



ELECTION 2009

# MANIFESTO

Now's the  
time for ALL  
South Africans



**VOTE UDM**





## Message from UDM President Bantu Holomisa

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### NOW'S THE TIME FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS

I have been fortunate to travel widely throughout South Africa. In the course of my job I have also travelled to many other parts of the continent and the rest of the world.

I can confidently say we live in an incredibly beautiful country with massive natural and human resources. No other country can claim to have greater raw potential. This place we call home is special. The people who call this place home are remarkable and exceptional... and I mean all of us. We must never forget that the miracle of 1994 occurred because ordinary South Africans said: Our diversity does not make us enemies; we can and should share a common destiny.

Today we need to reclaim that sense of ownership of our democracy. Now is the time for ALL South Africans to participate in this country.

South Africa has so much potential, but we cannot achieve it if all of us are not participating. I know that there are many South Africans who say: We want to participate, but we are being excluded. I have heard this in poor rural areas and in leafy middleclass neighbourhoods. It is the mantra of the experienced civil servant who is told: You cannot fill this vacant post, even though nobody else is available, because you have the wrong skin colour or simply the wrong political affiliation. It is the complaint of the successful school leavers and graduates everywhere that they apply for jobs and are told: There are no jobs!

This Nation can be great – but then everyone who wants to participate must be given the opportunity to do so.

Such opportunities must go hand-in-hand with responsibility. A culture of discipline and ownership must be fostered. In order for us to achieve prosperity and share in the wealth of our country it is vital that each and every one of us opposes the growing lawlessness and lack of discipline that we see in many parts of our society.

Elections are about the successes and failures of the ruling party, and about what each party promises should it be elected into

*Few countries have  
the potential that  
South Africa has*

*This election is  
about YOU,  
the voter*

*Give opportunities  
to ALL  
South Africans*

*Freedom comes  
with responsibility*

*Vote for  
inclusiveness,  
consultation and  
accountability;  
Vote UDM*

Government. However for this campaign the UDM wants to stress the importance of YOU, the voter, because I believe that you are capable of greatness if given the opportunity.

An example of how the UDM has fought on your behalf was when we challenged the disgraceful and now-defunct floor-crossing legislation, because we passionately believe that the power in this democracy must reside with you, the voter. We don't simply claim to care about your concerns – we put our money where our mouth is. Thus whilst many parties might now claim concern about the Scorpions, we are the main political party which spent vast sums of money – together with other patriotic South Africans – to legally contest the disbandment of the Scorpions.

What are the core principles of the UDM campaign; in other words why should you vote UDM? Because with your vote for the UDM we undertake to promote inclusiveness, consultation and accountability; whether we are in government or opposition. Five decades of National Party rule, and nearly two decades of the ANC, has been characterised by governments that do not listen to its citizens. No longer should we accept that a small group of people can decide for us without ever asking our opinion or ever taking responsibility when they get it wrong.

There have been moments in the past 15 years when the institutions of democracy – such as the courts and the media – have given South Africans hope that justice and truth will prevail in the face of arrogant power. The independence of these institutions has sustained our democracy when corruption in the corridors of power reared its ugly head.

The UDM election campaign is inspired by hope and the certainty that this Nation can overcome its challenges and deliver a better future for you and your family. Now is the time to give true meaning to the claim that South Africa belongs to all those who live in it.

**Now's the time for ALL South Africans  
to take charge of their destiny**



HB Holomisa

**President United Democratic Movement**

*Now is the time  
for ALL  
South Africans!*

## **JOBS & THE ECONOMY**

*Jobs, jobs, jobs –  
the number one  
priority*

*Rising cost of living*

*Time to end  
jobless growth*

*A “CODESA”  
on the economy*

*We can fund  
additional spending  
by stopping  
the wastage caused  
by corruption and  
inefficiency*

*Stop the wastage  
of taxpayer money  
on travelling,  
self-congratulatory  
feasts and  
pointless ‘conferences’*

# **1 CREATING JOBS FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS**

The ruling party has presided over the so-called 'jobless growth' – which simply means that they have steered the economy into a direction that does not create jobs or increase the overall wealth of the country.

