UNITED DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT

UDM



The better future plan

TO ALL SOUTH AFRICANS

The constitution of the UDM enshrines principles that all members and office-bearers commit themselves to. These principles are expressed in our vision, mission and core values and read as follows:

Our vision states:

"We are the political home of all South Africans, united in the spirit of South Africanism by our common passion for our Country, mobilising the creative spirit inherent in our rich diversity towards our transformation into a Winning Nation."

Our mission states:

"We will unite South Africans from all communities in a new political home, built on the foundation of the principles and ideals of our national Constitution. To this end, we will address poverty and imbalances in our society, inspired by our unifying love of our country and its people. We will set free the creative power inherent in our diversity and will co-operate with all stake-holders to ensure a quality life and individual freedom for every citizen, based on good governance and civil order, towards being a Winning Nation."



Our core values are as follows:

- respect for the life, dignity and human worth of every individual;
- integrity in public and private life;
- the individual rights and freedoms enshrined in our Constitution;
- tolerance and respect for the rights and freedoms of others;
- solidarity in the common spiritual ownership of all that is good in our country;
- national self-discipline based on an acceptance that each right and freedom carries with it a corresponding and equal obligation and responsibility;
- national moral regeneration towards a clear distinction between right and wrong, between

good and evil, between what is acceptable conduct and what is not:

- economic policies based on moral values;
- freedom of religion and worship.

Our vision is inspired by a deep commitment to change the painful living conditions affecting so many South Africans today. The majority of South Africans are still victims of the devastating effects of poverty. This deprives them of hope and relegates them to a state of despair. It destroys their capacity to achieve. This poverty is entrenched by the increasing gap between rich and poor, a direct result of the imbalances of the past and the current government's performance.

The UDM believes in responsible government. By applying a new ethical framework of incorruptibility, accountability, transparency and impartiality to our government, we will provide hope and direction for all South Africans. We must restore faith in the government, and we must ignite a spirit of national pride.

We are different from other political parties, because we practice and promote South Africanism across all historically divided barriers, creating a new political home for South Africans. We are not another opposition party; we are the alternative government.



President



Deputy President

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ELECTION MANIFESTO

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

The UDM is a party born in the new South Africa, free from the politics of fear and coercion.

Under a UDM government, **South Africa will become a world class nation in ten years**. A world class nation is one that offers a quality life to all its citizens, addressing the fundamental human needs for food, water, shelter, and sanitation, as well as fulfilling every citizen's constitutional right to a job, safety, adequate housing, quality education and healthcare.



The national priorities are escalating unemployment, rampant crime, and widespread corruption. The priorities of the UDM are **job creation, civil order and clean governance**. We believe that solving the problems in these sectors will lead to solutions to the burning issues in all sectors of society.

In seeking solutions, the UDM has recognised that the problematic issues are inter-related and, therefore, require **integrated solutions**.

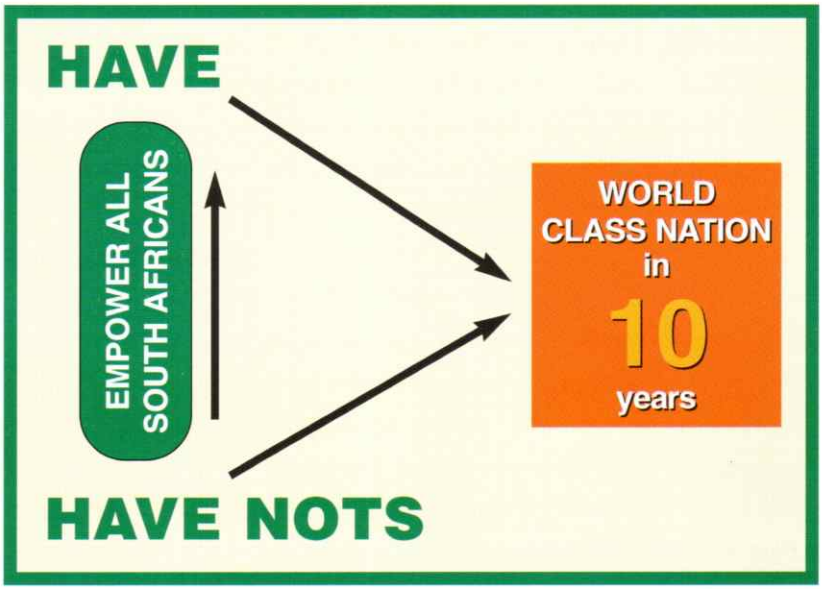
The solutions we present are the result of a thorough process of **consultation** in which the UDM has involved its own structures, South African expertise from a variety of disciplines (professionals, academics, practitioners, members of NGO's, and members of Civil Society) and South Africans from all walks of life. Our solutions, which are contained in our policy documents, are the result of a **partnership between South Africans** that has developed in the UDM.

