10.7 Mayibuye will prioritise rural, township, and underserved communities.

10.8 Mayibuye will maintain existing infrastructure alongside new builds.



11. ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY SECURITY

11.1 Mayibuye will expand reliable electricity access, maintain municipal distribution networks, reduce outages, repair transformers and substations, combat illegal connections safely, and develop municipal renewable and alternative energy capacity.

11.2 Mayibuye will implement a preventive maintenance programme for municipal electricity infrastructure to reduce avoidable outages.

11.3 Mayibuye will roll out practical municipal energy-diversification projects, including appropriate renewable-energy and energy-efficiency initiatives.



12. SAFE COMMUNITIES AND MUNICIPAL POLICING

12.1 Mayibuye will support local community security organisations.

12.2 Mayibuye will strengthen municipal policing through rigorous by-law enforcement, street lighting, CCTV in crime hotspots, community safety partnerships, and the protection of municipal infrastructure.

12.1 Mayibuye will strengthen lawful municipal policing and by-law enforcement capacity through professional training and accountable management.

12.2 Mayibuye will prioritise prevention and enforcement against illegal dumping, unsafe public spaces, unlawful trading practices, and other municipal by-law violations.

12.3 Mayibuye Municipalities will establish specialised municipal police units to fight drugs, illegal immigration and building hijackings.

13.HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES

13.1 Mayibuye has operated capable preventative primary health services over the past 12 months and will formalise this approach where it has local government representation.

13.2 Mayibuye will provide mobile clinics to administer early-stage testing on diabetes, TB, HIV, and blood-sugar levels.

13.3 Mayibuye will strengthen environmental health, food safety inspections, waste management, pollution control, vector control.

13.4 Mayibuye will promote community campaigns addressing hygiene, waste, food safety, environmental health, and other municipal health responsibilities.

13.5 Mayibuye will promote accessible health programmes; strengthen prevention and awareness campaigns; partner with health institutions.



14. INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND MUNICIPAL ASSET PROTECTION

1.1 Mayibuye will operate an asset-management mechanism that identifies high-risk points in water, power, and transit grids.

1.2 Mayibuye will roll out fencing, lighting, and cameras at vital utility sites.

1.3 Mayibuye Municipalities will move from crisis-driven repairs to scheduled preventative maintenance of water, electricity, roads, sewerage, buildings, vehicles, and all other municipal assets.

1.4 Mayibuye will establish a complete municipal asset register and regularly assess the condition and useful life of critical infrastructure.

1.5 Mayibuye will introduce preventative maintenance budgets rather than waiting for infrastructure to collapse before spending money.

15. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY

- 1.1 Mayibuye Municipalities will build and strengthen a public transport system in partnership with the taxi industry.
- 1.2 Mayibuye Municipalities will work towards the subsidization of the taxi industry.
- 1.3 Every Mayibuye Municipality will have a Municipal Owned Bus Company.
- 1.4 Municipal Buses will expand routes and eradicate the “Last Mile” challenge faced by passengers.
- 1.5 Mayibuye Municipalities will help commuters reduce travel costs by offering single-fare transfers across different operators.
- 1.6 Mayibuye Municipalities will lower travelling costs by creating discount programmes for long-distance commuters from low-income peripheral zones to economic hubs.
- 1.7 Mayibuye will improve taxi and bus facilities, roads, pedestrian infrastructure and transport access for rural communities.
- 1.8 Mayibuye will work with relevant transport authorities to improve safe and accessible public transport infrastructure.
- 1.9 Mayibuye will prioritise roads, pedestrian infrastructure, lighting, and transport facilities that improve access to work, schools, healthcare, and markets.
- 1.10 Mayibuye will develop mobility plans that consider rural, township, village, and urban communities.

16. MAYIBUYE MUNICIPALITIES COMMIT TO WORKING WITH THE TAXI INDUSTRY

16.1 Mayibuye Municipality will build and maintain taxi ranks to the standard of modern transport hubs, with clean toilets, running water, passenger shelters, high-mast lighting, CCTV, free Wi-Fi, association offices and properly allocated trading facilities.

16.2 Mayibuye Municipality will prioritise the repair and maintenance of roads used by taxis, including pothole repairs, stormwater drainage, street lighting, road markings and the upgrading of dangerous intersections.

16.3 Mayibuye Municipality will end the harassment and unlawful impoundment of taxis, stop revenue-driven enforcement and introduce a fair system that prioritises education and compliance before punishment for minor offences.

16.4 Mayibuye Municipality will establish a dedicated Taxi Industry Support Desk to assist operators with permits, licence renewals, business registration, municipal approvals and route applications, while working with provincial government to clear licensing backlogs.

16.5 Mayibuye Municipality will establish a Local Transport Peace Forum chaired by the Mayor and involving taxi associations, regional structures, mother bodies, SAPS and traffic authorities to prevent violence, resolve route disputes and combat extortion.



16.6 Mayibuye Municipality will economically empower local taxi associations and operators by pursuing at least 30% participation in suitable municipal transport opportunities—including scholar transport, employee transport and municipal events—subject to applicable procurement laws.

16.7 Mayibuye Municipality will support taxi-owned enterprises and cooperatives by allocating suitable spaces at transport hubs for wash bays, mechanics, tyre services, spare-parts outlets, fuel facilities, food traders and other related businesses.

16.8 Mayibuye Municipality will protect the dignity, health and development of taxi drivers, marshals and workers by providing rest facilities, periodic health services and funded training in road safety, first aid, customer care and business management.

16.9 Mayibuye Municipality will secure a fair share of public-transport investment for the taxi industry by directing resources towards taxi infrastructure and campaigning for equitable provincial and national subsidies for qualifying taxi services.

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16.10 Mayibuye Municipality will modernise and integrate the taxi industry without destroying existing livelihoods by supporting safer vehicles, accessible transport, digital commuter information, secure payment systems and coordinated connections with buses and trains.

17. ROADS STREETS BRIDGES AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE



17.1 Mayibuye will abolish the tendering system for roads and storm water infrastructure and insource the provision of the infrastructure.

17.2 Mayibuye will institute a maintenance planning framework based on a critical infrastructure development plan in each community.

17.3 Mayibuye will develop a disaster-management system for natural disasters.

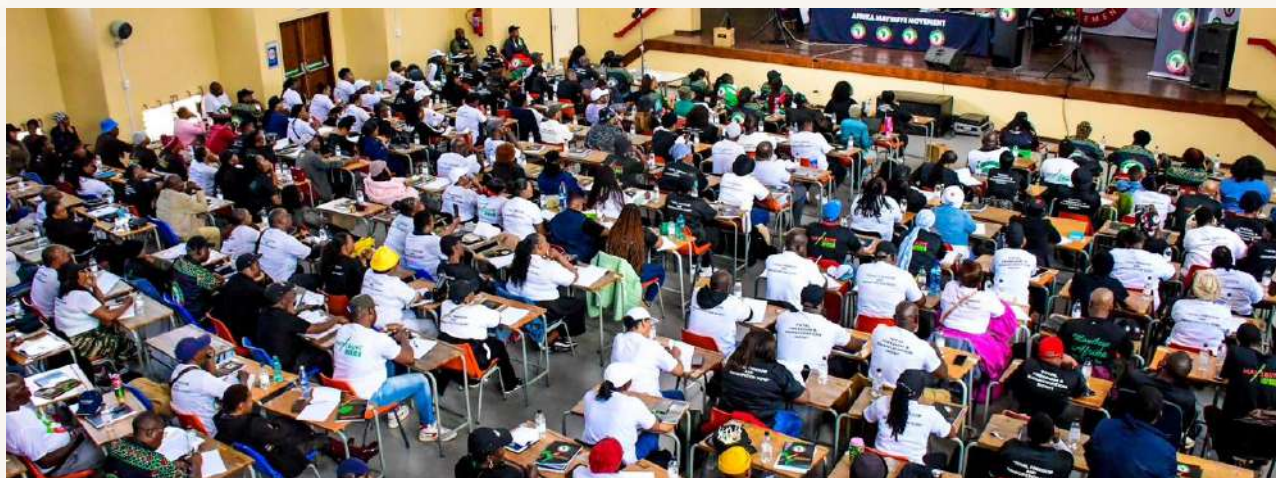
17.4 Mayibuye will implement permanent programmes for road construction, pothole repair, resurfacing, bridges, drainage, and stormwater systems in cities, townships, villages, and rural areas.