No matter who you are, at the moment you will be concerned about making ends meet. The economy is in decline and the price of everything is up. On an individual and household level it is important that every South African has a job, whilst on a national level it is important that the economy is growing.

The economic cake needs to be expanded. It is no use to simply give bigger slices to a selected few ruling party members whilst discouraging the growth of the economy.

There are many different ideologies on the economy, but there has never been consensus or consultation on what sort of economy would fulfil the needs of all South Africans. A UDM Government will call a national indaba on the economy (along the lines of CODESA).

Where will a UDM Government find the additional funding required to implement this manifesto? This is a matter that we will table at the proposed Economic Indaba; we propose that spending priorities need to be reassessed in consultation with all stakeholders. We also believe that it is possible to cut costs by reducing the wastage caused by corruption, ending the over-reliance on consultants, and stopping rollovers. Further savings can be achieved by lobbying the UN for funding the SANDF's involvement in international peacekeeping missions, as well as reassessing excessive spending on municipal and provincial executive salaries. A significant saving can also be achieved by reducing the waste of taxpayer money by government departments placing advertisements that are simply pro-ANC propaganda. A vast amount of money is also being wasted on travelling by councillors, provincial government officials, MPLs, MECs, MPs and Ministers; in many cases these are ill-disguised shopping holidays and serve no purpose. In the same vein we will halt the spending sprees around imbizos and similar events that are just glorified pageants with no real function for governance. We will also cut the spending on the hosting of endless 'conferences' and 'workshops' that never result in anything. South Africa is fortunate that we don't have to rely on international aid, but we need to reprioritise and save in order to address the many challenges that face us.

The basic philosophy underpinning UDM policy is: Government must do more. A UDM government will therefore implement a Marshall Plan for South Africa by investing in the economy through infrastructure development and other large-scale, government-funded, community-driven programmes. We need strong government intervention to ensure that we have functioning roads, electricity, water irrigation and reticulation, and an efficient rail network, which are required to ensure economic growth.

*Marshall Plan;  
Government to invest  
in the infrastructure  
that communities &  
the economy require*

In order to create jobs South African businesses must be given the space and the support to grow. When the UDM says: "Government must do more", we mean that the obstacles and imbalances that prevent our businesses and economy from growing need to be addressed. One of the most important policy priorities for the UDM, which has been neglected by the current government, is small business development.

*Active government  
support for  
SA businesses*

Too little attention has been given to assist new entrepreneurs and businesses to enter the market. Similarly, too little has been done to reduce the costs and administrative burden for existing businesses. A UDM Government will dramatically reduce the amount of paperwork required to start and operate a business and will provide tax incentives for businesses that create jobs.

*Support for new  
entrepreneurs;  
tax incentives for  
businesses that  
create new jobs*

A major flaw of economic policy in the past 15 years has been the failure of the ruling party to bring infrastructure in rural areas and townships on par with that in the cities. As a result, people migrate to the large cities fuelling the chronic housing shortage; millions are forced to live in shacks because the infrastructure in the cities cannot keep pace with the demands of rapid urbanisation. These informal settlements are breeding grounds for disease, abuse and crime. On the other hand the rural economy has imploded. The agriculture sector – which used to feed the Nation and contribute to economic growth – is therefore now in serious decline. A UDM Government will prioritise rural revitalisation and agriculture, to create jobs, grow the economy and protect us from rising international food prices.