A UDM government will commit itself to achieving what is outlined in this manifesto. A UDM government will be one of consultation and partnership between all South Africans.

This is our vision for a better future. This is our message of hope.

BROAD FRAMEWORK

The UDM's roadmap to guide South Africa to a world class nation in ten years is to narrow the gap between the 'haves' and 'have-nots' by **empowering all through enterprise development**. Everyone in society must benefit. Our approach is one of empowerment rather than entitlement. The economic cake must be enlarged so that the poor can be enriched without impoverishing the wealth-creators.



South Africa is blessed with numerous resources that could potentially meet the needs of all its citizens. Regrettably, the people have not shared in this opportunity due to the past policies of apartheid and a deplorable lack of progress since 1994. This situation must be corrected by **unleashing the entrepreneurial spirit** inherent in all South Africans. The constitutional right of every South African to work and make a worthy contribution to the economy must be put into practice. Unless opportunities are created for South Africans on a massive scale, real empowerment will never occur. The gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' will widen. Crime will flourish. Social services will collapse. People will lose all hope.

In order to provide a decent living environment and quality life for all, we need to **create at least one job for every family in the first year** of our ten year framework and, thereafter, to grow gradually towards employment for all. Once this is achieved, the gap will be narrowed, South Africans will be empowered, and we will be a world class nation.

Therefore, all policies must focus on our objective of a world class nation in an integrated manner. The integrated approach recognises that if people live in a crime-ridden society, have no access to capital, have no basic education or skills training, and do not own land or other productive resources, then they will have little chance of becoming economically active.

The UDM supports and will vigorously encourage the right of every individual in South Africa to make a difference through her or his entrepreneurial contribution, her or his decent work ethic, her or his belief in one's self, and her or his willingness to continue learning. Everyone has a right to take responsibility for the economic growth of our country, for it is an essential step of building the nation.



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SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION

An improved balance between accelerated **economic growth** and financial and fiscal discipline will be the basis of our macro-economic plan that will ensure higher **investor confidence** and **faster job creation**. South Africa needs rapid and sustainable socio-economic expansion through enterprise development. The poor performance of the existing macro-economic plan will be addressed in such a way that the positive elements of the plan are enhanced whilst improving the negative aspects. Innovative proposals and specific solutions to current shortcomings are the following:

1. The **budget deficit**, which currently equals 12 % of state spending, will be **reduced to zero** in a 3-year period. One way to accomplish this will be to identify and terminate wasteful and unnecessary government expenditures. Money used to service the interest on debt will be made available to deliver services to our people.
2. A **privatisation programme**, which is beneficial to all South Africans, will be developed. Such a programme will accelerate the creation of

infrastructure whilst attracting investments, providing jobs, and enhancing local ownership.

3. The **tax on fuel** will be cut to relieve the burden of transport costs on commuters who travel long distances.
4. The **tax on personal income**, up to R4000 per month, will be abolished.
5. **Government programmes** which employ and train the **unemployed** in agricultural and community development projects will be introduced. These programmes will be transformed into self-sustaining, privately owned enterprises, which have the potential to grow, accumulate assets and create employment.
6. Alternative and **innovative financing options** will be introduced to assist **small entrepreneurs**. Such options will include the establishment of local stock exchanges, small and medium business investment corporations, community development banks, the setting aside of a percentage of investment and insurance funds for venture capital and the establishment of micro-finance institutions.
7. A **state lottery** will be instituted immediately. The proceeds will be used to create jobs through new qualifying enterprises. This will generate employment opportunities, new savings, new business development and economic growth. All contracts with the participating enterprises will be terminated after a specified point of profitability has been achieved or a pre-determined period of time has elapsed.

