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The COPE CONCLUDES A FRUITFUL TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

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The Congress of the People has concluded its two-day workshop in Bloemfontein.

The workshop, held on the 15th and 16th of June, was a reflection and introspection of what transpired during the 2024 National and Provincial elections and the way forward for the party.

Admittedly, the party did not perform well in the elections, which accounts for its lack of representation in Parliament and Provincial legislatures.

“Comrades have agreed that it was a collective failure which led to the poor performance, and above all, the lack of financial resources which stifled the implementation of our elections campaign strategy. Unlike other parties, COPE had donors and funders but relied mainly on an IEC grant, which was only made available just days before the elections,” said COPE's Acting General Secretary Erick Mohlapamaswi.

“Irrespective of the setbacks, the comrades are encouraged to soldier on and build with the COPE brand. The recommendations on the next course of action have been made to ensure we come back stronger in the coming local election in two years' time.”

COPE invited experts who analysed the election outcomes and shared their recommendations for consideration by the Congress of National Committee (CNC).

“We want to reassure all the voters who voted for COPE that all is not lost, and we thank them for their votes. We promise them that COPE will strongly come back, and we will continue to be the voice of the voiceless and South Africans at large. COPE will continue to play the watchdog role to the current government to ensure that the people's interests are served,” added Mohlapamaswi Acting COPE General Secretary.

“We will get on course and bounce back; we appeal for the communities to continue to rally behind COPE. Our public representative will be more visible on the ground to fight for the rights of our communities.

"The preparations for the next Local Government elections have started. COPE drew lessons from past mistakes and mitigating plans are in place. In due course, we will outline our programme of action based on the recommendations from the workshop," said Mohlapamaswi COPE Acting General Secretary."

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