

EFF 2024 MANIFESTO

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FOREWORD

In 2024, South Africa commemorates 30 years post-apartheid, yet the black majority remains Landless and jobless. The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), in its 2024 general election manifesto, focuses on LAND, JOBS, and ELECTRICITY, under the rallying cry: "OUR LAND AND JOBS NOW! STOP LOAD SHEDDING!"

Our call for LAND is rooted in the harsh reality of persistent landlessness among the black majority. The JOBS emphasis addresses the plight of over 15 million unemployed South Africans. The urgency of NOW reflects the immediate need for economic emancipation, not to be deferred as empty promises of the past.

The government's failure in energy policy, manifests in rampant load shedding, underscores the need for robust action in electricity generation and distribution. Moreover, the economy's control by a white minority, a legacy of settler colonialism, perpetuates racialized economic disparities.

The EFF, through its 10 years of active political engagement, positions itself as the forerunner of real economic change, advocating for policies that ensure inclusive growth and genuine empowerment of the black majority. Our manifesto for the 2024 elections, informed by public consultations, our founding principles, and parliamentary experience, is a pragmatic action plan for governance.

Central to our mission are the seven cardinal pillars, embodying our commitment to radical socio-economic transformation:

The seven pillars are:

- a. Expropriation of South Africa's land without compensation for equal redistribution in use.
- b. Nationalisation of mines, banks and other strategic sectors of the economy, without compensation.
- c. Building state and government capacity, which will lead to the abolishment of tenders.
- d. Free quality education, health care, houses and sanitation.
- e. Massive protected industrial development to create millions of sustainable jobs, including the introduction of minimum wage(s) in order to close the wage gap between the rich and the poor, close the apartheid wage gap and promote rapid career paths for Africans in the workplace.

- f. Massive development of the African economy and advocating for a move from reconciliation to justice on the entire continent.
- g. Open, accountable, corrupt-free government and society without fear of victimisation by state agencies.

These pillars are integral to our vision of ending poverty, inequality, and underdevelopment by reclaiming land and creating jobs. We emphasize the quality of jobs and the protection of workers' rights, acknowledging the vast wealth gap as a major contributor to inequality.

Our manifesto, mindful of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and global trends, proposes innovative policies such as land redistribution, special economic zones, increased social grants, local procurement, governmental restructuring, and judicial reform. We commit to revamping the policing system to prioritize human rights and public safety.

Fellow South Africans, Commissars, Fighters, and all Ground Forces, the EFF hereby presents our commitments, a programme of action, and a clearly articulated plan on what we will do when elected to govern on behalf of the people. These are not empty promises. They are clear commitments that will be realised under the decisive and capable leadership of the Economic Freedom Fighters. The clarion call is clear: OUR LAND AND JOBS NOW! STOP LOADSHEDDING!

Revolutionary regards

INTRODUCTION

A. WHERE DOES THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS' MOVEMENT COME FROM AND WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED?

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is a revolutionary socialist economic emancipation movement founded in 2013, in South Africa to fight for economic freedom in our lifetime. The EFF is a registered political party with 1,177 public representatives in the Parliament, Provincial Legislatures and Municipal Councils. Since its formation, the EFF has, among many others, registered the following victories:

- The EFF used its Parliamentary participation to ensure that the National Assembly adopted a resolution calling on the government to close the Israel Embassy in South Africa.
- 2) The EFF held a successful national shutdown on the 20th of March 2023 to demand a stable supply of electricity and the resignation of Cyril Ramaphosa.
- 3) The EFF in eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality fought for the return of a R1.2 billion conditional grant for infrastructure projects from the National Treasury.
- 4) The EFF in the City of Ekurhuleni has amended the indigent policy of the city, increasing the threshold for beneficiaries from R250,000 to R500,000, thereby increasing the number of beneficiaries.

The EFF has had many collective and individual victories in all the provinces and numerous municipalities, some which cannot for reasons of space be included here.

B. DIAGNOSIS: WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA TODAY?

- 1) The large majority of black South Africans are landless, and the post-1994 governments have cumulatively bought less than 7% of the targeted 30% of land meant for redistribution, over a period of 30 years.
- 2) Close to 40% of South Africans who need jobs are unemployed, meaning that more than nine million South Africans who need jobs and are capable of working cannot find employment. The present government has failed dismally in devising a strategy for creating employment for all, and unemployment has since 1994, never been below 20%.

C. EFF'S COMMITMENTS AND PLAN OF ACTION

LAND

 The EFF government's approach to the resolution of the land question will continue to be anchored on the principle of expropriation of land without compensation for equal redistribution and use, and for the State to be the custodian of all land in South Africa.

JOBS

The EFF government will pass legislation that ensures a minimum wage of R5,500 across
the board for all fulltime workers and will fight that each of the following sectors accordingly
receives the stipulated minimum wage, amongst include:

a) Mineworkers: R15,872.52 per month

b) Farm workers: R6,349.01 per month

ENERGY AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (STOP LOADSHEDDING!)