17.5 Mayibuye Municipalities will prioritise potholes, damaged bridges, blocked stormwater systems, and dangerous roads according to risk and urgency.

17.6 Mayibuye will publish ward-level infrastructure maintenance plans so communities know which projects are scheduled and when.

17.7 Mayibuye will establish effective zonal/sub-regional maintenance teams.

18. CLEAN COMMUNITIES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT



18.1 Mayibuye will guarantee regular refuse collection, eliminate illegal dumping, expand recycling and waste beneficiation, clean public spaces, and establish community-based waste enterprises.

18.2 Mayibuye will introduce reliable waste-collection schedules and monitor municipal and contracted collection performance.

18.3 Mayibuye will formalise the “waste surfers industry” to employment, cooperatives, and local enterprises.

18.4 Mayibuye will establish education programmes against illegal dumping while providing appropriate waste-disposal facilities.

18.5 Mayibuye will strengthen street cleaning and illegal-dumping control.

19. HOUSING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND DIGNIFIED SHELTER

19.1 Mayibuye will accelerate access to serviced land, housing opportunities, informal-settlement upgrading, title deeds, and integrated human settlements close to economic opportunities.

19.2 Mayibuye will establish social housing companies in all municipalities.

19.3 Mayibuye will prioritise basic infrastructure (roads, water, sanitation, electricity, and public facilities) in developing settlements.

19.4 Mayibuye will establish transparent community communication around housing projects, waiting processes, and development priorities.

19.5 Mayibuye Municipalities will upgrade informal settlements and towards dignified housing.

19.6 Mayibuye will explore suitable unused buildings for social housing and student accommodation.

19.7 Mayibuye will support household–local government partnerships for self-builds with state-provided equipment and local skills development.

20. INDIGENTS POLICIES

20.1 Mayibuye will ensure low-income households gain reliable access to free basic services.

20.2 Mayibuye will review indigent-registration systems to ensure genuinely vulnerable households can access legally available municipal assistance.

20.3 Mayibuye will establish ward-based assistance points to help residents understand and apply for indigent benefits.

20.4 Mayibuye will review indigent policies against household realities and remove administrative barriers that exclude eligible residents.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA 4 – LAND



21. LAND FOR EDUCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CULTURAL RELIGIOUS RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL USE

21.1 Mayibuye will localize registers of available parcels of land.

21.2 Mayibuye will develop a systematic plan for locally and regionally available farmland, supported by a water plan, seeds and farming-input plan, and a planting programme integrated into a supply-chain programme based on solid offtake contracts.

21.3 Mayibuye will release well-located municipal land for housing, farming, businesses, industrial parks, markets, schools, and other productive community purposes.

21.4 Mayibuye will reduce unnecessary delays in lawful land-use and development applications through transparent administrative systems.

21.5 Mayibuye will use land to promote development opportunities; support productive land-use planning; ensure municipal land contributes to jobs and growth.

21.6 Mayibuye Municipalities will bring unused and neglected agricultural land (including traditional family cultivation land) back into productive use with water, inputs, skills, market access, and agro-processing support.

21.7 Mayibuye Municipalities will audit, map and publish suitable municipal land for educational, industrial, cultural, religious, residential, recreational and agricultural use, with clear criteria for allocation and public reporting on progress.

21.8 Mayibuye Municipalities will release well-located land for schools, skills centres, libraries, industrial parks, cultural precincts, places of worship, sports and recreation facilities, housing and food-production projects in line with lawful planning processes.

21.9 Mayibuye Municipalities will service priority land with roads, water, sanitation, electricity, stormwater, lighting and waste services so that released land can become usable for communities, learners, enterprises, families, farmers and institutions.

21.10 Mayibuye Municipalities will protect public land from corruption, land grabs, speculation and elite capture by using transparent registers, open community consultation, fair lease or transfer processes and strict action against unlawful occupation for private enrichment.



STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA 5-LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



22. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR JOB CREATION

22.1 Mayibuye will develop ward-based Local Economic Development Plans that identify local resources, businesses, skills, markets, and employment opportunities.

22.2 Mayibuye will align municipal procurement and infrastructure spending with local economic development.

22.3 Mayibuye will establish a municipal investment and business facilitation desk to assist legitimate investors, local entrepreneurs, and informal traders.

22.4 Mayibuye will map local demand and local strengths, then build and finance enterprises that produce locally, substitute imports, and create jobs.

22.5 Mayibuye will implement effective LED plans that support agriculture, cooperatives, and small enterprises.

23. TOWNSHIP VILLAGE AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

23.1 Mayibuye will support grassroots enterprises and engage with municipal processes (IDPs) to foster community-led spatial or economic initiatives.

23.2 Mayibuye will ensure goods and services are purchased directly from township and rural micro-entrepreneurs and local manufacturers.

23.3 Mayibuye will build functioning local economies through infrastructure, procurement, enterprise support, markets, industrial activity, and targeted investment in historically neglected communities.

23.4 Mayibuye will establish dedicated economic-development programmes for townships, villages, and rural communities rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

23.5 Mayibuye will establish local economic hubs linking entrepreneurs to training, markets, finance information, and municipal opportunities.

23.6 Mayibuye will build local economic ecosystems where communities produce, buy, save, trade, and invest together.

24. SMALL BUSINESSES COOPERATIVES AND INFORMAL TRADERS

24.1 Mayibuye will create jobs through small businesses, cooperatives, and informal traders by building a strong local support system.

24.2 Mayibuye will provide easy access to small loans and asset-based funding (machinery or stock) via small-business-oriented DFIs.

24.3 Mayibuye Municipalities will simplify municipal regulations, provide trading infrastructure, affordable premises, finance facilitation, markets, and procurement opportunities for SMMEs, cooperatives, and informal traders.

24.4 Mayibuye will simplify and improve municipal processes for lawful small businesses and informal traders while maintaining public health, safety, and planning standards.

24.5 Mayibuye will develop suitable trading spaces, markets, and infrastructure that enable informal traders and small enterprises to operate with dignity.

1.6 Mayibuye will implement a “One Village, One Product / One Municipality, Productive Economy” approach.

25. LOCAL PROCUREMENT AND BUY LOCAL

25.1 Mayibuye will drive a buy-local programme by combining robust domestic procurement pledges, transparent local supply-chain networks, and subsidised, accessible digital point-of-sale (POS).

25.2 Mayibuye will encourage every local municipality to create local manufacturing of basic goods.

25.3 Mayibuye will redirect municipal purchasing power toward locally produced goods and locally based businesses wherever legally and practically possible, making procurement an instrument of employment and industrialisation.

25.4 Mayibuye will publish procurement opportunities in accessible community channels so local enterprises can compete fairly.

25.5 Mayibuye will develop supplier-development programmes to help emerging local businesses meet lawful municipal procurement requirements.

25.6 Mayibuye will encourage communities to value and buy locally produced food, clothing, furniture, services, and other goods.



STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA 6– RESPONSIVE AND CORRUPT FREE GOVERNMENT



26. GOOD GOVERNANCE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

26.1 Mayibuye will abolish unnecessary tender-based approaches to critical services dealing with critical needs.

26.2 Mayibuye will conduct lifestyle audits of all of its public representatives.

26.3 Mayibuye will take a zero-tolerance approach to corruption at any level.

26.4 Mayibuye will track local government candidates' performance based on publicly published budgets and key performance indicators. No bad performers will be spared based on political relationships.

26.5 Mayibuye will introduce transparent integrity and accountability mechanisms.

26.6 Mayibuye will strengthen whistle-blower protection, consequence management, and reporting mechanisms for suspected corruption.

27. CAPABLE MUNICIPALITIES AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

27.1 Across all local government-related appointments, Mayibuye will use a strictly merit-based selection basis.

27.2 Mayibuye will take a systematic approach to continuous training to ensure a steady rise in the capabilities of our leaders.

27.3 Mayibuye will appoint competent and qualified officials and insulate the administration from improper political interference.

27.4 Mayibuye will conduct a municipal capacity and skills audit to identify critical vacancies, skills shortages, and organisational weaknesses.

