



A CALL TO JOIN THE PROGRESSIVE PROFESSIONALS FORUM

A. BACKGROUND

The Progressive Professionals Forum (PPF), launched in August 2013, was established as it was felt that the intellectual power base of South Africa is grossly under-utilised. There was and is an acknowledgement that the middle class is not contributing as much as it is capable of, and as often as it should towards building our country at a national, provincial, city and even community level.

B. THE CHARACTER OF THE PPF

The PPF is a non-racial, non –sexist, anti-xenophobic professional body which seeks to attract professionals who wish to give back, contribute to the public discourse, influence society and instil patriotism in the citizens of South Africa in an organised, focussed manner.

The PPF therefore attracts and seeks to attract multi-disciplinary professionals, academia, intelligentsia and entrepreneurs who align themselves with progressive movements and who aspire to progressive ideals such as those enshrined in the Freedom Charter and the Preamble of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and who have come together with a conviction to contribute towards the growth of our society and our country.

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C. THE PPF's OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage, foster and nurture the progressive thinking through platforms, debates and progressive agenda.
2. To mobilize the wide spectrum of professionals, entrepreneurs, academics and intellectuals to facilitate and seize opportunities arising from the progressive and accelerated national and continental socio-economic development agenda.
3. To assume the progressive overarching role in mobilizing and partnering with the strategic democratic formations to deepen transformational agenda within public and private sectors.
4. To inculcate and promote the values, morals, integrity and patriotism across spectrum of the progressive professionals
5. To develop the patriotic cohort of progressive professionals, entrepreneurs, academics and intellectuals to positively, objectively and robustly partake in the body politics of the country and Africa.
6. To foster a plough back culture among professionals, encourage role modelling and induct the younger generation with progressive political orientation.
7. To inculcate the new thinking and mainstreaming of actions on environment and climate change.
8. To facilitate the enabling environment for the optimal utilization of opportunities presented by radical evolution of technology

D. BUILDING AFRICA's PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

The PPF believes that the political, social and economic history and destiny of South Africa is intertwined with that of the African continent. Since 1994 the Government

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has steered South Africa into a progressive, respectful and collaborative contributor to the deepening of democracy, self-determination and prosperity throughout Africa. In addition, the performance of Africa's economy has begun to defy Afro-pessimism, with more than half of the 10 fastest growing global economies now being African.

The PPF will therefore enhance all efforts to foster alliances with progressive African professionals, businessmen and entrepreneurs, in order to maximize the continent's productive capacity.

E. PPF's VALUE PROPOSITION

1. The platform for patriotic best practices of management and entrepreneurship
2. Multi-disciplinarianism.
3. National footprint.
4. Strategic influencer in public discourse.
5. The strategic advocate and lobbyist for governance transformation.
6. Champion of ethical and value based leadership
7. Facilitator of strategic socio-economic and political opportunities/programmes.
8. Harnessing Pan Africanism

F. PPF STRUCTURES AND MEMBERSHIP

1. The PPF membership is targeted at senior professionals, entrepreneurs and academics.
2. PPF exists in all nine provinces of South Africa.

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3. National: National Conference elects the National Executive Committee every five years.
4. Province: The provincial conference elects the Provincial Executive Committee every three years.
5. Region/Basic Unit: The regional conference elects the Regional Executive Committee every two years.
6. The PPF has individual and corporate membership.
7. Sub-committees of the PPF are modelled similar to Government clusters to enable seamless interaction as we engage with, advise the State on issues which are key and require professional, well researched input.
8. Membership fees are R600 per annum.
9. Corporate membership fees are determined and set by the national elective conference.

G. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF A PPF MEMBER

- To actively partake in the formulation of and implementation of the PPF policies
- To make his/her views heard on any policy matter, as long as that is done within the structures of PPF.
- To protect the reputation, brand and institution of PPF through his or her conduct and interaction both internally and externally.
- To take part in the nominations and elections of PPF leadership.
- To enjoy the direct and indirect benefits of being a member.

Any PPF members shall undertake the following duties:

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- Belong to the basic unit of PPF (region).
- Deepen his/her understanding of the goal, objectives and character of PPF.
- Explain the PPF goal, objectives, policies and programmes to potential members and the society at large.
- Be a member of and participate in the sub committees of the PPF.
- Partake fully in the programmes of PPF.

NB: For more information contact: www.ppfsa.org.za and or info@ppfsa.org.za

About the PPF

The Progressive Professionals Forum (PPF) is a non-racial, non-sexist and non-xenophobic organisation of progressive professionals, academics, intellectuals and patriotic entrepreneurs subscribing the values of the Freedom Charter and the Constitution of South Africa and who are the think tank and resource base of South Africa towards the realization of the country's developmental goals through policy, research and advocacy.

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