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COPE BEGINS PROCESS OF STRENGTHENING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE PARTY TO BUILD PROSPERITY

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The Congress of the People (COPE) is revisiting the drawing board and deeply reflecting upon its dismal performance in the 2024 general elections.

As part of COPE's unwavering commitment to reorganise and rebuild, the party is embarking on a series of activities to deliver a social democratic alternative to the people of South Africa, reviving hope and optimism for a brighter future.

In keeping with the vow to build a strong party, the party will convene in Bloemfontein for a two-day workshop of former candidates, serving public representatives, and the party's top leadership to reflect on and chart the way forward to reorganise and strengthen its electioneering machinery on 15 and 16 June 2024.

As a party, COPE vows to make a strong comeback in municipal by-elections and prepare for the 2026 local government election.

On June 16, the party's Congress National Committee (CNC), the highest authoritative structure between congresses, will meet to consider a report on a process, which will lead to a consultative policy conference, elective congresses of lower structures. This process will culminate in a national elective Congress in December 2024.

These processes are a testament to the party's commitment to rebuilding and repositioning the party to play a meaningful role in the country's political environment.

We are determined to keep alive the hope and vision of the men and women who gathered in the Congress of the People on 26 June 1955 at Kliptown.

Sadly, 30 years of our democratic dispensation have not given most people social and economic dividends.

The current clandestine deals with the future governance arrangement risk imposing another unstable government that will not be in the interests of most South Africans.

We may be down, but we're certainly not out. We are a resilient party!

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