27.5 Mayibuye will ensure appointments and advancement are based on lawful, competency-driven processes and clearly defined responsibilities.

28. FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPALITIES

28.1 Mayibuye will institute a revenue shortfall or overrun alert system that tracks spending and income over three to five years to spot future shortfalls early.

28.2 Mayibuye will create a highly technical system of budgeting that links funding directly to service-delivery results and strategic goals.

28.4 Mayibuye Municipalities will improve monthly financial monitoring so problems are identified before they become major financial crises.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA 7 – PEOPLE CENTRED MUNICIPALITIES



29. FULL INTEGRATION OF TRADITIONAL AND ROYAL AUTHORITIES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

29.1 Mayibuye will ensure structured, respectful, and full integration of traditional and royal authorities into municipal planning, land administration, infrastructure delivery, cultural heritage, and community consultation.

29.2 Mayibuye will roll out municipal consultation forums with traditional and royal authorities on matters affecting traditional communities.

29.3 Mayibuye will include traditional leadership perspectives in rural development, land-use planning, infrastructure, and community development programmes.

29.4 Mayibuye will create clear cooperation protocols between municipalities, traditional authorities, and communities while respecting constitutional and legal responsibilities.

29.5 Mayibuye will build partnerships that respect the role of traditional authorities; support rural development initiatives.

29.6 Mayibuye will create inclusive and representative Ward Committees that include traditional and royal authorities alongside other community stakeholders.

30. RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

30.1 Mayibuye will Integrate churches into community development work.



30.2 Mayibuye will ensure community centres retain an interdisciplinary approach.

30.3 Mayibuye will integrate religious leaders more thoroughly into dispute-resolution mechanisms.

30.4 Mayibuye recognises churches, faith communities, civic formations, traditional institutions, NGOs, and other community organisations as important partners in social development and community mobilisation.

30.5 Mayibuye Municipalities will establish regular municipal-community forums involving churches, faith organisations, NGOs, civic structures, and other legitimate community institutions.

30.6 Mayibuye will use community institutions as partners in social development campaigns.

31. EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND SKILLS

SUPPORT

31.1 Mayibuye will provide access to municipal land or vacant buildings for new ECD sites in low-income areas.

31.2 Mayibuye will upgrade local community basic services at subsidised rates.

31.3 Mayibuye will use municipal land, libraries, connectivity, community facilities, and partnerships to support ECD centres, schools, students, literacy, vocational training, and lifelong learning.

31.4 Mayibuye will identify and eliminate municipal infrastructure and environmental barriers affecting schools and ECD centres.

32. SPORT RECREATION ARTS CULTURE AND HERITAGE

32.1 Mayibuye will build and maintain local sports fields, parks, and playgrounds.

32.2 Mayibuye will reinstate underutilized community halls, swimming pools, and public libraries.

32.3 Mayibuye Municipalities will keep public spaces safe, clean, and open for everyone.

32.4 Mayibuye will build and maintain sporting facilities, parks, libraries, community halls, and cultural institutions, and develop programmes that recognise local history, heritage, and creative talent.

32.5 Mayibuye will establish community programmes supporting local sporting, artistic, and cultural talent.

32.6 Mayibuye Municipalities will protect local heritage and create opportunities for cultural tourism and creative-economy development.

33. DIGITAL MUNICIPALITIES AND UNIVERSAL CONNECTIVITY

33.1 Mayibuye will build public Wi-Fi by setting up free internet zones in public parks, libraries, and transit hubs.

33.2 Mayibuye will work tirelessly to speed up approvals for telecom companies to install fibre-optic cables and cell towers.

33.3 Mayibuye Municipalities will partner with internet providers to expand broadband networks into lower-income neighbourhoods.

33.4 Mayibuye will connect villages, townships, and rural communities to municipal services, education, markets, finance, and the wider economy.

34. PEOPLE CENTRED GOVERNANCE WARD ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

34.1 Mayibuye will engage local residents directly in policy-making and priority-setting rather than relying solely on periodic elections.

34.2 Mayibuye local councillors and officials report regularly to neighbourhoods and answer for local service delivery.

34.3 Mayibuye will establish regular ward accountability meetings where councillors report publicly on service delivery, municipal projects, expenditure priorities, and outstanding problems.

34.4 Mayibuye will establish inclusive and representative Ward Committees reflecting the diversity of the community.

34.5 Mayibuye will connect villages, townships, and rural communities to municipal services, education, markets, finance, and the wider economy.

35. CLIMATE RESILIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

35.1 Mayibuye will develop municipal disaster-risk plans focused on floods, storms, fires, droughts, and other locally relevant risks.

35.2 Mayibuye will establish coordinated community disaster response mechanisms involving municipal services, community organisations, and relevant emergency structures.

HOW MAYIBUYE WILL FUND THE MANIFESTO



Delivery of Jobs, Water and Service Delivery Now requires disciplined, transparent, and innovative financing. Afrika Mayibuye Movement commits to the following funding approach:

1. Mayibuye will eliminate irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Mayibuye will recover monies lost through corruption and non-payment.
2. Mayibuye will improve own revenue by rolling out accurate billing, improved collection rates, fair but firm credit control (with protection for the indigent), proper valuation of properties, and recovery of debt owed to municipalities.
3. Mayibuye will reprioritise existing budgets by ring-fencing and significantly increasing the share of capital and operational budgets devoted to water, sanitation, roads, electricity maintenance, refuse and job-creating infrastructure. Reduce non-core and consultant spending.

4. Mayibuye will leverage grants and transfers by optimising access to and proper utilisation of equitable share, Municipal Infrastructure Grant, Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant, Urban Settlements Development Grant, and other conditional grants.

5. Mayibuye will develop and commercialise municipal industrial parks, agro-processing facilities, waste-to-value enterprises, renewable energy projects and other revenue-generating assets.

6. Mayibuye will partner with development finance institutions, responsible private capital, traditional authorities (on land) and community organisations for co-funding of catalytic projects, while retaining public control and accountability.

7. Sound financial management and clean audits will restore access to responsible borrowing for large-scale bulk infrastructure where justified by clear economic and social returns.

FUNDING & DELIVERY

MAKE EVERY RAND WORK FOR THE PEOPLE

01

Protect households from unnecessary financial burdens.

02

Enhance revenue without punishing residents.

03

Localise procurement and build productive capacity.

04

Publish dashboards, timelines and accountability.

E.YOUTH AND STUDENTS



Young people and students must be able to learn, connect, gain work experience and participate in the decisions that shape their communities. Mayibuye municipalities will turn public facilities and local budgets into practical support for education, skills and livelihoods.

1. FREE MUNICIPAL WI-FI ZONES

Mayibuye Municipality will install and maintain free Wi-Fi zones at libraries, community halls, municipal offices, transport hubs and other accessible public spaces, prioritising underserved areas and publishing hotspot locations and service standards.

2. SAFE STUDY SPACES AND DIGITAL LEARNING

Mayibuye Municipality will equip municipal libraries and community centres with computers, charging points, accessible study rooms and reliable connectivity, and extend opening hours during examinations.

3. A YOUTH AND STUDENT SUPPORT DESK

Mayibuye Municipality will establish a municipal desk to assist with applications for college and university admission, bursaries, financial aid and apprenticeships, and run outreach sessions in every ward.

4. PAID WORK EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS

Mayibuye Municipality will provide paid internships and apprenticeships in municipal services, link training to maintenance and infrastructure work, and publish fair selection criteria with clear routes into employment.

5. STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACCOMMODATION PARTNERSHIPS

Mayibuye Municipality will budget for transparent, means-tested study assistance and work with education institutions and housing providers to expand safe, affordable student accommodation close to campuses and transport.

F. SPORTS, ARTS AND RECREATION



Sport, arts and recreation must be part of everyday community life. Mayibuye municipalities will invest in accessible facilities, local talent and regular programmes so that participation does not depend on household income or where a person lives.

1. REGULAR SPONSORSHIP OF LOCAL TOURNAMENTS AND LEAGUES

Mayibuye Municipality will sponsor local tournaments and leagues on a regular basis through an annual funded calendar, with transparent grants, venue access, equipment and logistical support for community organisers.

2. USABLE AND SAFE COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Mayibuye Municipality will repair and maintain sports grounds, courts, swimming pools, parks and recreation centres, with clean toilets, water, lighting, accessible entrances and published maintenance schedules.