1. The EFF government will expand Eskom's generation capacity for consistent, dependable, and affordable electricity distribution to all users in South Africa.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

 The EFF government will introduce free, decolonized education for all, incorporating topics pertaining to indigenous knowledge, sovereignty, and economic freedom in the curricula.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The EFF government will recognize the critical role of the police force in maintaining law and order, ensuring citizen safety, and upholding human rights, and commit to a comprehensive overhaul of South Africa's law enforcement system.

HEALTH

 The EFF government will renew the health system through the strengthening of Primary Health Care: universal coverage, people-centred care, with an emphasis on public health and evidence-based policies.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- The EFF government will substantially increase social grants payable to different categories
 of people as follows, amongst others:
 - (a) Grant for older persons to increase from R2 090 to R4 180 per month.
 - (b) Grant for War Veterans to increase from R2 110 to R4 220 per month.
 - (c) Grant for Disability to increase from R2 090 to R4 180 per month.

GENDER AND WOMEN

- 1. The EFF government will ensure that the following key interventions are made:
 - a. 50% women representation in all spheres representing economic benefit, political participation, managerial, and leadership responsibility;

LGBTQIA+ Community

 The EFF government will raise awareness of the specific needs of LGBTQIA+ people by developing programmes on gender and sexual diversity.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. The EFF government will use science, technology, and innovation not as ends in themselves but to produce the knowledge, information, skills, and talent needed to support, facilitate, and fuel the development and growth of strategic industries and sectors of the economy and society, which are central to the overall independence and sovereignty of South African and African people.

MINING

 The EFF government will return the ownership of the mineral wealth of the country to the hands of all the people of South Africa by nationalizing the mines by 2028 in line with the minimum commitments made by the people of South Africa in the Founding Manifesto.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

1. The EFF government will adopt a long-term funding framework for infrastructure development and will explore different build, operate, and transfer models as a means of infrastructure delivery, working with the community and the private sector to build infrastructure through public-private partnerships and the use of community bonds.

HUMAN SETTLEMENT

The EFF government will provide quality, spacious houses with a minimum of 3 bedrooms
to all the people. These houses will be located within sustainable human settlements with
basic services such as water, electricity, sanitation, schools, shopping complexes, sports and
recreation grounds, and parks.

WATER AND SANITATION

1. The EFF government will provide reliable, safe, drinking water to all communities by 2025.

SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

 The EFF government will foster the transformation agenda across all arts disciplines, sporting codes, and economic spaces that remain predominantly white or untransformed within the value chain of the creative and cultural sector.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

1. The EFF government will build telecommunications towers in all regions in South Africa and completely eliminate the lack of network in all communities, whether urban or rural.

FINANCIAL SECTOR

 The EFF government will nationalise the Reserve Bank and discontinue its private ownership to be in line with the more than 80% state-owned central banks across the world.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. The EFF government will strictly procure only 100% locally produced food.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

 The economic, social, and political upliftment of youth finds resonance in all aspects of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) People's Manifesto. This is because under the government of the EFF, all sectors, industries, government functions, and operations will uncompromisingly benefit the youth of South Africa.

CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

 The EFF government will introduce measures to strengthen the power and independence of the judiciary and legislature. At the core of constitutional review, Parliament must not depend on the President to initiate and pass laws.

JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL

1. The EFF government will massively expand the capacity of Chapter 9 institutions that provide assistance to the people, particularly the Office of the Public Protector of South Africa, Human Rights Commission, and Gender Commission.

STATE CAPACITY

1. The EFF government will retain ownership of all state-owned companies and entities under the control of the state and ensure that they are all efficiently run and managed.

FISCAL AND MONETARY FRAMEWORK

1. The EFF government will maximally collect taxes with the aim of achieving a 100% increase in current annual tax collections.

LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNANCE

1. The EFF government will relocate the Parliament to the City of Tshwane, consolidating the administrative and legislative seats of government into a single location.

PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONALISM

1. The EFF government will develop common infrastructure for transportation, electricity, and water in order for Africa's minerals to benefit African people.

SOME OF THE COMMITMENTS BY EFF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES.

Within these commitments and context, guided by the EFF founding manifesto and Code of Conduct for all EFF Caucuses and Public Representatives, and the 2024 Elections Manifesto, EFF public representatives will abide by the following principles, amongst others:

- 1. All EFF public representatives will come from an EFF branch in good standing, and they will adopt two additional wards, which they will oversee and ensure that services are delivered
- 2. All EFF public representatives will be available on the phone 24 hours a day and will assist people who call them with patience and diligence.

NOTE: This document presents the abridged version of our manifesto. For the complete manifesto with more details, please download it at www.effonline.org or scan the QR Code provided.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS 2024 Elections Manifesto





