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The Honourable Chairperson

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**RE: FORMAL PARLIAMENTARY SUBMISSION — SOUTH AFRICA PEAK PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK:  
A NATIONAL OPERATING SYSTEM FOR TRANSFORMATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND GROWTH**

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Honourable Chairperson,

On behalf of the co-authors of this submission — Samkelo Mngoma, Mkhuseleli Diya, Olwethu Masiza, Siphamandla Mthembu, Sbusiso Jele, Mpumelelo Mwandla, Landile Mabele, and Thalente Mthethwa — I respectfully submit the South Africa Peak Performance Framework to Parliament for formal consideration.

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We submit this in response to the following documented national emergencies:

- Youth unemployment at 46.1% (15–34), with 58.7% of unemployed youth having never held any formal employment (Stats SA Q1 2025)
- 257 municipalities in financial distress; 44 with disclaimed audit opinions (AGSA 2023/24)
- R2.7 billion in digital banking fraud in 2024 — growing at 86% annually — with no National Cyber Resilience Authority (SABRIC 2024)
- 7.5 million South Africans living with disabilities, of whom over 80% of working age are unemployed (Stats SA Census 2022; DWYPD 2024)
- South Africa recording approximately 75 murders per 100,000 population — an economic catastrophe that costs an estimated R238 billion annually in violence against children alone (SAPS 2023/24; Save the Children/UCT updated estimate)

We formally request:

1. An oral presentation before the Joint Committee on Finance AND the Portfolio Committee on Communications and Digital Technologies — within 90 days of this submission. Contact: sam@saicts.co.za, +27 66 146 6960.
2. The tabling of the Circular Economy Industrial Nodes (CEINA) Act and the National First-Job Guarantee Act as priority bills in the current parliamentary term.
3. A special AGSA investigation into the cybersecurity architecture of the banking-government identity data interface before further expansion of commercial bank Smart ID issuance.
4. The establishment of a Joint Investigative Committee on the South African Post Office collapse and the resulting financial inclusion vacuum — with a 60-day mandate and public recommendations.

This submission is the product of South Africans who live in the communities it describes, build in them, and refuse to accept that those communities cannot be served better. We do not seek recognition. We seek action.

Yours sincerely,

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# SOUTH AFRICA PEAK PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

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1. Phepha (phepha.org.za) is in active testing and development — NOT yet operational. All references to Phepha describe its intended design. 2. SIASCOR's website is siascor.co.za (not .org.za). 3. This is NOT a commercial proposal. Every solution is designed for government to implement through open, competitive processes. 4. No organisation named here seeks exclusive mandate, appointment, or commercial advantage from any proposal in this document.

### ✓ VERIFIED DATA COMMITMENT

All statistics are from publicly available verified sources: Stats SA, AGSA, SABRIC, National Treasury, SACAA, DCDT, World Bank, ILO, UNICEF, SAPS, and others. Sources listed in the Reference Appendix. Where data could not be independently verified online, this is flagged. If you find an error: sam@saicts.co.za — the document will be corrected.

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# SECTION 01 — THE NATIONAL NARRATIVE: 30 YEARS OF HONEST RECKONING

## THE UNIFYING FRAME

"A South Africa that works for everyone who tries. Not everyone who is connected. Not everyone who has the right surname. Not everyone born in the right postcode. Everyone who tries. And if the system stops you when you try — the system has failed. Not you." South Africa does not lack policies. It lacks the conversion of policies into lived outcomes for every person those policies were written to serve.

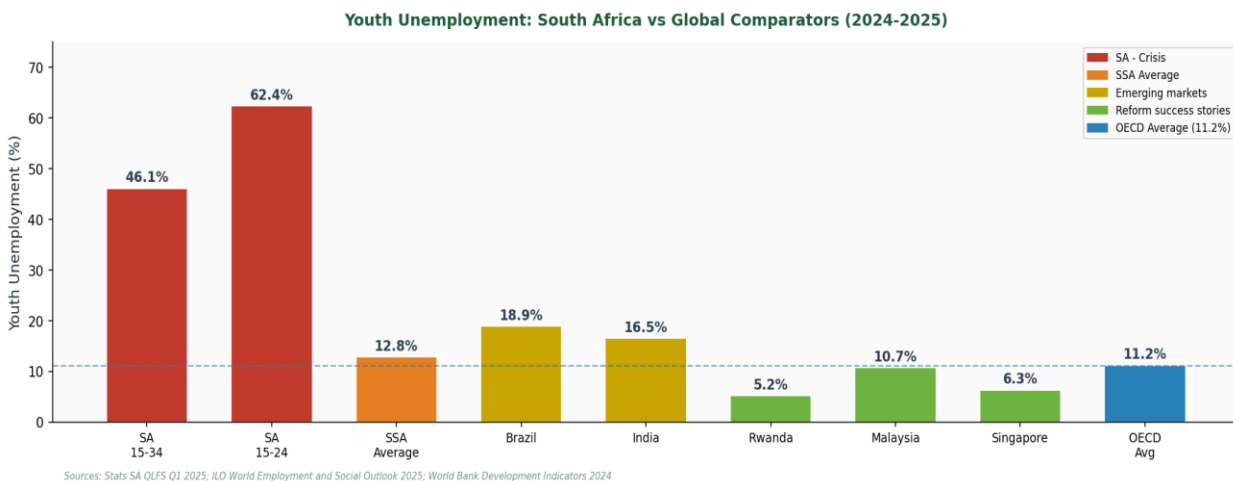


Figure 1: Youth Unemployment — South Africa vs Global Comparators | Source: Stats SA QLFS Q1 2025; ILO 2025; World Bank 2024