*Rural revitalisation  
is an  
urgent priority*

Our political freedom must be underpinned by economic freedom; this means that we need an economy that creates sustainable job opportunities in order to reduce poverty. A UDM Government will institute a Presidential Council on Sustainable Development, consisting of all the stakeholders in society to guide economic policy (unlike NEDLAC which currently only represent Government, Business and Organised Labour, which we contend should restrict itself to bargaining council matters). This Presidential Council can coordinate initiatives such as those mentioned in this manifesto. The basic premise of the Council is to bring broad economic policy closer to the people – power to the people.

*Political freedom  
must translate into  
economic freedom*

*Presidential Council  
for Sustainable  
Development to  
guide economic  
policy*

*Kick-start  
South African  
manufacturing and  
industry*

A UDM Government will create an environment where South African manufacturing capacity and industry will flourish – not only by reducing bureaucratic hurdles, but also with targeted tax incentives. We will focus on the labour-intensive tradable sector such as the textile and mining industries, with a special emphasis on creating opportunities for all South Africans, including youth, women and people with disabilities. Currently we export most of our natural resources as raw material and buy it back at huge cost in the form of finished products. A UDM Government will immediately kick-start the long overdue process of stimulating South African industry, so that the minerals and natural resources of South Africa are turned into products that can be exported. In this way we will create jobs and increase the overall wealth of the Nation. We will pay specific attention to minerals beneficiation industries, engineering and manufacturing.

*Youth employment*

A major concern for the UDM is youth employment. Young people are leaving school and education institutions and cannot find jobs. A UDM Government will specifically focus on initiatives to get the youth working again.

*Two steps to  
create jobs for the  
youth*

We propose a two-step initiative to create jobs and wealth-creating opportunities for young South Africans; firstly to focus on enticing them to fill the many vacant civil service posts; and secondly to radically reduce the red-tape preventing entrepreneurship as well as targeted incentives and support for small businesses started by young people.

*Fix public transport*

Another aspect of ruling party failure has been their inability to effectively improve public transport as a critical facet of the economy that affects the daily life of most South Africans. Two thirds of public transport is provided by the taxi industry, but the ruling party's taxi recapitalisation programme has only succeeded in creating more debt in the industry. A UDM Government would realign public transport policy with a view to taxi safety as well as subsidies such as is currently being provided to bus and rail public transport.

# 2 SAFETY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS

For many years now the ruling party has refused to acknowledge the scale of the crime crisis facing us, aside from the occasional outburst from a Minister or two that never makes any difference.

In the last year for which we have statistics, over two million criminals were arrested; fewer than half were prosecuted and our dysfunctional prisons seem designed to ingrain criminality instead of rehabilitation.

Violent crimes, as well as crimes against women and children, are of particular concern to us.

A concerted and holistic revamp of the criminal justice system is urgently required. The courts are dysfunctional; unethical lawyers cause unnecessary delays, witnesses lose interest, dockets disappear and prosecutors are often overworked and under-prepared. What is required, among others, is more strenuous minimum sentencing for violent crimes.

The ANC neglected that and rather focussed on disbanding one of the few successful parts of the criminal justice system – the Scorpions.

The correct way to manage the police is to encourage the best and the brightest to rise through the ranks; thereby ensuring that the people who command the police force understand policing. The ANC parachuted in a National Police Commissioner with no policing experience, who is now facing criminal charges. There must still be civilian oversight through the Secretariat, as provided for in the Constitution. Together the civilian oversight and police management must produce a doctrine for policing in a constitutional dispensation. Violent crime, sentencing.

***The UDM wants to protect you, unlike the ruling party who seem intent on protecting its own from the law.***

Due to the failure of the current clustering system at cabinet level, we will appoint a Super-Ministry of Crime-Prevention to coordinate the crime-fighting work of the Departments of Safety & Security, Justice & Constitutional Development, Correctional Services and – where relevant – Intelligence and Home Affairs.

Two large budgetary investments are required; firstly, for adequately training and rewarding our police force, and secondly, to provide the resources to clear the backlog of court cases. Funding will also have to be allocated for building more prisons.