3. COACHING AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Mayibuye Municipality will partner with schools, clubs and qualified coaches to offer affordable or free after-school and weekend programmes, including training for local coaches, referees and sports administrators.

4. SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ARTISTS AND CULTURAL WORKERS

Mayibuye Municipality will provide accessible rehearsal, exhibition and performance spaces, run regular community arts events and pay local artists fairly when commissioning municipal cultural work.

5. EQUIPMENT AND PATHWAYS FOR EMERGING TALENT

Mayibuye Municipality will establish transparent equipment-loan and travel-support programmes, and work with federations and arts bodies to connect promising participants to trials, competitions, auditions and development opportunities.

6. INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION AND SAFE RECREATION

Mayibuye Municipality will offer programmes for girls and women, people with disabilities and older residents, and require safeguarding arrangements and accessible facilities in municipal sport and recreation programmes.

G. RELIGIOUS AND FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS



Religious and faith-based institutions are important partners in community care, social support and development. Mayibuye municipalities will work with them through fair, transparent arrangements that respect freedom of belief and serve the whole community.

1. LAND FOR RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mayibuye Municipality will make suitable municipal land available for places of worship and associated community services through transparent allocation or lease processes, with published criteria, fair access across faiths and compliance with applicable planning requirements.

2. ACCESS TO MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Mayibuye Municipality will make municipal halls, community centres and suitable public facilities available for religious activities through clear booking rules and affordable tariffs, with transparent concessions for qualifying community-serving activities.

3. A DEDICATED INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT DESK

Mayibuye Municipality will assist religious and faith-based institutions with land-use applications, building plans, municipal service connections and event requirements, and publish clear guidance and application turnaround standards.

4. STRUCTURED CONSULTATION WITH FAITH COMMUNITIES

Mayibuye Municipality will convene a quarterly interfaith municipal forum to contribute to development planning, service-delivery priorities and community programmes, while preserving the municipality's duty to serve residents of every belief.

5. PARTNERSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY CARE

Mayibuye Municipality will conclude transparent agreements with capable faith-based organisations to support food relief, shelters, care for vulnerable residents and referrals for survivors of violence, with clear service standards and public accountability.

H. WHAT MAKES THE MAYIBUYE ELECTIONS MANIFESTO UNIQUE



Afrika Mayibuye Movement approaches local government from a fundamentally place-based and people-centred perspective. A municipality must not merely administer wards, collect revenue and award contracts. It must accept responsibility for the development, functionality and dignity of the entire geographic space and every community within its boundaries.

Mayibuye recognises the constitutional division of functions between national, provincial and local government, but rejects the practice of using those divisions as an excuse for neglect. Where a school is collapsing, a provincial road is impassable, a clinic is dysfunctional, a mine is failing to implement its community obligations or a village has no water, residents do not experience the problem as belonging to a particular **“sphere of government”**. They experience it as a failure of government.

The distinctive Mayibuye approach will therefore be based on the following defining commitments:

1. CANCELLATION OF HISTORIC DEBT TO INDIGENT HOUSEHOLDS

1.1 Mayibuye municipalities will cancel all historical debts for indigent and child-headed households.

1.2 Instead of automatically increasing the burden on existing ratepayers whenever municipalities need additional revenue, Mayibuye will first improve billing accuracy, collect legitimately outstanding revenue, eliminate electricity and water losses, expand the economic and property-rate base, recover money owed by government departments and large businesses, eliminate corruption and waste, and grow local economic activity.

1.3 Municipal rates policies will make maximum lawful use of rebates, reductions, and exemptions for indigent households, pensioners, low-income property owners, and residents facing exceptional economic hardship.

2. MAYIBUYE MUNICIPALITIES WILL LOOK AFTER MAINTAIN EVERY PUBLIC FACILITY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES

2.1 Mayibuye will introduce the principle of Whole-municipalities Stewardship.

2.2 Schools, hospitals, clinics, police stations, Home Affairs offices, courts and other government facilities may legally belong to national or provincial government, but they are physically situated inside communities served by municipalities.

2.3 Mayibuye municipalities will therefore maintain a complete register of all public infrastructure in their territories and continuously monitor its condition.

2.4 Where another sphere has legal responsibility, the municipalities will formally report defects, establish joint maintenance programmes and seek agency, delegation or service-level agreements allowing the municipalities to intervene where appropriate, with the responsible sphere funding or reimbursing the work.

2.5 Section 156 of the Constitution provides mechanisms through which functions may be assigned by agreement where they can be administered effectively at local level.

2.6 No Mayibuye municipality will say: "That broken facility is not our problem."



3. NO ROAD WILL BE NEGLECTED SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS CLASSIFIED AS PROVINCIAL OR NATIONAL.

3.1 Municipal roads fall within municipal competence, while provincial and national roads ordinarily fall under other authorities. Mayibuye will nevertheless establish a One Road Network approach.

3.2 Every national, provincial, regional and municipal road passing through a Mayibuye municipality will be mapped and its condition monitored.

3.3 Where provincial or national authorities fail to maintain their roads, Mayibuye municipalities will urgently seek maintenance agreements, agency arrangements and joint programmes enabling the municipalities to undertake repairs lawfully rather than allowing communities and local economies to suffer indefinitely.

3.4 The constitutional distinction between municipal and provincial roads will be respected, but bureaucratic boundaries will never become an excuse for potholes and dangerous roads.

4. MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING ON THE BASIS OF VILLAGE TO VILLAGE SECTION TO SECTION ZONE TO ZONE VOTING DISTRICT TO VOTING DISTRICT AND SETTLEMENT TO SETTLEMENT

4.1 Mayibuye will fundamentally deepen the way municipal planning is conducted.

4.2 Ward boundaries are principally electoral boundaries. They often combine different villages, suburbs, informal settlements and townships with completely different developmental conditions.

4.3 Every Mayibuye Integrated Development Plan will therefore contain Village Development Plans, Township Development Plans, Informal-Settlement Plans and Neighbourhood Development Plans beneath the statutory municipal and ward planning framework.

Every village and township must be able to identify:

4.3.1 Its Water Backlog;

4.3.2 Roads Requiring Construction Or Rehabilitation;

4.3.3 Sanitation Needs;

4.3.4 Electricity And Street-Lighting Requirements;

- 4.3.5 Schools And Health Facilities;
- 4.3.6 Agricultural Opportunities;
- 4.3.7 Economic Infrastructure;
- 4.3.8 Public Transport Needs;
- 4.3.9 Sports And Recreational Facilities; And
- 4.3.10 Projects Required Over The Five-Year Municipal Term.

Mayibuye will take planning to the smallest meaningful human settlement, rather than allowing communities to disappear inside broad municipal averages.

5. INVOLVEMENT AND INCLUSION OF TRADITIONAL AND ROYAL LEADERSHIP IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

5.1 Mayibuye regards traditional and royal leadership as an important constitutional institution and a practical partner in local development, not as a ceremonial stakeholder to be consulted only after municipal decisions have already been taken.

5.2 In line with Section 81 of the Municipal Structures Act, Mayibuye Municipalities will enter into Partnerships with Royal and Traditional Leadership and Authorities and give full participation rights.

5.3 Mayibuye municipalities will give practical meaning to provisions of the Municipal Structures Act by institutionalising structured participation of traditional and royal leadership in municipal governance and development, while fully respecting the executive and legislative authority of elected municipal councils.

This will include:

5.3.1 Ensuring that all lawfully designated participating traditional leaders receive council agendas, relevant reports and development information timeously and are enabled to participate meaningfully in council and committee proceedings to the full extent permitted by law;

5.3.4 Establishing a permanent municipal–traditional and royal leadership coordinating forum that meets at least quarterly;

5.3.5 Involving traditional and royal leaders at the formative stages of integrated development plans, municipal budgets, spatial-development frameworks and major infrastructure plans, rather than consulting them only after decisions are substantially complete;

5.3.6 Structured participation in planning for water, sanitation, roads, electricity, waste services, agriculture, disaster management, public safety, economic development and investment affecting traditional communities;

5.3.7 Maintaining a dedicated municipal traditional leadership liaison capacity to track undertakings, disputes, development priorities and intergovernmental matters;

- 5.3.8 Concluding area-based development compacts with traditional councils and royal authorities on infrastructure priorities, land availability, servitudes, settlement development and investment facilitation; and
- 5.3.9 Ensuring regular report-back by the municipalities to traditional councils and communities on budgets, projects, implementation delays and service-delivery performance.