8. The **Marketable Securities Tax** on investment in the Venture and Development capital markets of the JSE will be abolished to boost the depth and liquidity of these sectors, to facilitate the listing of more small companies, and to encourage the flow of foreign investor funds to these sectors.
9. The existing 25c **levy on all banking transactions** will be altered and enhanced to a low ad-valorum rate of 0.05%, which should generate additional revenue of at least R 10 billion per annum.
10. A **balanced globalisation policy** will be introduced to rectify the job losses that have occurred as a result of policies that have distorted the South African market.
11. Labour laws will be reviewed to ensure a **friendly labour code** that will encourage job creation.



CIVIL ORDER

A UDM government will guarantee every citizen's basic constitutional right to safety of person and property. The UDM recognises two realities. Firstly, the immediate, unacceptable crime situation must be addressed, and secondly, to ensure a long term solution to crime and violence. We, the citizens of South Africa must commit ourselves to a concerted, continuous effort to reform our society. We must do more than simply address the symptoms. We must also eradicate the causes of crime and violence. The biggest shortcomings are lack of co-ordination between agencies of the state and lack of visible policing. The following five steps must be introduced to stop the current unacceptable crime situation:

1. A **Ministry of Civil Order** must be established to stop the crime crisis in the country. The purpose of the MCO will be to co-ordinate the Ministries of Justice, Police, Correctional Services, National Intelligence and Defence. The MCO will set specific objectives and deadlines for the various ministries to achieve our goal of a crime-free society.
2. To ensure **visible policing** in metropolitan and urban areas, the number of police constables must be increased from **18 000 to 60 000**. This will be done over a period of three years. The additional cost, including training and equipment, will be R2.4 billion per year. Special emphasis will be put on the training and professionalism of these constables.

3. To improve **rural and border security**, the Part Time Forces must be re-empowered, re-organised, and re-trained. The South African Army will be transformed into a disciplined, well-trained and professional force able to rapidly mobilise and expand when required.
4. An **Organised Crime Task Force** must be established to develop strategies that will effectively combat organised criminal activity. It will include Customs and Immigration, the South African Revenue Service, and the South African Reserve Bank.
5. The entire **civil and criminal justice process** must be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary team of experts who will consider alternatives to the current system, such as the benefits of an inquisitorial versus those of the prosecutorial process. Other areas to be investigated are the following:
   - The establishment of a judicial academy
   - The granting of bail
   - The possible re-demarcation of magisterial districts
   - The use of Chiefs and Kgotla courts



CLEAN GOVERNANCE

The UDM will swiftly and mercilessly eradicate corruption in the government, recognising that those entrusted with upholding the law will not only be ineffective and mistrusted if they act outside it, but will gradually bring the whole institution into disrepute. By doing so, we will improve the morale, image and attitude of government officials and thereby, restore the public's confidence in them. The following five points must be implemented to ensure clean governance:

1. **Government services** must serve the people, not themselves. There shall be zero-tolerance for corruption and abuse of power.
2. **Integrity, commitment and hard work** are required from all in government (politicians and officials) as well as from all in the private sector.
3. A sense of pride in and ownership of government must be regenerated in all South Africans by establishing a **new ethical framework** of incorruptibility, accountability, transparency and impartiality in governance.
4. The **best quality** must be ensured in all appointments, from cabinet level downwards, so that merit, responsibility and integrity will be guaranteed. Those outside of politics will also be considered for appointment.
5. **Effective procedures** must be established to investigate and prosecute those in public and private sectors involved in corruption.

6. **Independent anti- corruption task teams** must be established in each province. They must have the necessary expertise to evaluate the level of corruption in a province and to immediately introduce recovery steps. It is essential that guilty officials are prosecuted and that a clear message is sent to the people of South Africa. **Corruption will not be tolerated.**



BURNING ISSUES

HOUSING

Recognising that ownership means dignity and economic empowerment, the UDM supports the constitutional right of every citizen to adequate housing. A UDM government will stamp out the corruption and mismanagement that contributes to the poor delivery of housing.



The UDM's views are the following:

1. The **housing subsidy** should be increased on an annual basis to keep up with the inflation rate. The focus of subsidies should be on building new houses.
2. In order to boost the property market and to make it easier for first-time home-owners to acquire property, **transfer duties** on all property transactions will be reduced to 1% with full exemption for transactions below R100 000.

