



## CONSERVATIVES in ACTION - CIASA NEWSLETTER- 5

### CURRENT - STATE OF SOUTH AFRICA

#### Politically & socio-economically;

#### ENERGY CRISIS IN SA

It seems we're back to 'blackouts' as normal with ESKOM and our Govt.

They promulgated a 'National State of Disaster- in electricity, to bypass procurement protocols so they could intervene howsoever they wanted, without following due process and in the process 'appointed a Minister of Electricity, but: It seems they've run out of excuses because blackouts are still the norm in South Africa, despite everything they've done and despite everything they've said!!

Now, it appears that corruption is the main issue at Eskom, earlier it was state of equipment and technical issues! It never rains but pours, with this Govt as they flip flop from one excuse and crisis to another.

SA'ns are so used of storytelling that they've accepted Blackouts as a norm!

Sadly, with no disrespect, but it needs to be said 'the ANC Govt has failed to deal decisively with the challenges of BLACKOUTS @ ESKOM.

This crisis will continue caused by voters who created this political hegemony (the rule by or of one Party), when they voted for one Party the ANC and secondly, it's caused by voters who are indifferent and refuse, for whatever the reason, to exercise their Constitutional right by voting in a new Govt.

We understand and are cognizant of the fact that there's nothing else to vote for, considering the Policies of the existing parties in Parliament!!

This is precisely why we as the CIASA have thrown our hat in the mix, because we understand clearly and unambiguously the socio-economic cries of our people, in particular, the working class, the poor and the middle class who are put through these struggles, on a daily basis!

As the CIASA, we have the knowledge, experience, the struggle credentials and we know the daily grind our people endure as we campaign in the trenches for true and real emancipation of our people!

We're unequivocal and will continue to state: SA is in an ENERGY CRISIS hurtling towards the abyss of a FAILED & DYSFUNCTIONAL STATE.

#### GOVT CHALLENGES

##### Cost of Living crisis

It's sad and also totally unacceptable that this Govt has not in 2023, articulated an action Plan or Policy on the 'Spirally costs of living' in SA.

Likewise, all that rising interest rates to curb the rising inflation has done is to limit spending, nothing else!! Sa'ns are under the yoke of harsh interest rates on their home loans (mortgages) HP Instalments – car loans, credit cards and personal loans.

To make matters worse or to add insult to injury, our people have no alternative but to turn to unsecure loans, as their disposable income has shrunk over the last few years (people have got poorer). These unsecured loans and credit card repayment rates are between 2% minimum up to 32%.

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE and must NEVER BE CONDONED as the only entities making money out of this are Banks!!

One only has to look at their share price on the JSE to see who is scoring. No different to the Chain stores, who also are making phenomenal profits, while the ordinary folk in SA are suffering!

Interestingly, some MP's and or Cabinet Ministers have shares in these entities, meaning they're getting good returns whilst ordinary folk suffer. This sadly is the sad state of politics in SA.

As the CIASA we continue to call for the 'ANC's Inflation Policy' to be reviewed from 3 - 6% to 2 - 4%

The good news is that even their own, the current Reserve Bank Governor, agrees that their inflation policy must be reviewed and downgraded. This will enable ordinary folk to have additional disposable income as interest rates across the board will have to be reviewed and downgraded.

One only has to look at the current political parties in Parliament who are SILENT on INFLATION POLICY.

They clearly don't see and or understand the economic challenges SA'ns (including the challenges small & medium businesses) have to go through.

Similarly, the ANC Govt, through the Zuma Administration and followed through by the Ramaphosa Administration, have withdrawn manufacturing and or business grants to small and medium enterprises, in particular BBBEE entities.

### **WHY??**

Amazingly, we see all these 'smallayana, mickey mouse, jonny come lately parties' denounce BBBEE and talking about economic empowerment for all,

Ask the majority of these Parties what they know about the Struggle against apartheid and in particular 'socio-economic oppression' and you won't get a proper thorough answer.

Some will tell you they were bodyguards for Mandela, others will tell you about being Homeland Bantustan Govt Ministers, whilst others will tell you how they profited in apartheid and others will sadly tell you it's of stuff which equates to NOTHING ...NIKS!!

Just on perusal of MPs in Parliament and in the Legislatures, the majority of them have NEVER started a GREENFIELDS PROJECT FROM SCRATCH, viz, started a business from Nothing.

Many of these so-called Leaders don't realize that it was actually the dark skinned SA'ns who bore the harsh socio-economical brunt under the oppressive NP regime which later became the NNP, before its demise.

To those who don't know, the DA is an amalgamation of the DP and the NNP that produced what today is known as the DA.