5.4 As at August 2026, the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act 3 of 2019 remains operative because the Constitutional Court has suspended its declaration of invalidity until 29 May 2027 while Parliament considers replacement legislation. Mayibuye municipalities will comply with the law in force at the relevant time and adapt their governance arrangements when the new national legislation is enacted.

5.5 The principle is clear: no major municipal decision materially affecting a traditional community should be designed in isolation from the recognised traditional and royal leadership of that community. Participation must be meaningful, structured and continuous, not ceremonial.

6. INVOLVEMENT AND INCLUSION OF RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONS IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

6.1 Mayibuye recognises religious leaders and institutions as some of the most deeply rooted, trusted and continuously present community institutions in South Africa.

6.1 Churches, mosques, temples, synagogues, African indigenous faith institutions and other religious bodies often provide counselling, food relief, youth programmes, early-childhood support, care for the elderly, assistance to vulnerable households and community mobilisation long before government reaches the same households.

6.3 The Constitution protects freedom of religion, belief and association and requires municipalities to encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in matters of local government.

6.4 Sections 16 and 17 of the Municipal Systems Act require municipalities to develop participatory governance and provide mechanisms that include consultative sessions with locally recognised community organisations and advisory structures.

6.5 Religious institutions can therefore be important participants in municipal public life without being given executive authority over the municipalities or preferential status over other citizens and organisations.

6.6 Mayibuye municipalities will establish an inclusive and non-sectarian system for the participation of religious leadership and institutions in local development and community governance



This will include:

6.6.1 Establishing an inclusive Municipal Religious and Faith Community Forum representing the diversity of recognised faith communities in the municipalities;

6.6.2 Maintaining a municipal register of religious and faith-based institutions for purposes of consultation, emergency communication, community programmes and development planning;

6.6.3 Consulting religious leadership during the preparation and review of Integrated Development Plans, municipal budgets and community-development programmes;

6.6.4 Partnering, within the law, on social programmes addressing hunger, homelessness, substance abuse, gender-based violence, youth vulnerability, support for the elderly, disaster relief and community safety;

6.6.5 Involving faith institutions in campaigns for clean communities, responsible citizenship, social cohesion, protection of public infrastructure and peaceful resolution of community tensions;

6.6.6 Creating mechanisms through which religious institutions can identify service-delivery problems and vulnerable households and refer these efficiently to municipal departments;

6.6.7 Convening an annual Municipal Faith and Community Development Summit to review social conditions, community needs and joint programmes; and

6.6.8 Ensuring equitable treatment of different religions and beliefs, with no compulsory religious observance, no municipal interference in doctrine and no procurement, land-use or regulatory favouritism on the basis of faith.

6.7 Mayibuye will respect the constitutional separation between public authority and religious belief while refusing to exclude institutions that organise, serve, and sustain millions of residents.

6.8 Religious leadership will be treated as an important partner in community development, social cohesion, and public participation.

7. MINERAL WEALTH MUST PRODUCE VISIBLE DEVELOPMENT IN MINING COMMUNITIES

7.1 Mayibuye rejects a situation where billions of rands of mineral wealth leave a municipality while the communities surrounding mines remain without water, roads, sanitation, jobs and economic opportunities.

7.2 Municipalities cannot lawfully invent their own mineral royalty because mining royalties are imposed under national legislation. Mayibuye will therefore use every lawful municipal and intergovernmental mechanism to ensure that mining communities benefit.

This will include:

7.2.1 Correctly levying all lawful municipal property rates and service charges on mining operations;

7.2.2 Ensuring mines pay for municipal services and infrastructure they consume;

7.2.3 Demanding infrastructure-development agreements where mining expansion creates additional municipal infrastructure requirements;

7.2.4 Aligning Social and Labour Plans with municipal IDPs;

7.2.5 Pursuing outstanding commitments owed to traditional and host communities;

7.2.6 Negotiating local procurement and supplier-development programmes; and

7.2.7 Campaigning nationally for a transparent mechanism through which a meaningful portion of nationally collected mineral revenues benefits mining communities and mining municipalities.

7.3 Mineral extraction must leave behind infrastructure, enterprises, skills and generational wealth—not only exhausted mines.



8. BUILD MUNICIPAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CAPACITY

8.1 Mayibuye will progressively establish permanent municipal roads and public-works units equipped with engineers, technicians, artisans, road-maintenance teams, graders, rollers, excavators, trucks and other necessary machinery.

8.2 The objective is that municipalities themselves must increasingly perform routine road construction, grading, resurfacing, pothole repairs, stormwater maintenance and related public works.

8.3 This must be distinguished from attempting to abolish lawful procurement. Section 217 of the Constitution requires public contracting to be fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective. Where specialised external procurement remains necessary, Mayibuye municipalities will comply fully with the law.

8.4 The transformation is therefore from a tender-dependent municipality into a capable municipality that can actually build and maintain infrastructure itself.

9. MUNICIPAL MONITORING OF EVERY MINING SOCIAL AND LABOUR PLAN

9.1 Every Mayibuye municipality containing mining operations will establish a Mining and Social Labour Plan Monitoring Desk.

9.2 The municipalities will maintain a public register showing every mine, its approved Social and Labour Plan commitments, budgets, projects, implementation dates and progress.

9.3 Municipalities will verify implementation with communities and traditional authorities, publish regular compliance reports and formally refer non-compliance to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources for enforcement.

9.4 Mining-right holders are responsible for implementing approved SLP commitments, and SLP community-development projects are intended to relate to municipal IDP priorities.

9.5 No Social and Labour Plan must remain a document hidden in a filing cabinet.

10. MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES THAT ACTIVELY BUILD LOCAL ECONOMIES

10.1 Where financially and legally feasible following the required statutory processes, Mayibuye municipalities will establish professional municipally owned Local Economic Development Agencies or equivalent specialised municipal development units.

10.2 They will not become patronage structures. Their mandate will be measurable and commercially development-oriented:

- 10.2.1 Township and rural economic precincts;
- 10.2.2 Industrial and business parks;
- 10.2.3 Property development and urban regeneration;
- 10.2.4 Tourism development;
- 10.2..5 Fresh-produce markets;
- 10.2.6 Agro-processing;
- 10.2.7 Investment attraction;
- 10.2..8 Municipal land development;
- 10.2..9 SMME incubation;
- 10.2..10 Infrastructure packaging; and
- 10.2..11 Strategic partnerships with development-finance institutions and investors.

10.1 Local Economic Development must cease being a small municipal office that organises workshops. It must become an institutional capacity for building productive local economies.

10.2 Including raising resources, developing partnerships for development and administration of conditional grants.

11. WATER RESILIENT MUNICIPALITIES



11.1 Mayibuye will develop multiple sources of water security instead of depending on a single bulk-water system.

11.2 Subject to hydrogeological assessment, licensing requirements and water-quality standards, municipalities will develop boreholes and groundwater systems, community reservoirs, household and community storage tanks, rainwater-harvesting systems, spring protection, wastewater reuse where appropriate, and aggressive programmes to repair leaks.

11.3 Schools, clinics, community halls and suitable municipal buildings will progressively be equipped with rainwater harvesting and emergency storage.

11.4 Groundwater will be scientifically monitored to prevent over-abstraction and contamination.

11.5 The objective is not temporary dependence on water tankers, but permanent community water resilience.

12. TURN MUNICIPALITIES INTO CENTRES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND FOOD SECURITY

12.1 Mayibuye municipalities will identify agricultural potential settlement by settlement and work with farmers, traditional authorities, provincial departments and water institutions to expand irrigation and food production.

Support will include:

- 12.1 Irrigation infrastructure;
- 12.2 Fencing;
- 12.3. Municipal commonage;
- 12.4. Access roads;
- 12.5. Water harvesting;
- 12.6. Fresh-produce markets;
- 12.7. Storage and cold-chain facilities;
- 12.8. Municipal market infrastructure;
- 12.9. Agro-processing facilities;
- 12.10. Farmer cooperatives;
- 12.11. Mechanisation partnerships; and
- 12.12. Links between producers and institutional buyers.