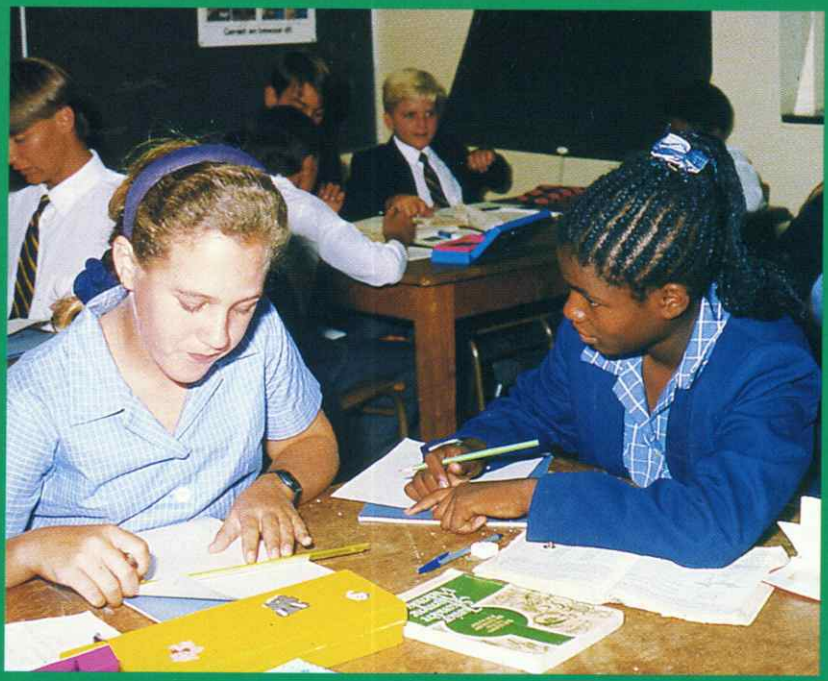
EDUCATION

World class people for a world class nation through world class education.

The UDM will create a system of education which focusses on proper administration to ensure quality teachers, timely delivery of text books and sufficient resources.

The UDM's views are the following:

1. To achieve greater accountability, enhance community involvement in management and provide equitable distribution of resources, education and training **facilities will be clustered** in a geographical area. This will also encourage the integration of education and training.
2. **Educator morale and professionalism** will be encouraged with continuous incentives. In this regard, the teacher unions will be involved.
3. **Bursaries and loans** will be provided for students who qualify.



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HEALTHCARE

A Healthy nation for a world class nation.

The UDM recognises that Primary Healthcare is an essential service which should prevent much suffering and financial hardship through timely and effective treatment. The UDM's views are the following:

1. **Primary Healthcare** is currently dysfunctional due to outdated health laws that do not recognise the Primary Healthcare approach. A UDM government will immediately enact legislation to remedy this unacceptable situation.
2. **Proper staffing, medication and equipment must always be available at community clinics.**

3. Proper **referral procedures** to hospitals must be implemented for treatment which falls outside the ability of Primary Healthcare clinics.
4. By leaving Primary Healthcare responsibilities with community clinics, the **level of service** at hospitals will improve significantly.
5. Recognising that a large part of the population prefer **traditional and alternative medicine**, a UDM government will encourage research into these fields with the intention of incorporating and regulating that which proves to be helpful and valuable into the formal healthcare system.



GENDER EQUALITY

The UDM subscribes to the constitutional right to gender equality. The UDM's views are the following:

1. **Full participation** of women in economic, social and political activities must be encouraged. A special effort will be made to empower single mothers through enterprise development.
2. To ensure that the women of South Africa enjoy **freedom from abuse** and violence, preventative education must be implemented, and harsh penalties must be brought against those guilty of violent crimes against women.

YOUTH

The UDM supports the youth of South Africa in their dreams for a better future. We also recognise their fears and concerns regarding education and employment. The youth especially requires **hope for the future** and it is exactly this responsibility that the UDM has addressed right from the start. Therefore our policies are aimed at not only creating a better today, but a better future as well.

PENSION AND WELFARE

The state has a social responsibility to look after the welfare of its citizens. A UDM government will handle this responsibility with care and rectify the current deplorable situation caused by mismanagement and corruption.

TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

Under a UDM government, the constitutional provision regarding traditional leadership will be fully implemented, recognising the vital role this institution has to play in rural revitalisation, land ownership and civil order.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

The UDM supports the constitutional right of every individual to equality before the law and to be protected from unfair discrimination. It is the duty of any government to uphold the human rights and equality of all its citizens. Therefore, a UDM government will tolerate absolutely no discrimination and/or harassment on the grounds of sexual orientation.

