

## BOLSHEVIKS PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA ELECTIONS MANIFESTO

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### INTRODUCTION

Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA) invites all socialists, progressive trade unions members, members of progressive civil society movements, academics, professionals, progressive students, patriotic business people and working class in general in South Africa to join this socialist party (BPSA). And, work side by side with us to emancipate the people of South Africa from neo-colonialism, neo-liberalism, draconian practices by the bourgeoisie state and all other unacceptable things in our beloved Country. **We therefore, declare to all the people of South Africa that Bolsheviks is a Socialist Party and our socialist philosophy take a que from philosophies of great revolutionists of Africa and the world. And therefore, we will also be guided by the spirit of Ubuntu/Botho/Humanity. The points below unequivocally outline what we will do in government after 2024 General Elections.**

### Chapter One

1. Provide Decent Shelter for those who are homeless, sanitation and water for those who have no safe drinking water:

BPSA noted that the year 2024 marks 30 years after the first general election (democratic breakthrough) but majority of people still have no decent shelters, no sanitation and no safe drinking water. Statistics SA reported that **13.9% live in informal dwellings while 5.9% live in traditional households, 33% are without basic sanitation and 46% are without safe drinking water.**

**The government of BPSA will provide decent shelters, basic sanitation and safe drinking water. The people of South Africa cannot afford not to have these basic needs.**

### Chapter Two

2. Centralisation & control means of production, transport in the hand of the workers and Socialisation of Mines & Land and Nationalisation of Communication & Reserve Bank:

The key drivers of economy in South Africa continue to be under the control of the few and this creates a situation whereby rich becoming richer and poor becoming poorer. After 1994 we empirically observed privatisation of the key drivers of our economy such as South African Airway (the airway became vulnerable) to extent of witnessing instances wherein individuals (Guptas) landing in the Headquarter of the country's defence base (Waterkloof Air Base) and these types of incidences threatened the sovereignty of our country. The deterioration of passenger rail also deepened poverty in the country because the workers and working class in general had no other option but to succumb to

unaffordable mode of transport while the train (Gautrain) that is used by the middle strata and elites is well secured and forever available to those economically balanced. We saw mushrooming of illegal miners (zama-zamaz) while black ownership in South African legal mines is 30%. Now, 72% of farms and agricultural land still held by whites' people and only 4% is held by black people, the audit also shows that women only own 18% of private land. The current government administration has failed to protect communication institution such as Post Office and we have seen many people losing jobs. The Reserve Bank (Bank of the Banks) today has more than 800 shareholders and this is a clear signal that South African Economy benefits few while its purpose is to serve the public.

**The government of BPSA will Socialize Mines & Land and Nationalize Airways, Communication and Reserve Bank. It is long overdue.**

### Chapter Three

3. Close gap between rich and poor by subsidising SMMEs and ensure intensification of labour against capital.

In South Africa the gap between rich and poor is deepening and this embarrassed the country when it reported by the World Bank that South Africa is the most unequal society in the world where 10% of the population owns more than 80% of the wealth. Furthermore, the top 20% of the population holds over 68% of income, while the poor 40% possess only 7% of income. In the other hand, the rate of unemployment is continuously increasing. In South Africa we have this sector (SMME) that employ between 50 and 60% of South Africa's work force and it contributes around 34% of GDP. But it is not give its necessary support it deserved. The unemployment in South Africa is very high.

**The government of BPSA will intensify labour because labour intensive industries provide jobs, can be competitive and can pave the bases for continuous upgrading to higher value added industries. The government of BPSA will regulate the use of Robotic Machine according to the sectors in order to protect and create jobs.**

### Chapter Four

4. Eradicate drug dealings, human trafficking & child labour. And, ensure safety for all.

The problems of drug abuse became a serious problem, more so as its manufacturing and dealings implicates those who expected to be in the forefront of combating it. It is not an apperception but the reality that the high profiles and police officials in some instances happen to be implicated in drug dealings.

The human trafficking happens in the form of fraudulent recruitment, transportation, receipt of people through force etc. with the aims of exploiting them. The country

continues to experience disappearance of women and children, in most cases, incidents of these nature are reported to SAPS but the authority's response differ based on the social status of the complainants. Hence, bourgeois democracy that we found ourselves in it. In South Africa some children are deprived from their childhood, dignity and their potential through involvement in labouring due to the poverty that directly affect them. These types of unacceptable things are very harmful and they damage the minds of the country's future to be, new generation.

**The government of BPSA will not tolerate drug dealers & manufacturers, human traffickers and child labouring practitioners. BPSA will reinforce regulations to combat any unlawful acts similar to these elements.**

## Chapter Five

5. Subsidies agriculture & invest more in the broader food security. And, protect local manufacturing against international conglomerates.

Our people previously used to work land on their own and produce food, now almost 90% of food is produced outside. The little they produce in the country are modified, not nutritious and they compromise the health of the society. Companies such as ZZZ now collapsed and people lost their jobs because of more imports. In South Africa there were many manufacturing companies such a ISCOR, BOSAL etc. many people were hired and able to support their families. Today, things imported from Countries such as China with low quality products and that tempered with our local manufacturing. And, that happened in the current dispensation under the watch of the so called liberation movement with cadraship deployment policy.

