



Mission Statement

South Africa is at a crossroads and faces its biggest political and economic crisis since the advent of democracy.

Under President Jacob Zuma, the foundations of our constitutional democracy are under severe and sustained threat. Key institutions have been captured by private interests aligned to President Zuma and his close allies. The recent removal from office of the Minister of Finance, on spurious and irrational grounds, has precipitated an economic crisis, the most immediate impact of which has been a credit downgrade of South Africa's sovereign ranking. It is highly likely that this economic crisis will continue to spiral out of control under the leadership of President Zuma and his Cabinet.

The net effect of these political and economic crises is that ordinary South Africans, and the poor, and most vulnerable in particular, will be the hardest hit as the economy contracts. At the same time, it is clear that President Zuma is becoming increasingly intolerant of opposition groupings and is seeking to shut down the democratic space as it defends its patronage networks at all costs, putting these interests ahead of the needs of ordinary South Africans as well as fundamental democratic values.

Never before has there been a more urgent need to build unity of purpose to stop South Africa's current trajectory. In this spirit we have decided to come together as a broad-based movement that brings together groupings and organisations from across the political spectrum, civil society, labour, academia, students, the religious fraternity and business, in order to initiate a series of marches aimed at giving a platform for South Africans to express their justifiable anger at the actions of President Zuma.

This spirit of cooperation is predicated upon the following shared objectives:

- Mobilising South Africans in the spirit of creating a united, prosperous South Africa
- Safeguarding the Constitution;
- Protecting and advancing freedom;
- Fighting and rooting out corruption; and
- The removal from office or resignation of President Jacob Zuma in order to save South Africa from its current path of destruction under his leadership

The immediate objective of this grouping is to help facilitate a large-scale protest outside Parliament, when the Motion of No Confidence is debated.

The organisations that form part of this initiative will combine their efforts to hold an event on Freedom Day, 27 April, at Freedom Park, bringing together all of our constituencies, as well as inviting all South Africans who share our concerns, and our values, to join us.

This will require immense effort, cooperation and organisation from us all. But it holds the potential to be the turning point of our country's politics - a defining moment in which we signal to every citizen that the politics of corruption economic failure, and job losses can be beaten; and that a hopeful future still lies ahead of us.

The choice facing our country is simple: to save South Africa, we must defeat Jacob Zuma.

We will therefore do everything in our ability to seize the moment, and come together to defend the Constitution, fight corruption and build a better South Africa for all its people.