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Motivation:

Recognition of a need to consolidate provincial traders' organizations under a national structure...to speak with one voice!

Manifesto:

- ▶ Representation of informal business issues at national level.
- ▶ Conflict resolution.
- ▶ Identification of opportunities.
- ▶ Dialogue and intervention with, and in respect of unfair by-laws.
- ▶ A need to be involved in planning and promulgation of laws related to informal business activities.

Enabling Policies and Regulations

Problems and setbacks:

- ▶ We find an absence of regulatory policies and/or by-laws which seek to enhance and/or improve, and/or develop informal businesspersons in any significant manner.
- ▶ Fundamental differences in By-laws as promulgated by municipalities and district councils regarding informal trade.
- ▶ Apartheid era legislation still used. (harassment and confiscations).
- ▶ Disregard and contempt shown for trader participation.
- ▶ Meaningless partnerships.
- ▶ Lack of full recognition for and of the role played by the informal economy

Proposed Solutions:

- ▶ Full participation of SAITA in formulating policies and regulations.
- ▶ We call for uniform policies to be formulated which would apply to all municipalities and district councils...This would consolidate regulations across the country and simplify implementation.
- ▶ We call for a review of policies which are designed to harm, injure and dehumanize traders based on their status.
- ▶ Again, “Nothing about us without us”.
- ▶ Partnerships between local authorities and traders associations must be based on equality, mutual respect, and recognition of each other’s rights and responsibilities.
- ▶ We again stress that national and local authorities recognize the role played by the informal economy in buoying the economy. (Job creation, Poverty alleviation.)

Recommendations:

- ▶ Government must re-examine its focus in terms of reviving the economy by concentrating on building people-driven enterprises and re-diverting funds from bailouts of undeserved projects.
- ▶ Lose the obsession of creating world-class cities to attract tourists who only benefit the formal business sector.
- ▶ We support the #BIGNOW(Basic Income Grant) campaign and recommend that it be funded by wealth taxes and a genuine desire to root out corruption and looting of state enterprises.
- ▶ The implementation of Recommendation R204 of the International Labour Organization with regard to the formulization of the informal economy (S.A. is a signatory)
- ▶ That the Informal Busines Sector be intrinsically involved in any and all government programs that affects socio-economic issues. To be on an equal footing with formal business.