Likewise, the remnants of the NNP crossed over to the ANC and were assimilated into the ANC. Think Mathinus van Schalkwyk, former Minister of Tourism for many years in the ANC Govt.

A large portion of the Inziles who struggled during apartheid are still struggling now, unless they are connected with snr Leaders in ANC Leadership and benefit at local Govt Level as Councilors or Officials.

What does this tell us about the State of politics in SA? This is the sad reality as we see it!

### **FACTS,**

Since 2018, SA has dropped to 67 out of 147 nations globally according to WEF Global Competitive Index, In 2016 we were ranked 47<sup>th</sup>,

According to the IMD - Competitiveness Yearbook, our ranking plummeted three places from 53 in 2018 to 56 out of 63 countries in 2019.

There is startling if not frightening statistics, yet our Parties in Parliament are SILENT rather than deal with this matter!

The total number of social grant beneficiaries increased from 11.31 million at the end of April 2020 to 11.45 million at the end of March 2021.

Similarly, in the 2010/11 budget, budget on social grants was R87 billion to R121 billion in 2014/15.

Today, the payment of social grant's accounts for an estimated 96.4 cent (R735.2 billion) of the departments total budget over the MTEF period.

**That points to an economic crisis and a creation of jobs crisis, in SA.**

**In terms of the WEF Youth unemployment rates in OECD countries, SA – 51.3% is ranked 3rd behind Spain – 53.2% and Greece – 52.4%.**

**Meaning those finishing or exiting the education system certainly have a bleak future in terms of finding jobs.**

## **LOCAL GOVT**

Apart from the turmoil in Local Govt, which is clearly seen in infrastructure collapse, this is NOT going to be resolved anytime soon.

### **Why?**

There just aren't enough funds in the Budget to service these expenditures,

### **Why?**

Because most of the municipalities just don't have the expertise for the critical functions,

### **Why?**

They've employed their own through acts of nepotism, jobs for pals, connection call, and political cadre deployment, amongst others;

Secondly, Human Capital costs account for the bulk of the budget, meaning there's not enough capital resources in the Budget to fund critical infrastructure, viz,

- water treatment plants, roads, upgrading of electricity infrastructure, bridges, procurement of vehicles critical to service delivery, like refuse removal vehicles, buses, trucks, earthmoving equipment, to name a few!

In fact, things are so bad in the Metro's that the municipality doesn't even have the capacity to read water and electricity meters and consequentially, municipal bills are mostly estimated!

Sadly, Council Buildings, Govt buildings, cemeteries, parks and gardens, beaches and many other recreation facilities have regressed in terms of standards.

In municipalities, section 36 procedures are used to bypass proper tender process and feed the corruption through. Even the President of the Republic agrees that approx. 2 thirds of municipalities are close to dysfunction, if not dysfunctional.

What's worse is the tax contributors, apart from corporate taxation, are dwindling whilst unemployment and informal housing settlements are mushrooming at a pace Govt cannot deal with as the Treasury Fiscus just cannot handle nor service all the social ills facing SA at the moment.

In an attempt to remedy this or paper the cracks, Govt continues to BORROW from external funders to bridge the gap in spending vs accrual or monies collected by SARS.

In his Budget speech in February 2023, the current Minister of Finance, hon Enock Godongwane warned SA of the risks to the fiscal outlook when he tabled his 2023 Budget speech.

SA's debt burden will cross the R5 trillion mark for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in history over the next three years. According to Sean Segar of NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS, it costs SA R1bn per day to service our debt costs or loans.

Even with lower debt service loan costs, SA could eliminate our human settlement or housing crises. To give an example, most of the large Metro's build 25,000 houses per year yet our housing lists in municipalities are in excess of hundreds of thousands on the waiting lists...and growing, as our population is growing.

## **LOCAL GOVT - End Result**

Mushrooming of Backyard dweller buildings in townships (most without building plans- no safety guidelines), land invasion and mushrooming informal settlements across the big cities.

Unless our Youth and new Families have good education and good jobs the future sadly for them and their kids remains bleak, And SA'ns must learn this one HARSH TRUTH, Not going to change for the better, anytime soon.

### **Remember:**

DA, FF+, ActionSA and other former privileged led entities have only one objective: to remove the ANC through what is termed 'MOON PACT'. Whilst off shoots of the ANC, viz, UDM, COPE, IFP, EFF, et all continue to be vocal on socialist Marxist policies, YET, we all know, where is the money going to come from to create an egalitarian State, SA'ns so dearly long for!

Definitely not based on the empty promises made by the existing political elite!!

### **FUTURE result is:**

Housing backlogs will continue to exist unabated; Jobs will be hard to come by, Infrastructure at Local Govt level will continue to crumble as there just aren't enough financial resources to deal with SA's socio-economic challenges, Corruption, malfeasance, ESKOM BLACKOUTS, WATER CRISES, crime, reverse racism will continue as the status quo.

