

## **ANTI CORRUPTION SUMMIT DECLARATION AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**29 July 2005**

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005, we, the Free State Government, Municipalities, labour, business, NGO's, CBO, Higher Institutions of Learning, State Owned Enterprises and Members of the communities gathered here at Mangaung University Community Public Partnership. In our intensified resolve to root out corruption, and consolidate the foundations laid for a new perspective on Patriotism and Restore the Social Moral Fibre that has been eroded over years by many social ills.

Whereas, we recognize the watershed development in the formulation of legislation, establishment of structures and related institutions to prevent and combat corruption, we are still confronted with pockets of corruption both in the public and private sector.

Therefore, this summit commit itself to add further impetus on the unprecedented struggle for a corruption free, Free State Province, that is capable to inspire and radiant hope to our toiling masses through partnership and continuous engagement with our stakeholders to act expeditiously, decisively and unreservedly to corruption.

We shall robustly engage in mass mobilization, education and awareness campaign to deepen the understanding about corruption and how to deal with this scourge of corruption in our society. We therefore call on all our people, business community, civil society, labour organisations and all formations of our society to partner us in the fight against corruption.

The following recommendations were adopted as draft resolutions to be refined and adopted by the Provincial Government:

### **1. Prevention**

- 1.1. Fully acknowledge and support the resolutions and programme of action as adopted by the national summit
- 1.2. Acknowledge the need for education and awareness with regard to corruption

- 1.3. There is a need for coordination between different spheres of government, business, civil society, with regard to anti-corruption initiatives
- 1.4. The Free State Provincial Anti-Corruption Forum under the leadership of the Premier, must be formed
- 1.5. The forum will need dedicated secretariat and budget
- 1.6. Conducive environment must be created for whistleblowers
- 1.7. An intensive education campaign aimed to change people's perceptions and raising awareness on social and economic consequences of corruption, must be initiated
- 1.8. Common definition and understanding of corruption must be developed
- 1.9. Government officials must be trained on the legal framework relating to corruption
- 1.10. SALGA-Free State must be brought on board
- 1.11. There is a need to build an administrative culture in the public service based on integrity and honesty

## **2. Combating**

- 2.1. The following stakeholders are key to the successful implementation of anti-corruption initiatives; Provincial government sector departments, non-governmental organization, religious fraternity, community based organizations, private sector, parastatals, institutions of democracy, and media
- 2.2. All these role-players must be involved in monitoring and review, awareness raising campaigns, whistle-blowing/Fraud-hotline and development of value systems
- 2.3. In ensuring extensive coordination of anti-corruption efforts partnerships must be formed amongst different role-players, capacity building, those who report corrupt practices must be given incentives, communalities must be involved in all government businesses.

### **3. Strategy**

- 3.1. Departments must timeously provide information on reported cases of corruption and progress made towards their resolution
- 3.2. The definition of corruption should be narrowed down to make it user-friendly
- 3.3. This summit should be made an annual event

### **THE WAY FORWARD**

In preparation for next summit, similar summits at district level as part of our education and awareness campaign will be organised. Such district summits will also ensure that everybody who has a stake in anti-corruption initiatives has been consulted and brought on board.

Efforts to organise all our sectors will be intensified, for instance, there is no structure in the province, which ensures that business efforts are mobilized around preventing and combating fraud and corruption in communities. Such initiatives should also be duplicated for the civil society movements.

The Premier of the Free State Province through the Director General, shall embark on a process whereby a provincial Anti-Corruption Structure is established. This structure will be composed of the following: Businesses, civil society movements and government. The sole mandate of this structure, in the interim, will be to organise a follow up summit early next year. In addition, in line with the resolutions taken at this summit today, they will formulate a draft Provincial Anti Corruption Strategy to be adopted in the next summit early next year.

These resolutions will serve as the Programme of Action to be adopted by the Provincial Anti-Corruption Structure.