12.2 Municipalities must help shorten the journey between local soil, local farmers, local markets and local dinner tables.

13. COMMUNITY AND PRIMARY HEALTHCARE THAT REACHES EVERY VILLAGE

13.1 Primary healthcare is principally a national/provincial health responsibility, while municipal health services have a constitutionally defined local-government component. Mayibuye will therefore not make legally impossible promises that every municipality can simply take over provincial healthcare.

13.2 All clinics in Mayibuye municipalities will be open 24 hours.

13.3 Instead, Mayibuye municipalities will conclude cooperative agreements with provincial health departments to create a village-based community healthcare network, including:

- 13.3.1 Scheduled mobile-clinic visits;
- 13.3.2 Community-health outreach;
- 13.3.3 Medicine-collection points;
- 13.3.4. Maternal and child-health outreach;
- 13.3.5 Disease screening;
- 13.3.6 Vaccination support;
- 13.3.7 Environmental-health inspections;
- 13.3.8 Health-awareness programmes; and
- 13.3.9 Municipal assistance with land, facilities and infrastructure for new clinics.

13.4 Healthcare must increasingly travel to the people instead of forcing sick and elderly people to travel extraordinary distances to healthcare.

14. FULL MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN AREAS UNDER TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES

14.1 Living on communal or traditional land must never mean receiving inferior municipal services.

14.2. Mayibuye municipalities will systematically provide water, sanitation, roads, stormwater infrastructure, refuse services, electricity reticulation where applicable, street lighting and other municipal infrastructure to communities under traditional authorities.

14.3. Traditional councils will be engaged from the beginning of infrastructure planning, particularly on land availability, settlement patterns, servitudes and development priorities.

14.4 South Africa's system of wall-to-wall local government means rural communities are municipal communities too.

14.5 There must be no second-class municipal citizenship because a person lives in a village under traditional leadership.

15. TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT COMPACTS FOR LAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT

15.1 Beyond participation in municipal governance, Mayibuye will create practical development compacts with traditional councils and royal authorities for the physical and economic development of communal and traditional areas.



15.2 These compacts will identify land required for roads, reservoirs, sanitation infrastructure, schools, clinics, economic precincts, agricultural projects, public transport facilities and other public purposes; record agreed servitudes and development corridors; and create predictable processes for considering investments and settlement expansion while respecting customary land interests and applicable law.

15.3 Each traditional authority area will have a structured annual Traditional Authority Development Programme linked to the municipal IDP, spatial-development framework, capital budget and infrastructure-maintenance programme, with clearly identified projects, budgets, implementing institutions and delivery dates.

15.4 Traditional and royal authorities will also be involved in investment facilitation and local economic-development initiatives affecting their communities so that land, infrastructure, jobs, enterprise development and community benefit are planned together rather than through fragmented processes.

16. BUILD LOCAL LABOUR ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY TO DELIVER SERVICES

16.1 Mayibuye will deliberately rebuild municipal capacity to perform work directly.

16.2 Municipalities will train and employ plumbers, electricians, bricklayers, welders, mechanics, road workers, plant operators, artisans, environmental workers, waste workers, maintenance teams and other front-line employees required for everyday service delivery.

16.3 Public employment programmes must increasingly provide accredited skills and pathways into sustainable employment rather than repetitive temporary work without progression.

16.4 Where direct municipal delivery is demonstrably more efficient, sustainable and lawful, services will be progressively insourced.

16.5 Mayibuye will connect insourcing directly to a broader strategy of local labour absorption, artisan training and municipal productive capacity.

17. MUNICIPAL SERVICE DELIVERY COMMAND CENTRES AND PUBLIC RESPONSE TIMES

17.1 Every Mayibuye municipality will establish an integrated 24-hour Service Delivery Command Centre capable of receiving and tracking complaints relating to water leaks, sewer spillages, potholes, electricity faults, illegal dumping, streetlights and other service failures.

17.2 Every reported fault will receive a reference number, responsible department and response deadline.

17.3 Performance information will be publicly available through municipal dashboards showing outstanding faults, average repair times and infrastructure failures by area.

17.4 Mayibuye will establish clear service standards for different categories of faults, including emergency response times.

17.5 People must never spend weeks telephoning a municipality without knowing who is responsible, what is being done and when the problem will be fixed.



18. MUNICIPAL ENERGY SECURITY AND LOCAL ENERGY GENERATION

18.1 Mayibuye municipalities will use every lawful mechanism available to diversify electricity supply and reduce vulnerability to national electricity failures.

18.2 Depending on municipal circumstances, this will include:

18.2.1 Municipal renewable-energy projects;

18.2.2 Procurement from independent generators where permitted;

18.2.3 Rooftop solar on municipal buildings;

18.2.4 Embedded generation;

18.2.5 Battery storage;

18.2.6 Microgrids for suitable facilities or communities;

18.2.7 Energy-efficient street lighting;

18.2.8 Electricity-loss reduction;

18.2.9 Maintenance of municipal distribution infrastructure; and

18.3 Water systems, sewage works, clinics, emergency centres and other critical municipal infrastructure must have resilient electricity arrangements. A municipality cannot develop if its local economy repeatedly goes dark.

19. TURN WASTE INTO JOBS ENTERPRISES AND RESOURCES

19.1 Mayibuye will build a municipal circular economy.

19.2 Waste pickers will be integrated into organised local recycling systems. Municipalities will develop recycling and buy-back centers, composting facilities, material-recovery facilities and partnerships with cooperatives and local enterprises.

19.3 Organic waste must increasingly be diverted toward composting and appropriate productive uses instead of consuming scarce landfill capacity.

19.4 The municipalities must move from simply paying to transport waste to landfill toward creating economic value, employment, and cleaner communities from recoverable materials.

20. TOWNSHIP AND RURAL INDUSTRIALISATION



20.1 Mayibuye rejects the idea that municipalities exist only as centres of consumption.

20.2 Strategically located municipal land and infrastructure will be used to support township and rural industrial parks, artisan hubs, agro-processing centres, repair and manufacturing precincts, logistics facilities and productive SMMEs.

20.3 Local economic strategies will identify what each municipality can competitively produce, including food, furniture, clothing, building materials, engineering products, recycled products, machinery components and other goods.

20.4 Mayibuye will integrate industrialisation with village-level planning, municipal development agencies, agriculture, localisation and municipal infrastructure investment.

THE MAYIBUYE DIFFERENCE



The Mayibuye local-government model goes further than an ordinary catalogue of promises.

It proposes municipalities that:

1. Plan village by village and settlement by settlement;
2. Build their own institutional and technical capacity;
3. Protect residents from unnecessary financial burdens;
4. Take full responsibility for the entire geographic space under their jurisdiction;
5. Meaningfully include traditional and royal leadership in municipal governance;

6. Institutionalise inclusive participation by religious leadership and faith institutions;
7. Use mineral wealth for local development;
8. Build productive local economies;
9. Localise procurement;
10. Secure water and energy;
11. Support agriculture and industrialisation;
12. Maintain infrastructure before it collapses;
13. Take services directly to communities; and
14. Continuously account to the people.

This is not a one-size-fits-all approach. Mayibuye municipalities will tailor their role and interventions to the distinct realities of villages, townships, informal settlements, and cities while remaining guided by the same core principles of people-centred, developmental, and accountable local government.



ROLE OF MAYIBUYE MUNICIPALITIES IN VILLAGES



1. In rural villages, Mayibuye municipalities will plan development village by village in genuine partnership with traditional and royal leadership. Traditional authorities will be meaningfully included in municipal governance structures so that customary land administration, cultural practices, and local knowledge inform planning, land-use decisions, and service delivery.
2. The municipality will take responsibility for the entire village space, including roads, water sources, land, communal facilities, and natural resources. Priority will be given to securing reliable water and energy. Agriculture will be actively supported through extension services, irrigation, input support, market access, and agro-processing facilities so that villages become sites of food production and local economic activity rather than labour-sending areas.