FOREIGN POLICY

Recognising that foreign policy affects our daily lives through trade investment and international partnerships, we will maximise foreign resources to bring welfare and happiness to all South Africans.
The UDM's foreign policy is founded on the following four pillars:

- The security of the South African state.
- The happiness and welfare of all South Africans.
- Respect for and the promotion of universal human rights, justice and democracy.
- Establishing and maintaining professional standards of diplomatic excellence in dealing with the outside world.

RURAL REVITALISATION

The revitalisation of the rural areas of South Africa is of great concern to the UDM. To this end, the UDM will focus on specific key actions. Our views are the following:

- Research into new industries that will contribute to rural revitalisation must be encouraged. Some possible options include emerging and small commercial farmers, agri-villages and other enterprises.
- Agricultural, tourist and other development projects must be started and transformed into viable privately owned enterprises. This must be linked with innovative financing and access to capital through community development banks, local stock exchanges and the combination of stokvels with First World banking expertise.
- The creation of infrastructure must be accelerated to assist in the economic growth of rural areas.
- The high rate of illiteracy in the rural areas must be rectified with active education programmes for children and adults.
- Food security, as a result of the above-mentioned actions, is one of the primary goals of the UDM's rural revitalisation plan.



ENVIRONMENT

The UDM supports **sustainable environmental development**, meaning that the prosperity we create today must not leave future generations without useful resources. The UDM believes that, through the implementation of bio-diversity programmes, thousands of jobs can be created. The UDM believes that it is possible to generate opportunities for all whilst being environmentally responsible. The UDM's views are the following:

- **Tax incentives** must be provided to the private sector and other institutions that invest in the development of technologies for conservation and sustainable use of bio-diversity programmes.
- The massive number of environmental laws and regulations must immediately be consolidated into **one concise and effective law**.

THE RESTITUTION OF LAND

The UDM recognises the ability of land to create wealth and will respect reasonable land tenure rights, as well as reasonable land restitution claims. There are huge tracts of vacant and idle government land that can be sold. A UDM government will accelerate the sale of this land to generate funds, to encourage local ownership for emerging and small commercial farmers and to create jobs.

LANGUAGE RIGHTS

The UDM supports the **equality** of all languages and cultures as expressed by the South African constitution.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Legal immigrants can contribute greatly to enterprise development and economic growth and should be welcomed to this country. Failure by government to protect its citizens against unfair competition from illegal workers is unacceptable. Illegal immigration must be dealt with in a humane but firm manner. The massive influx of the illegal immigrants reflects an economic imbalance in the subcontinent. Assertive policies of regional economic development and growth should be put in place.

THE ROLE OF PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Good governance will be ensured at provincial and local level. To enhance competencies of these structures, these spheres of government will be empowered to take more responsibility and to develop their own sources of revenue in line with the subsidiarity-principle. This means the exercising of government at the lowest effective level.
The UDM regards local government as a key sphere of government. It is in the best position to address the needs of local communities, create local infrastructure and deliver cost effective services.

DEATH PENALTY

In the light of the constitutional court's judgement on the death penalty and the sensitivity of this issue, the only way to reintroduce the death penalty is through a constitutional amendment. A UDM government will immediately hold **a referendum** on this issue, so that every South African will be granted the democratic right to make her or his own choice.

ABORTION

The UDM favours a **referendum** on abortion and, if necessary, the constitution will be amended. The UDM will promote the democratic right of every individual to make her or his own choice regarding this sensitive issue, independently from party-political agendas and electioneering.

AIDS

The fight against AIDS is the responsibility of every South African. The UDM recognizes this horrible disease as the most serious threat to Africa. Funding must be made available for credible research and the development of preventative measures. Education must emphasize the responsibility that goes with a sexual relationship and the vulnerability of every individual in this regard. Every effort and resource must be applied to the prevention of and the fight against this disease.

UNIONS

The UDM will promote the independence of unions from formal political alliance so that workers can play a more meaningful and critical role in their government, business and party political relations. Trade unions must recognise and respect the right of their members to affiliate with the political party of her or his choice.


AIDS HELPLINE
TEL: 0800-012-322

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

The UDM supports employment equity that is applied in a responsible manner. The UDM will review aspects of labour legislation that discourage job creation.

GANGSTERISM AND VIGILANTISM

Gangsterism and organised crime must be rooted out swiftly and mercilessly, or else frustrated people will resort to vigilantism. Vigilantism will not be tolerated, and it will not be necessary under a UDM government. We will provide 42 000 new constables for the express purpose of visible policing. To combat organised criminal activity and vigilantism, an Organised Crime Task Force will be established.

