

Press release

“Why we need a National Consultative Conference”

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RECLAIMING OUR HISTORY, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FUTURE

NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE, 17th, 18th 19th NOVEMBER

Dear Member of the Media

You are invited to a Press Conference on “The National Consultative Conference on the ANC”. The press conference will be held on the ground floor at the Awethu Project, The Women’s Prison. Constitution Hill, Kotze Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg.

The Press conference will start at 14h00 on Thursday, 9 November 2017. As always, we will endeavour to ensure that it starts on time.

In time of crisis the ANC has always consulted widely, today, it should be no different. But many, senior members of the movement have been unable to accept the need to honestly reflect on, and find solutions to, the crisis in our country, because of their own complicity.

As stalwarts and veterans of the ANC we have patiently put forward the need for a National Consultative Conference on the ANC since October 2016. We have always maintained that this conference should be held before the elective conference that will be held in December 2017.

The country and the overwhelming majority of honest members of the ANC can wait no longer. This conference will now be held between the 17th and 19th of November at the historic venue of the women’s prison, at Constitution Hill.

The media has always played a critical role in ensuring the truth will always be exposed, often under very trying circumstances. Your writing and visual imagery was critical in the struggle against apartheid and today in the fight against state capture and corruption.

We hope you will join us tomorrow at the press conference in preparation for the National Consultative Conference on the ANC, so that the voices of our communities will also be heard at this conference.

This press release has been prepared by the ANC stalwarts and veterans (the stalwarts) who are signatories to the document “For the Sake of our Future” (<https://www.facebook.com/notes/anc-stalwarts-and-veterans/founding-document-for-the-sake-of-our-future-25th-october-2016/1234274736640332/>).

The stalwarts include all of the remaining members of those imprisoned after the Rivonia Treason Trial.

The late Comrade Kathrada was the first signatory of the document and we remain honoured by the continued presence and support of Comrades Denis Goldberg and Andrew Mlangeni.

As stalwarts, we have been and remain loyal members of the ANC for many decades. Our objective is to continue to serve all the people of South Africa and ensure the historical values and principles of the ANC are restored. As stalwarts, we feel a profound responsibility to the movement and the country, to ensure that the principles and values of the ANC are not destroyed.

We believe that the overwhelming majority of our citizens embrace the values of the Freedom Charter and the Constitution of our country.

We would like to believe that we speak on behalf of all members of the ANC who reject state capture and any form of corruption; want to see the realization of our potential as a nation and who are committed to the elimination of poverty and the unacceptably high levels of inequality.

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Dear Members of the Media

As always, we would like to thank you for the critical role you play in honestly attempting to ensure that the high standards of ethical journalism and accurate reporting are maintained about our Country and helping to ensure our communities can make informed decisions that affect their future.

We realise that you may not be necessarily based in Johannesburg and we will try and facilitate interviews with you, if so required.

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On behalf of the stalwarts and veterans of the ANC who are signatories to the "For the Sake of our Future" document.