## **FIGHTING CRIME**

*No more denying  
the crime crisis*

*Target violent crime*

*Revamp the  
criminal justice  
system*

*The UDM will  
bring back  
the Scorpions*

*Appoint  
police management  
from the ranks  
of the police*

*All are equal  
before the law –  
politicians also*

*Super-ministry of  
Crime-Prevention*

*Big budgets to  
improve police  
performance,  
as well as improve  
the courts*



Creative ways of involving the defence force in crime-fighting efforts, such as roadblocks should be explored in order to expand government crime-fighting efforts.

In many areas the relationship between public and police is not fruitful due to historic reasons as well as instances of police corruption. As a result intelligence gathering is insufficient.

The regional cooperation between South Africa and its neighbouring countries criminal justice authorities must be beefed up, including improved extradition treaties to ensure that criminals do not strike across our borders without impunity.

On the question of punishment, the UDM believes that imprisonment alone is not sufficient. Therefore, under a UDM Government, petty criminals will have to do community service and/or serve prison time, whilst serious criminals will do hard labour, (on projects that contribute to society, such as building roads and railways) during their imprisonment.

They must repay society for the crimes they have committed, whether it is the petty criminal sweeping streets or the violent criminals building roads and railway lines. Long hard days of work will also nullify the gang and crime culture that the current idleness in our prisons fosters.

On the question of the death penalty the UDM maintains the view that a referendum should be called.

*Restore trust  
between the  
public and police*

*Petty criminals to do  
community service  
and/or prison time*

*Violent criminals to do  
hard labour  
during imprisonment*

*Death penalty  
referendum*



# 3 QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS

Despite a very large budget our education system is in serious trouble. Our children are not getting the basic education they deserve, leaving them ill-equipped to find employment. Our teachers are not paid what they are worth. Our curriculum is a minefield of ever-changing policies that have left most role-players confused and demoralised.

Our tertiary education institutions do not provide fair access to deserving students, suffer from high dropout rates, and do not produce enough graduates who can fill the skills shortages in the economy.

For the economy to grow and be internationally competitive our poor curriculum, maladministration and squandering of resources must stop.

Can you trust the ANC to deliver quality education when they have somersaulted so many times on policy that not even they know where they are heading? Indeed, can you trust them when a string of ANC Education Ministers have made promises, such as addressing illiteracy and numeracy, and each one has failed spectacularly?

You can trust the UDM to apply the necessary political will to translate the large education budget into real education, because what is needed isn't complicated policy but getting back to the basics. Teachers must teach; students must study; and a culture of learning and discipline must be restored with the reintroduction of regular school inspections.

The UDM supports free public education from primary school until Grade 12, as well as more Government assistance for students studying in select subjects, such as Engineering, that will contribute to the overall economic and social development of the Country.

Improve Educational Infrastructure, including human resources, physical infrastructure, as well as teaching materials and equipment. An urgent priority is to bring education in townships and rural areas on par with that provided in the cities.

Ensure that the curriculum starts from the values and rights enshrined in the Constitution, and will aim to foster respect for these rights and values, such as equality, dignity, as well as religious, racial, language and gender tolerance.

## EDUCATION FOR JOBS

*Education system is in crisis*

*Schools and universities aren't meeting the needs of the economy*

*Get back to basics!*

*Bring back school inspectors*

*Free public education up to Grade 12*

*3 budget priorities: teacher training, build classrooms, teaching materials and equipment*

*Teach tolerance*

*Teach responsible citizenship and sustainable development*

In line with international standards, learners will understand their individual duties and responsibilities in a democratic society. Every learner will understand the principles of sustainable development, including knowledge of the Country's resources and how they should be managed for this and future generations' prosperity.

*Parents and teachers to be involved in education policy development*

Education policy development will be an inclusive process involving all stakeholders. It will also be a continuous process to adapt to changing needs in the job-market and society. It is vital that the broad pillars of education policy do not depend on the whims or ego of one party or Minister, but are agreed to by all.