3. Procurement will be localised so that village small contractors and emerging enterprises benefit from municipal spending. Mineral wealth in the surrounding areas will be leveraged for village development through royalties, social-and-labour-plan alignment, and local content requirements. Large mining companies will pay for rates and taxes directly to municipalities equal to their size.
4. Infrastructure will be maintained proactively, and services (clinics, mobile libraries, skills centres, and administrative support) will be taken directly to the people.
5. Regular public reporting and village assemblies will ensure continuous accountability.

ROLE OF MAYIBUYE MUNICIPALITIES IN TOWNSHIPS

1. In townships, Mayibuye municipalities will reverse decades of under-investment and spatial neglect.
2. The municipality will treat the entire township as a single developmental space by upgrading roads, storm-water systems, street lighting, parks, and community facilities before they collapse.
3. Water and energy security will be prioritised through reliable reticulation, pressure management, leak reduction, and local generation or storage solutions that reduce the burden of high tariffs and intermittent supply on working-class households.
4. Local economies will be deliberately built by supporting township enterprises, industrial parks, manufacturing hubs, and agro-processing linked to surrounding rural production.



Procurement will be localised so that township-based SMMEs, cooperatives, and youth- and women-owned businesses receive preferential access to municipal contracts.

5. Unnecessary financial burdens on residents will be reviewed and reduced where possible, while expanding the revenue base through productive economic activity.

6. Faith institutions and community organisations will be institutionalised as partners in social cohesion, youth programmes, and service monitoring.

7. The municipality will maintain a visible presence through satellite offices, mobile service points, and ward-based teams that take services directly to residents and account continuously through public meetings and transparent reporting.

ROLE OF MAYIBUYE MUNICIPALITIES IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

1. In informal settlements, Mayibuye municipalities will abandon the approach of permanent temporariness.

2. The municipality will take full responsibility for the geographic space occupied by residents and move rapidly from basic emergency services.

3. Water, sanitation, electricity, and refuse removal will be secured and delivered through practical, community-agreed interim solutions while permanent infrastructure is installed.
4. Planning will be done settlement by settlement with the active participation of residents, including religious and community leadership.
5. Local economic opportunities will be deliberately created so that residents benefit from the development of their own areas.
6. Procurement for upgrading works will be localised to employ and contract local labour and small enterprises.
7. The municipality will protect residents from unnecessary financial shocks during the transition and ensure transparent, continuous accountability through settlement-level committees and regular public feedback.
8. The goal is dignified, serviced, and economically integrated communities rather than perpetual informality.



ROLE OF MAYIBUYE MUNICIPALITIES IN CITIES

1. In cities and metropolitan areas, Mayibuye municipalities will act as engines of productive, inclusive urban economies while ending the stark spatial and service divides between suburbs, townships, and informal areas.
2. The municipality will take responsibility for the entire urban geographic space by integrating transport, housing, industrial zones, and environmental management into a single developmental plan.
3. Water and energy security will be treated as non-negotiable foundations of city life, pursued through diversified sources, demand management, local generation, and efficient distribution.
4. Productive local economies will be built by supporting industrialisation, logistics, manufacturing and knowledge sectors, with deliberate localisation of procurement so that city-based workers, SMMEs, and cooperatives capture a larger share of municipal and private-sector spending.
5. Mineral and resource wealth linked to the city's hinterland will be directed toward urban development and job creation.
6. Infrastructure will be maintained preventatively rather than through crisis response.
7. Services will be taken closer to communities through decentralised administrative centres, digital platforms, and mobile units.

8. Traditional leadership, religious institutions and civil society will be institutionalised as partners in governance and social programmes.

9. Continuous public accountability will be enforced through transparent budgeting, open data, regular mayoral and ward reporting, and mechanisms that allow residents to track delivery in real time.

10. The Mayibuye city municipality will therefore function as a capable developmental state at the local level with planning, building capacity, protecting residents from avoidable burdens, and driving shared prosperity across the entire urban space.



I. THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF A MAYIBUYE COUNCILLOR



The character of a Mayibuye Councillor must be visible in daily conduct, not only in speeches or election campaigns. A councillor must live the values of public service, stay close to the people, and turn community trust into disciplined action.

FEATURES THAT DEFINE A MAYIBUYE COUNCILLOR

1.1 A Mayibuye Councillor is honest and tells residents the truth about what the municipality can do, what it has done and what still requires work.

1.2 A Mayibuye Councillor is respectful and treats every resident with dignity, including people who disagree politically or who did not vote for Mayibuye.

1.3 A Mayibuye Councillor is hardworking and attends to community problems with discipline, urgency and visible effort.

1.4 A Mayibuye Councillor is caring and pays serious attention to the struggles of the poor.

1.5 A Mayibuye Councillor is loving toward the community and serves with warmth, patience and compassion.

1.6 A Mayibuye Councillor is knowledgeable about municipal powers, budgets, by-laws, service-delivery processes and the practical needs of the ward.

1.7 A Mayibuye Councillor is responsive and gives residents feedback within reasonable timeframes instead of leaving complaints unanswered.

1.8 A Mayibuye Councillor is accountable and reports regularly on council decisions, municipal budgets, projects, delays and commitments made to the people.

1.9 A Mayibuye Councillor is genuine and does not pretend to serve the people while pursuing personal enrichment, status or factional interests.

1.10 A Mayibuye Councillor is present in the ward and remains visible in villages, townships, informal settlements, suburbs, farms and inner-city communities.

1.11 A Mayibuye Councillor listens before speaking and consults communities before taking positions on matters that affect their lives.

1.12 A Mayibuye Councillor explains municipal processes in clear language so that residents understand their rights, responsibilities and available remedies.

1.13 A Mayibuye Councillor keeps proper records of complaints, commitments and follow-up actions so that no resident is forgotten.

1.14 A Mayibuye Councillor protects public resources and treats municipal money, land, vehicles, buildings and equipment as property of the people.

1.15 A Mayibuye Councillor rejects corruption, nepotism, bribery, extortion, tender manipulation and every abuse of public office.

1.16 A Mayibuye Councillor serves all residents fairly and never makes access to services depend on political support, personal loyalty or private payment.

1.17 A Mayibuye Councillor works with traditional leaders, religious institutions, civil-society organisations, youth structures, businesses and community formations in a respectful and lawful manner.

1.18 A Mayibuye Councillor is disciplined, punctual and prepared for council meetings, committee work, community meetings and oversight visits.

1.19 A Mayibuye Councillor follows up with municipal officials and other spheres of government until lawful service-delivery problems receive practical attention.

1.20 A Mayibuye Councillor communicates regularly through public meetings, ward offices, written notices, digital platforms and direct community engagement.

1.21 A Mayibuye Councillor leads by example and lives in a manner that strengthens public confidence in Mayibuye and in local government.

J. OBLIGATIONS OF AN ELECTED AFRIKA MAYIBUYE MOVEMENT COUNCILLOR



“NO REPRESENTATION WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY.”

Upon election, the Mayibuye Councillor undertakes to abide by the following:

1. COMMITMENT TO THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF MAYIBUYE

Upon being elected as a Councillor, the Candidate irrevocably commits to advance, promote and defend the aims, objectives, principles and policies of Mayibuye as contained in the Constitution of the Movement and the Restoration Manifesto.

2. LOYALTY TO MAYIBUYE

The Councillor shall at all times remain loyal to Afrika Mayibuye Movement, its leadership structures, its Constitution, its Restoration Manifesto, and its collective decisions. Loyalty means:

- 2.1 Placing the interests of Mayibuye and the broader liberation project above personal interests;

2.2 Defending the name, image, values and integrity of the Movement at all times;

2.3 Consulting and reporting regularly to the relevant structures of Mayibuye;

2.4 Accepting and implementing lawful decisions and directives of the Movement without reservation;

2.5 Not joining, supporting or promoting any other political formation, faction or initiative that undermines Mayibuye.

3. FUNDAMENTALLY AND FOUNDATIONALLY REPORT BACK TO THE PEOPLE

Reporting to communities is a foundational obligation and not an optional political activity. Every Councillor must regularly provide communities with reports concerning:

3.1 Council decisions;

3.2 Municipal budgets;

3.3 Service-delivery programmes;

3.4 Projects affecting the Ward;

3.5 Expenditure;

3.6 Challenges;

3.7 Delays;

3.8 Motions and proposals;

3.9 Progress on the Ward Manifesto; and

3.10 Matters raised by residents.

The fundamental principle must be: No representation without accountability.

4. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND CONSULT WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY

4.1 The Councillor must continuously listen to residents and create accessible mechanisms through which grievances, proposals and complaints can be submitted. Leadership must begin with listening.

4.2 The Councillor must never become inaccessible, arrogant or detached from the community after election.

4.3 The Councillor commits to continually consult with the residents of the ward and the broader community on all matters affecting their lives, and shall further continuously seek guidance from the institutions of society, including but not limited to royal and traditional leaders, religious institutions, community-based organisations, and other legitimate structures of the people.

4.4 This commitment reflects Mayibuye's belief in people-driven governance and the importance of respecting indigenous institutions and cultural leadership in the restoration project.



5. SEEK MANDATES FROM THE PEOPLE

5.1 On major matters that directly affect the Ward, the Councillor must consult residents before taking positions wherever reasonably possible.

5.2 A Councillor must not substitute their personal opinion for the collective will of the community.

5.3 The Councillor represents a mandate and must therefore continuously seek, understand and communicate that mandate.



6. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

The Councillor commits to serve the residents of the ward / municipality with diligence, honesty and integrity. This includes:

- 6.1 Prioritising the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of the community;
- 6.2 Being accessible and responsive to community concerns;
- 6.3 Promoting clean governance, transparency and accountability in all council matters;
- 6.4 Fighting corruption and maladministration in local government;
- 6.5 Advancing the developmental and restorative agenda of Mayibuye in all council deliberations and decisions.

7. AVAILABILITY HONESTY DILIGENCE AND INTEGRITY

7.1 The Councillor declares that he/she is available and willing to serve full-time in the best interests of the Movement and the community.

7.2 The Councillor commits to perform his/her duties with the highest standards of honesty, diligence, integrity and ethical conduct, and to avoid any conduct that may bring the Movement into disrepute.

8. MAINTAIN EXEMPLARY PERSONAL CONDUCT

An Afrika Mayibuye Movement Councillor must understand that personal conduct can strengthen or damage public confidence in the Movement. Councillors must therefore maintain high standards of:

- 8.1 Integrity;
- 8.2 Discipline;
- 8.3 Respect;
- 8.4 Humility;
- 8.5 Cleanliness;
- 8.6 Punctuality;
- 8.7 Honesty;
- 8.8 Family and social responsibility;
- 8.9 Appropriate public behaviour; and
- 8.10 Responsible use of social media.



9. STAY AWAY FROM ALCOHOL

9.1 Councillors must stay away from alcohol and must never perform public, municipal or organisational responsibilities under the influence of alcohol.

9.2 Alcohol abuse or alcohol-related conduct that compromises public duties, community safety or the reputation of the Movement is incompatible with the standards expected of an Afrika Mayibuye Movement public representative.

10. REMAIN ACCESSIBLE TO THE COMMUNITY

10.1 The Councillor must remain physically and electronically accessible.

10.2 Every Councillor must establish predictable mechanisms for residents to reach them, including regular community meetings, published contact details and designated consultation periods.

10.3 No Councillor must disappear from the Ward after election.

11. HOLD REGULAR COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY MEETINGS

11.1 The Councillor must convene regular public meetings in the Ward to report, listen and receive mandates.

11.2 Where practicable, meetings must rotate between different voting districts so that communities far from the geographic centre of the Ward are not excluded.

11.3 Reports must be understandable and must not deliberately conceal failures or difficulties.



12. MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE WARD OFFICE AND CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Residents' complaints and requests must be recorded and tracked.

Every legitimate case should indicate:

12.1 The nature of the complaint;

12.2 Date received;

12.3 Responsible institution;

12.4 Action taken;

12.5 Current status; and

12.6 Feedback provided to the resident.

No resident should repeatedly explain the same problem because the Councillor failed to keep records.

13. FIGHT CORRUPTION NEPOTISM AND ABUSE OF OFFICE

Councillors must never use public office for personal enrichment.

They must reject:

13.1 Bribes;

13.2 Kickbacks;

- 13.3 Tender manipulation;
- 13.4 Nepotism;
- 13.5 Patronage;
- 13.6 Extortion;
- 13.7 Selling of jobs;
- 13.8 Selling of housing opportunities;
- 13.9 Manipulation of municipal procurement;
- 13.10 Undisclosed conflicts of interest.

Any attempted corrupt approach must be reported through appropriate mechanisms.

14. ATTEND AND PREPARE FOR MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1 Councillors must attend Council meetings, committee meetings, caucuses, training programmes and other legitimate municipal obligations.
- 14.2 Attendance alone is insufficient.
- 14.3 Councillors must read documents, understand budgets, interrogate reports, prepare questions and make meaningful contributions.
- 14.4 An Afrika Mayibuye Movement Councillor must strive to become one of the most informed and effective representatives in the municipality.

15. IMPLEMENT THE WARD MANIFESTO

The Ward Manifesto developed before elections must not disappear after election. The Councillor must convert it into a programme of action containing:

- 15.1 Priorities;
- 15.2 Timelines;
- 15.3 Responsible authorities;
- 15.4 Progress indicators; and
- 15.5 Regular public reports.

Residents must be able to determine whether the mandate they gave is being implemented.

16. DEFEND PUBLIC RESOURCES

16.1 Every Rand of public money belongs to the people.

16.2 Councillors must scrutinise budgets, procurement, projects and municipal expenditure and actively oppose wasteful, irregular, fruitless and corrupt expenditure.

16.3 Public representatives must protect infrastructure and ensure municipal assets are used for public purposes.

17. RESPECT ORGANISATIONAL DISCIPLINE AND COLLECTIVE DECISIONS

17.1 Councillors are deployed by Afrika Mayibuye Movement and must remain accountable to the organisation.

17.2 They must participate in caucus and organisational structures, respect collective decisions and use internal mechanisms to raise disagreements.

17.3 Public office must never be used to establish factions, patronage networks or personal political empires.

17.4 The Councillor expressly acknowledges and accepts that Mayibuye has the right to recall him/her from the council position should the Movement, through its legitimate structures and in accordance with its Constitution, resolve to do so.

17.5 In the event of recall, the Councillor undertakes to immediately resign from the council position and to hand over all official resources, documents and responsibilities to the person designated by Mayibuye.

17.6 Failure to do so shall constitute a serious breach of this Compact.

18. SERVE ALL RESIDENTS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION

18.1 Once elected, the Councillor represents the entire Ward and municipality, including residents who did not vote for Afrika Mayibuye Movement.

18.2 Services, assistance and access must never depend on political affiliation.

18.3 Afrika Mayibuye Movement government must demonstrate that political power can be exercised fairly, compassionately and efficiently.

19. GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND COMMITMENTS

The Councillor further commits to:

19.1 Uphold the values of integrity, accountability, transparency, servant leadership, and people-centred governance;

19.2 Act at all times in a manner that advances the restoration of African dignity, land, economic freedom, and self-determination as articulated in the Restoration Manifesto;

19.3 Refrain from any corrupt activities, tender irregularities, or abuse of office;

19.4 Promote unity within Mayibuye and work constructively with fellow Mayibuye public representatives;

19.5 Continuously develop his/her political and administrative capacity in line with the needs of the Movement;

Place the collective interest of the Movement and the people above personal ambition or financial gain.



**“THE COLLECTIVE INTEREST OF THE MOVEMENT AND THE
PEOPLE MUST COME ABOVE PERSONAL AMBITION OR
FINANCIAL GAIN.”**

K. FINAL DECLARATION



“WE WILL NOT MAKE EXCUSES WHEN SERVICES COLLAPSE.”

Afrika Mayibuye Movement rejects the idea that municipalities must merely administer poverty, unemployment, and deteriorating infrastructure. We will build developmental, productive, accountable, and capable local government.

We pledge reliable water and dignified sanitation to every household; restored roads, electricity, and public infrastructure; accelerated housing and land release; real jobs through industrialisation, agriculture, localisation and public works; safe, healthy and culturally grounded communities; clean, ethical, and professional administration;

and permanent accountability to the people through People's Assemblies, dashboards, and recall.

We will not govern from air-conditioned offices while people fetch water from distant taps. We will not make excuses when services collapse. We will not enrich ourselves while our people suffer. This is our covenant. This is our commitment. This is our call to action.



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