**The government of BPSA will support agriculture and invest much in the development of both emerging and the big farmers. And, put first and promote the local manufacturers against international conglomerates.**

## Chapter Six

6. Provide free health care and ensure life of dignity for all. And, Ensure equal quality education for all.

The 1994 democratic breakthrough was viewed as an entrance to the access of the basic needs and health has been central in our vison for diverse South Africa. Surprisingly, it is almost 30 years after the so called freedom but poor people still expected to pay for health services. In our public hospitals people pay for the opening of files and capturing but this bourgeois government says it is free as if our people are stupid enough not to see the truth. We also noted that the top leadership of the government do not trust our

public hospitals as they travel overseas to get health services and this make us to believe that they do not care about the health conditions facing the people of South Africa because themselves and their families afford to get better health services outside the country.

In the capitalist system the dignity of the people (in particular elders) is not known, people are treated according to their social status and, this is exactly the reason we hate capitalism. As BPSA we are firm and clear about our socialist philosophy that is based on the Ubuntu Philosophy that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity.

The people of South Africa were promised equal & quality education. But, until to date, education is not free, students still pay for stationary and continuously told to make donation and those not donating are told to wear school uniform while their fellows' students who manage to donate wear private clothes. This traumatize children coming from poor families, hence their families' economic status unnecessarily exposed to the public. And therefore, rationality behind uniformity in schools is compromised.

**The government of BPSA will provide free health services, treat everyone with respect & dignity and provide real free education for all.**

## Chapter Seven

7. Abolish tenders and capacitate public sector. And, upgrade the current minimum wage

It has been proven beyond reasonable doubt that tenderization is a cause of the problems, people get killed and criminals have taken a centre stage but the government political leadership continue to drive ignorance policy regardless of massive clarion calls by the people of South Africa (working class) that tenders be abolished and government capacitate its public servants to run the developments of the country.

The R20-00 minimum wage signed by the State President has added a salt on a wound that majority of workers have been complaining about lower wages and now some employers retrench workers in order to rehire them with new minimum wage. The R20-00 minimum wage is not even at equilibrium with the simple survival objects of the households.

**BPSA government will abolish tenders, capacitate public servants and upgrade the current minimum wage from R20-00 to R50-00.**

## Chapter Eight

8. Fight corruption & dynasty in public sector and protect & compensate Whistle-blowers. And, ensure equal socio-economic justice for all.

Corruption in South Africa has reached the peak while those who expected to combat it are also implicated in corruptions investigating commissions but nothing happens to them because they are the one governing the country. To intensify corruption, they formalised it through cadraship deployment policy and that extended to expanded public works programme (EPWP) whereby ward councillors hire only their fellow comrades who have the membership cards of their organisation. The findings of state capture commission and the actions of those who were in authoritative power during Coronavirus continue to serve as classical example of the way corruption is being practiced in South Africa. It is not an assumption, but a fact that we still have many people who are against corruption and they are willing to name & shame it but they do not get support nor protection from the government. In South Africa Whistle-blowers are not protected instead, protection is given to the same corrupt government political leadership. In South Africa, we continue to observe the practices of bourgeois democracy whereby life of others matters much while some not, if the high profile or the child of the high profile dies you will see both Minister of Police, the SAPS Commissioner and high ranking politicians attending the matter, but in other areas where more than one poor person died they do not even care.

**The government of BPSA will not tolerate corruption regardless of who is involved in it. The whistle-blowers will be protected and be compensated based on the dossier (or accurate information) provided. And, justice system will not have eyes but all will be equal before the law.**

## Chapter Nine

9. Empower and stop political interference in Chapter 9 institutions. And, reduce number of provinces.

Since the 1997 and almost entire period until to date we experienced serious political interference in the chapter 9 institutions, in particular national prosecuting authority and office of the public protector. The people of South Africa must protect these chapter 9 institutions because they are the one working for the insurance of our true democracy.

The debate on reduction of provinces has started long ago but those in political power do not want to entertain it because they use provinces as their passage for enrichment. It is our firm view as BPSA that the 9 provinces of South Africa be reduced.

**The government of BPSA will empower and stop political interference to ensure smooth running of Chapter 9 Institutions. BPSA government will also reduce provinces from 9 down to 4 provinces. In doing so we will ensure money for value.**

## Chapter Ten

10. Reverse VAT down to 14% and invest more in the maximisation of solar system to safe energy.

The people of South Africa empirically observed the increase of VAT from 14% to 15% during the last three months of ANC government's 5<sup>th</sup> Administration (2019). Before that, VAT was since increase from 13% to 14% in 1991 by the National Party's apartheid regime. It is not an assumption, but the reality that ANC government contributed much to the suffering of the people of this country, South Africa.

The country is facing a serious energy crisis because the current government has failed to prioritize and invest in the source of our energy and, that has impacted negatively in the businesses subsequently the economy at large due to continuous load-shedding. To such and extend, the political interference in the state owned enterprises (SOEs) added more problems.

**The government of BPSA will reverse VAT from 15% down to 14% & stop political interference in the operation of ESKOM. And, invest more in the maximisation of solar system to safe energy.**

PLEASE CRASH CAPITALIST SYSTEM AND PUT IN PLACE SOCIALIST STATE! **VOTE BPSA**