*More focus on career choice*

Career-orientated advice and education will be enhanced to ensure that children can determine their future careers timeously and can attain the various goals on the way towards their employment.

*HIV/AIDS awareness*

In line with the UDM's proposed National Plan of Action to deal with HIV/AIDS, HIV/AIDS education and awareness will be a compulsory aspect of all curricula.

*Spirit of excellence*

It is vital that schools are places of discipline, order, neatness and productivity. The lack of commitment reflected in the neglect of the dress code by teachers and pupils, vandalism and truancy will be addressed. The community, teachers and school children must unite in a spirit of excellence, determined to make every school part of the foundation of a world-class Nation.

We must establish a culture of learning and learners must be taught to appreciate the value of time. Under a UDM Government emphasis will be placed on discipline in order to promote learning and each school authority must develop effective and constitutionally acceptable ways to discipline pupils.

*No crime in our schools*

Ensure that crime, especially sexual harassment and abuse, at schools receives zero-tolerance. Offenders will be removed from the institution and punished with the full might of the law.

# 4 CLEAN GOVERNANCE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS

There has been a systematic slide into the moral morass since the signing of the dubious and ill-conceived Arms Deal. It is a cancer festering at the core of the ruling party. Despite repeated reassurances to the contrary, senior ANC members have been implicated and convicted, or still face prosecution.

Nor is that the only example of corruption. Oilgate and Travelgate and a host of dodgy tender processes in national, provincial and local government confirm that corruption is not the exception, but the order of the day.

For instance, the media recently exposed how R19 billion was spent on trains, without it being authorised by Cabinet or the Board of Transnet. When Board members challenged this, they were fired. So it appears that the ruling party has learnt nothing from the Arms Deal!

Much of the infighting in the ANC has been driven by the desire to cash in on these lucrative state contracts, not because of any policy differences. The ruling party has also institutionalised nepotism with its so-called 'deployment of cadres', which elevates party membership above qualification or ability, and which has bred a culture of mediocrity, incompetence and corruption in many parts of the civil service as well as municipalities.

As a result the ANC has systematically attacked the judicial system in order to protect its wayward members.

Can you trust the 'new' or the 'old' ANC to address corruption when they have presided over the systematic looting of state resources?

You can trust the UDM to swiftly eradicate corruption as demonstrated by our track record over the years of consistently and fearlessly exposing corruption wherever and whenever we find it.

The ANC doesn't understand that by tolerating corruption and allowing its members to act as though they are above the law undermines the most fundamental promise of government: earning and keeping the trust of the people.

***Without honour, you cannot lead.***

A UDM Government will bring back the Scorpions as an independent investigation unit with a clear mandate to investigate and prosecute corruption and organised crime.

We advocate a correct relationship between politicians and officials. The current culture of political interference in the daily administration of our government causes bureaucratic chaos and fuels corruption and tender fraud.

## **NO CORRUPTION**

*Independent  
Judicial Commission  
of Inquiry into the  
Arms Deal... NOW!*

*Service delivery  
undermined by  
ANC infighting and  
nepotism*

*The UDM is  
renowned for **not**  
tolerating corruption*

*Elect leaders you  
can trust*

*Bring back the  
Scorpions to  
fight corruption*

*End political  
interference in the  
civil service*

# 5 RELIABLE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS

## YOUR HEALTH

*End the neglect of the Nation's health*

The UDM is committed to protecting and promoting the constitutional right of all South Africans to basic health care, and providing proper and immediate responses to the major health risks facing the country.

*Prioritise health infrastructure*

Too many people in our country still cannot access proper health care. Too many clinics and hospitals have fallen into squalor. Too many people and babies have died unnecessarily of HIV/AIDS and other preventable diseases.

*Sufficient medicines*

A UDM Government will take the following steps:

- o Improve public health facilities and services, including the maintenance of hospitals and clinics. Increase the number of hospitals and clinics, and upgrade facilities to deal with the massive increase in demand due to HIV/AIDS.