RURAL SECURITY

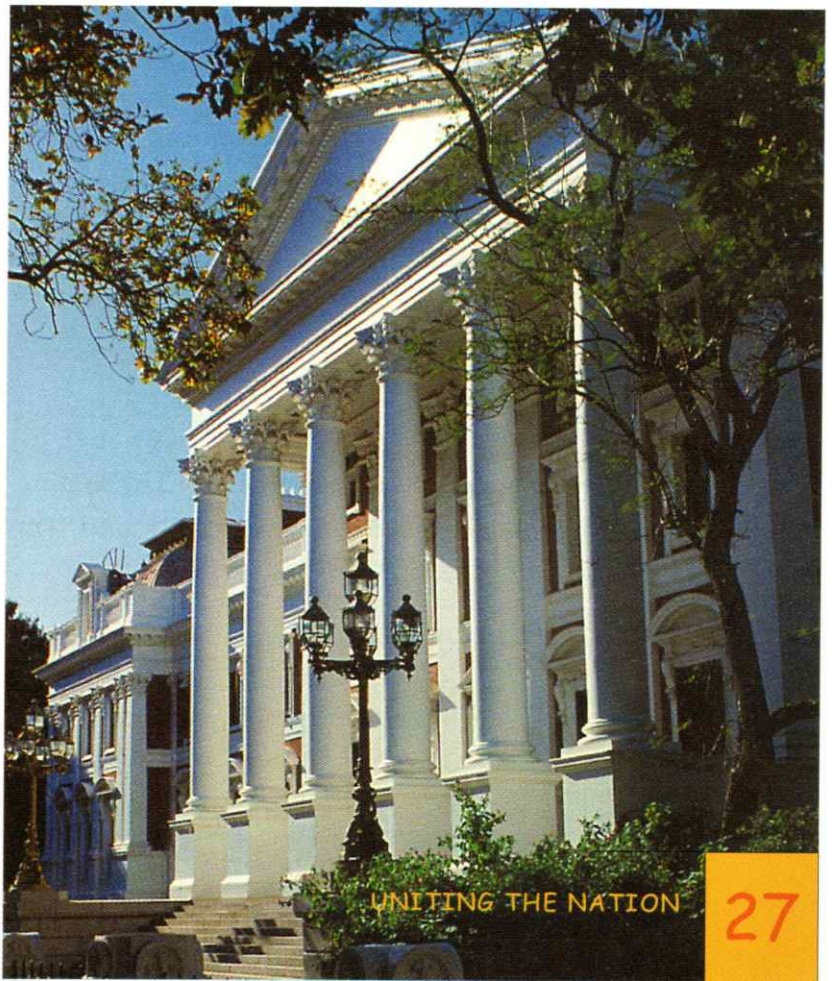
The UDM is appalled by the senseless acts of violence in previously peaceful rural areas. The UDM will re-empower, re-organise and re-train the Part Time Forces. These Part Time Forces will assist with the effective implementation of rural security.

GUN OWNERSHIP

The UDM will work actively to stop the proliferation of small arms in the Southern African region and within our country. A UDM government will make it possible for responsible citizens to own guns whilst criminals do not. This can be achieved with a renewal licensing system and with regular individual testing.

PARTY ALLIANCES FOR THE '99 ELECTION

The UDM was launched to establish a viable alternative. Our vision is to serve the long-term interests of the country through strong opposition and true multi-party competition. We are not interested in short-term opportunism and election deals which would be counter-productive to our long-term vision. Therefore, the UDM has decided not to enter into any form of alliance or coalition with other political parties for the 1999 election.



CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

The constitution of South Africa is a living document. We are all the custodians of this constitution and, therefore, the content should be promoted and taught to all South Africans. This will ensure true multi-party democracy and responsible reform of the constitution. The UDM will support constitutional reform aimed at entrenching multi-party democracy. Such reforms include the following:

- The constitution must be amended to allow Members of Parliament to change their party affiliation.
- The principle in the constitution of a separation of powers between the executive, legislature and judiciary must be implemented and adhered to.
- A balanced electoral system that will ensure greater accountability and representativity must be developed and implemented.

GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONS

The UDM will not govern by commission. Therefore, all existing commissions will be evaluated and the number of these commissions will be reduced.



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