

THE PAN-AFRICAN PEACE COMMISSION

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Mandate of the Peace Commission.

The Peace Commission is lawfully constituted as an independent, impartial forum or court in terms of the public-interest provisions of the South African Constitution, empowered to function as a non-partisan and constitutionally aligned body dedicated to promoting peace, and good governance throughout SADC and the broader AFRICAN region.

Rooted in the values of transparency, integrity, inclusivity, and equitable justice, the Peace Commission shall serve as a participatory public-interest institution that facilitates peaceful dispute resolution, monitors threats to stability, and mobilises civic engagement in defence of constitutional rights and democratic accountability.

It is further empowered to conduct investigations, issue public reports, convene hearings, and collaborate with state, regional, and international institutions to strengthen governance, combat corruption, and uphold human dignity. In advancing its moral, legal, and institutional authority, the Commission shall review and recommend reforms to laws and policies that undermine freedom, justice, or economic opportunity, while advocating frameworks that enhance personal liberty, safety, and responsible leadership.

Ultimately, the mandate of the Peace Commission is to act as a moral watchdog and guardian of peace, ensuring that public power is exercised with integrity, that communities have accessible platforms for dialogue, and that the nation's constitutional promise of freedom and justice, and active civic empowerment are fully realised.

Civic empowerment refers to the process of equipping individuals and communities with the knowledge, confidence, rights, and practical tools they need to actively engage in public life and influence decisions that affect their society. It goes beyond simple participation, it is about **enabling people to understand their power, exercise their rights, hold institutions accountable, and shape political, social, and economic outcomes.**

Civic empowerment includes access to information, the ability to organise, opportunities for meaningful involvement in public decision-making, and the protection of freedoms such as speech, assembly, and association.

Ultimately, it strengthens democracy by ensuring that ordinary people, not just leaders or institutions, have the capacity and agency to drive change, defend justice, and contribute to the collective well-being of their communities.

Sincerely,



Henry McCarter
Chairman



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