*Properly trained doctors and nurses*

- o Ensure that all hospitals and clinics are properly stocked with medicines and other medical supplies.

*Get the patient to the right facility quickly*

- o Ensure that all doctors and nurses at primary healthcare facilities are properly trained, qualified and compensated.

*End unethical discriminatory practices*

- o Streamline referral procedures to ensure that all patients requiring emergency or specialised care receive speedy and appropriate treatment at the relevant medical facility.

*End misspending of health budgets*

- o Ensure that no medical practitioner, ambulance service, hospital or clinic should be allowed to refuse emergency treatment, aid or admission to any person based solely on his/her ability to pay.

*Pursue a clearer strategy against preventable diseases*

- o Maintain the current spending on the health budget, but increase spending for HIV/AIDS programmes; this budget would be sufficient if spent appropriately and effectively. "Savings" or budget rollovers will not be tolerated.

*Healthy eating, healthy living*

- o Ensure that the Primary Health care system is tailored to respond effectively to the major diseases, threatening the South African population, such as TB, Cholera and Malaria. All are preventable and can be treated.

- o Ensure that nutritional issues and family planning forms a basic part of Primary Health care, recognising that appropriate education and training in these areas will have a major impact on the well-being of communities.

- o Ensure that the Department of Health is part of an integrated response to alcohol and drug abuse, recognising that substance abuse contributes to high levels of violence, death and the social breakdown of South African society.
- o Implement and take the lead in a comprehensive National Plan of Action involving all stakeholders in society to fight HIV/AIDS, including the implementation of an expanded education and awareness programme.

The UDM commits itself to health care that is linked to other social cluster portfolios, recognising the role of social welfare, water and sanitation, basic life skills and awareness to improve the basic health of the Nation. In this greater context the UDM believes that housing is pivotal, recognising that all the fundamental human needs culminate in an adequate place of shelter. The UDM has proposed in its Public Works, Housing and Economic policies, a major initiative to create productive and safe environments, through Planned Sustainable Development programmes. The aim is to assist the people and communities of South Africa to improve their quality of life.

*Improve drug abuse awareness and treatment*

*National Plan of Action to fight HIV/AIDS*

*Integrated response to healthcare that incorporates welfare, basic services, education and proper housing*

## **YOUR ENVIRONMENT**

*Make the environment  
a priority today,  
or our children and  
their children  
will face  
great hardship*

*Identify and reward  
those who  
save our environment*

*Important role for  
the media in raising  
environmental  
awareness*

*Ensure that every  
South African  
understands our  
quality of life depends  
on the environment*

# **6 PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT: FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS**

The environment issue is of critical national and international importance. The threats to the survival of our environment and the people who inhabit it make the issue a top national priority.

The practice of proper use of land and resources is understood, but high levels of poverty in many parts of the country have led to the destruction of the environment; soil erosion, water pollution, and deforestation are widespread. As a result desertification is threatening our country. It is critical that we uplift the poor and rescue our environment from permanent destruction. At the same time storms and adverse weather are becoming commonplace due to global climate change. This further exacerbates the threat to our environment.

The socio-economic implications of the destruction or degradation of our environment imposes a serious obligation on everybody to play his or her part to protect our environment. Environmental concerns require a holistic and non-political approach because it affects all players, irrespective of social standing. Any activities by anybody that harm the environment impact on the lives of all people of South Africa.

The task of saving our environment calls for the elevation of the problem as a priority that warrants a "Marshall Plan" to save our natural heritage by identifying, building and rewarding individuals, institutions as well as community-based organisations to rescue and conserve our natural heritage. A specific opportunity exists here to make use of the many community radio stations. They are doing sterling work on reflecting community issues, and are well-placed to raise awareness about environmental, health and related issues. Government advertisements towards this would also help to make these stations economically viable and break the artificial advertising monopoly of the SABC.