### **What is the SOLUTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA?**

- Definitely Not a DA led MOON PACT nor a Coalition of ANC led forces.  
Rather, a Govt driven by Economic Recovery and Reconstruction, Nation Building and Patriotism led by a multi-Party Unity make up of political parties,
- Definitely Not a Westminster style 'winner take all' Govt which the ANC started in 1999, which has brought SA close to the economic abyss where we find ourselves at this juncture.

### **The CIASA way:**

1. We must rid SA of the current Unitary State of affairs and devolve legislative power to Provinces to enable them to govern and manage their own affairs, under the auspices of a National Federal Govt.
2. As the CIASA, we hold strongly to the view that it is grossly unfair for those of African descent, viz, those from outside our borders & Chinese, for example, to be classified as disadvantaged whilst those of Afrikaner origin should be excluded and penalized in terms of the BBBEE codes.
3. We must reduce the political power of the ANC (Socialist) & DA (liberal) ...from political Office,
4. Likewise, withdraw support of one seat parties because all this does is strengthens the governing parties, viz, DA in the western Cape, ANC nationally and IFP in parts of northern KwaZulu-Natal.
5. Indifference and apathy are not going to assist our cause, by sitting at home or staying away and or boycotting the elections,
6. Facts and stats show clearly that the ANC will be reduced at the polls come 2024, to under 50%;
7. For representative democracy to flourish, the call is to REDUCE the DA in the western Cape as well as the ANC nationally.
8. Liberal - DA and Socialist/Marxist - ANC polices have failed SA since the dawn of democracy.
9. SA'ns must consider a balanced view of political ideological ideas within the political landscape by voting for a Party that holds center right ideals, viz, free markets, minority rights, property rights, family values, amongst others and vote for Parties who espouse:
10. National Reconstruction and Development, National Unity, Patriotism, as opposed to a 'one Party system' of Govt!

### **COALITION POLITICS**

1. As the CIASA, we are not averse to COALITION POLITICS that await us post 2024, however, our call is that it MUST have UNITY GOVT or Multiple Party Govt as the foundation of the new Govt that awaits us!
2. As the CIASA, our position to Coalition politics is: we will not take any political sides, given we don't subscribe to liberal nor Socialist/Marxist policies, but we will REMAIN INDEPENDENT & VOTE only on matters that will benefit SA'ns. Nothing else.
3. We will not cajole or fight for political Office but will remain independent and stick to values and principles matters and be conscience based, viz, only what affects and changes the lives of voters, for the better!
4. We need to ascertain what happened to the original Agreement between the NP & ANC regarding the 10<sup>th</sup> Province and how did that Agreement, fall away.
5. We don't see the need of our own to emigrate,
6. We must ensure power is in the hands of voters & not political parties,
7. We disagree with the notion pushed by some of land expropriation without compensation and strongly believe that this will fail the Constitutional test.

## Our Call

1. As the CIASA, we call on voters to VOTE CIASA in the forthcoming elections, including bi elections @local Govt level. Why? Because we have POLITICAL EXPERIENCE, we're REALISTS, we're HONEST, we operate on TRUST, RESPECT, HARD WORK, HONESTY & INTEGRITY & as much as we believe in the BBBEE equity process, we strongly believe that meritocracy must occur instead of filling critical posts just because we want to achieve BBBEE results.
2. We call on VOTERS NOT TO vote for political entities that cannot even present one paper on policy or not to vote for political parties whose agenda is predicated on TRIBAL, RACIST, CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS banter, including NOT TO VOTE FOR what we call 'POPOP POLITICIANS' or POPCORN politicians, jonny come lately who cannot produce one shred of political credibility or evidence and who use political Office NOT as a VOCATION but as a CAREER!

## The CIASA Position

We don't do deals and definitely won't entertain sweeteners, under the table deals or Govt Office positions, **not** now, **not** in the future!

However, given our longevity in politics, we see ourselves as:

- persuaders,
- peace makers,
- unity achievers,
- reconcilers,
- nation builders,
- patriots,

Our only objective at any level where we will be represented is;

- peace and harmony,
- economic emancipation for all SA'ns;
- removal of elitism,
- delivery of quality services for all SA'ns,
- impartiality,
- distributive Justice & Communitarianism (UBUNTU) where all SA'n citizens should have:
- equal individual rights and liberties,
- equal and equitable levels of economic opportunity,  
the attempt to mitigate economic inequalities should focus on the least disadvantaged communities,
- EQUALITY FOR ALL,
- SA belongs to ALL who live in it, Black and White,

This document was compiled, for orientation, political guidance & understanding purposes by:

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