



Amandla PE Collective Message of Support to the Conference of the Left

We come to the Conference of the Left committed to rebuilding a militant, democratic and internationalist left rooted in the struggles of the working class and the poor. At a time of deepening inequality, unemployment, ecological collapse and social fragmentation, we believe the task before us is to unite communities, workers, activists and grassroots formations around common struggles and shared material interests.

We are committed to building campaigns and movements that advance working-class solidarity, collective ownership and democratic control over the economy and society. We support struggles for the social ownership of the means of production and the development of democratic cooperatives that place people and communities before profit.

We believe in the building of energy sovereignty and food sovereignty through socially owned and community-controlled systems of production that meet human needs rather than private accumulation. This includes the expansion of publicly and socially owned renewable energy, agroecology, local food systems and cooperative forms of production and distribution.

We support mass mobilisation around universal access to the basic necessities of life, including free water, free electricity, free internet access, dignified housing, healthcare, education and public transport. These are not privileges, but social rights that must be guaranteed to all.

We affirm the occupation and productive use of unutilised land, abandoned buildings and idle factories for community benefit, housing, food production, cooperative work and social development. Land and resources must serve the people, not speculation and profit.

We call for democratic control over the commons and the sustainable and equitable use of natural resources for public benefit. Water, land, energy, minerals, forests and knowledge must be protected as collective resources belonging to the people.

We are committed to building sustainable local economies rooted in solidarity, care, ecological justice and integrated systems of production and service provision that strengthen communities and deepen democratic participation.

At the same time, we unequivocally denounce the xenophobic uprisings and anti-migrant mobilisation currently unfolding across South Africa. Xenophobia is a reactionary and anti-working-class politics that seeks to divide poor and working people while protecting the systems of exploitation, corruption and inequality that continue to impoverish the majority. Migrants and refugees are not the cause of unemployment, poverty or state failure. The real crisis lies in the failures of capitalism, austerity, corruption, privatisation and the continued concentration of wealth and power.

As internationalists and Pan-Africanists, we reject all forms of chauvinism, scapegoating and violence directed at migrants, refugees and foreign nationals. An injury to one is an injury to all. The liberation of the working class cannot be built on hatred, exclusion and violence against fellow Africans and oppressed peoples.

In this regard, we express our deep disappointment and concern at the involvement and political posture of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party (MKP) in relation to the xenophobic mobilisation and rhetoric currently emerging in the country. We believe that any political formation claiming to stand for liberation, justice and the interests of the poor cannot align itself, directly or indirectly, with forces that sow division and hostility amongst the working class.

We therefore believe that the Conference of the Left must take a principled and uncompromising stance against xenophobia, narrow nationalism (with its ethno-nationalistic, tribalist reactionary politics) and all forms of reactionary politics, while advancing a transformative programme rooted in solidarity, democracy, ecological justice, collective liberation and working class unity across borders.