This entails broadening the knowledge, and awareness of environmental issues and commitment to its protection and development to encompass the poor who may have previously viewed issues of environment as a preoccupation of the wealthy. It must be made known to all our people that the promotion of environmental concerns and strategies is geared towards the improvement of the quality of lives of all our people without exception.

We must defuse the potential conflict between the imperatives of conservation and those of resource-poor communities. We need to link conservation with socio-economic development, by allowing communities to have sustainable access to the life-supporting and income-earning potential of nature reserves and other protected areas.

Population and resources, and land distribution will remain areas of challenge and opportunity. The environmental and socio-political needs are to deal with the material and perceived legacy of apartheid. In environmental management terms, this might mean a shift in focus to living and working environments, and to land reform.

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 job and business opportunities whilst being environmentally responsible.

A UDM Government will pursue the following objectives:  
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.

Similarly more active enforcement of the environmental law is required. Individuals or organisations that contravene these laws must be penalised.

The massive number of environmental laws and regulations must immediately be consolidated into one concise and effective law.

In South Africa in particular, and in the world in general, we are facing three major environmental crises: climate change, water scarcity as well as the energy crisis. These three challenges pose massive threats and require concerted National and international responses. A UDM Government would be a champion of these causes locally, on the continent and in international forums.

*We don't need to choose between development and conservation*

*Make sustainable development a strategy followed by the state and every other sector*

*Tax incentives for environmental research and technology*

*Simplify environmental law and thus improve enforcement*

*Act today to save tomorrow*



## **ELECTORAL REFORM**

*The UDM has  
campaigned for  
electoral reform  
for years*

*MPs and MPLs to be  
elected from  
constituencies*

*South Africans  
to elect  
their  
President directly*

# **7 POWER TO THE VOTERS: FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS**

At the heart of democracy is accountability; in other words the certainty that the voters can hold the politicians responsible for their behaviour. There can be no doubt that our electoral system has been exploited by unscrupulous politicians who put the interests of the party before the interests of the Nation. A UDM government will immediately initiate reform of the electoral system to increase accountability and give the voters more power.

The first major step we will take is the introduction of constituencies into the PR system to ensure that politicians have a specific geographically-defined community they represent.

Secondly, we will change the electoral laws to allow for a separately elected President, as is the case in many of the democracies across the globe; in that way we will put the power back in the hands of the voters to determine who their President will be. This ANC practice of a few unelected people imposing their choice of President on the Nation is profoundly undemocratic and must come to an end.

# CONCLUSION

## Is that all?

No, we have extensive policy positions that are available on our website: [www.udm.org.za](http://www.udm.org.za)

Our candidates and staff are ready to field any specific policy questions you may have that are not addressed in UDM campaign materials or our website.

If your are not yet registered we urge you to do so, by contacting your nearest municipal office for information about where you can register, or by calling 0800 11 8000.

Now is the time for you to take control of your destiny by actively participating in your democracy.

One of the ways to do this is by volunteering your time, skills or resources for a political party. If you would like to contribute to the UDM in this manner, please contact the UDM National Office at (tel) 012-321 0010, (fax) 012-321 0014, or (email) [info@udm.org.za](mailto:info@udm.org.za). If you would like to contribute to another party, please visit our website where links to the other parties can be found.

**Elections 2009 is where we can all contribute to putting our country on the right track. FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS!**

*More policy on our website*

*Ask us directly*

*Register to vote!*

*How to participate more actively in your democracy by volunteering for a political party*

**VOTE UDM**





**Now's the time for ALL South Africans**

**ELECTION 2009**

# **MANIFESTO**

- 1. Socio-economic development; to create jobs and eradicate poverty**
- 2. Combating crime and creating a safe South Africa**
- 3. Proper education for our children**
- 4. Fighting corruption and nepotism**
- 5. Save our environment**
- 6. Adequate health care for all**
- 7. Electoral reform**