## 1.1 The Verified 30-Year Scorecard

INDICATOR	BASELINE	2025–2026 STATUS	VERDICT
Youth unemployment (15–34)	36.9% (Q1 2015)	46.1% Q1 2025 — 9.2pts worse in 10 years (Stats SA)	WORSENING
Youth unemployment (15–24)	~50% (early 2000s)	62.4% Q1 2025; eased to 57% Q4 2025 (Stats SA)	CRISIS
Youth with ZERO work experience	Not tracked	58.7% of 4.8M unemployed youth — 2.8M people (Stats SA Q1 2025)	STRUCTURAL FAILURE
Long-term youth unemployment	40% (2015)	>50% of unemployed youth searching 1+ years (SALDRU/UCT 2025)	ENTRENCHED
Black unemployment since B-BBEE	29.2% (2003)	37.2% (2023) — rose 8pts in 20 years of compliance (Stats SA)	MECHANISM FAILURE
Debt service (% of revenue)	~6% (2010)	21.9% in 2025/26 — R1 in 5 goes to debt not services (Treasury 2025)	CRITICAL
Municipalities in financial distress	Improving 2000–10	257 municipalities = majority of total (AGSA 2023/24)	COLLAPSE
Substandard water access	High (1994)	46% of households receive substandard water (AGSA 2024)	UNACCEPTABLE

INDICATOR	BASELINE	2025–2026 STATUS	VERDICT
Schools with pit latrines	Widespread	1,770 schools still use pit latrines in 2024 (DBE Infrastructure)	UNACCEPTABLE
Digital banking fraud	Not measured	R2.7bn in 2024 — 86% annual growth (SABRIC 2024)	ESCALATING
National cybersecurity authority	N/A	NONE EXISTS as of April 2026 (DCDT confirmed)	GOVERNANCE VACUUM
Murder rate	~30/100k (1995)	~75/100k in recent years (SAPS Annual Report 2023/24)	CATASTROPHE
PWD unemployment rate	Not tracked	80%+ of working-age persons with disabilities (DWYPD 2024)	SYSTEMIC EXCLUSION

## 1.2 What Has Genuinely Worked — Protecting Real Gains

Reform without honesty is propaganda. These achievements are real and must be protected and built upon, not dismantled:

- Social grants: 18+ million beneficiaries — one of the most effective poverty mitigation systems in the developing world. Without social transfers, the Gini coefficient would be approximately 10 percentage points higher. (World Bank 2024)
- HIV/AIDS treatment: South Africa's ARV programme serves the largest number of people on treatment globally. AIDS-related mortality has declined significantly since 2005. (UNAIDS 2024)
- SARS: Collects approximately R2 trillion annually. Revenue is not the primary constraint — expenditure quality and governance are.
- Constitutional framework: Section 9 (equality including sexual orientation), Section 26 (housing), Section 27 (health, food, water) — among the world's most progressive constitutional guarantees. Courts have consistently enforced them.
- Housing delivery: Over 5 million subsidised units since 1994 — the largest state housing programme in African history. Spatial justice remains incomplete; the delivery record is real.
- Smart ID card: A genuine improvement over the green booklet in fraud resistance. The programme is right — the cybersecurity governance around it needs urgent attention.

## SECTION 02 — SOUTH AFRICA AS A MACHINE: SEVEN SYSTEMS, FOUR FAILURE CHAINS

Every country is a machine. Inputs: people, money, resources. Processes: laws, institutions, markets, infrastructure. Outputs: jobs, safety, health, dignity. South Africa's machine has seven interlocking subsystems that fail simultaneously and compound each other's failures — which is why decades of individual programme interventions have produced marginal aggregate gains on the metrics that matter most to the average South African.

SYSTEM	CORE FUNCTION	PRIMARY FAILURE	MEASURABLE CONSEQUENCE
Political Power	Represent citizens; make laws; allocate resources	Incentives reward political loyalty over measurable delivery; deployment over merit	R189bn irregular expenditure 2022/23; policy exists but is not implemented
Administrative State	Implement policy; manage resources; deliver services	Fragmented departments; siloed budgets; input-measurement accountability only	257 municipalities in distress; 1,770 schools with pit latrines in 2026
Economic System	Create value; generate employment; distribute prosperity	Concentration; high entry barriers; B-BBEE measuring inputs not outcomes	GDP below 1% for a decade; black unemployment rose 8 points during B-BBEE era
Social System	Support families; develop human capital; maintain cohesion	GBV crisis; 53% of under-26s with mental health conditions; 27% child stunting — invisible in economic planning	Labour supply suppressed; human capital destroyed before it enters economy
Spatial System	Connect people to opportunity through geography	Apartheid layout preserved; townships 30+ km from economic hubs; spatial exclusion reproduced generationally	Every other system costs more and delivers less; commute = economic exclusion tax
Infrastructure System	Move people, goods, energy, water, data safely	Load shedding; rail collapse; 46% substandard water; no cyber authority; R100k+ drone licensing barriers	Physical constraint on all economic activity; R600bn stranded waste economy
Information & Control System	Measure performance; enforce accountability; correct failure	No unified KPI framework; departments report activity not outcomes; no automatic consequences for failure	Machine runs — nobody knows if it works; failure is invisible until catastrophic

### 2.1 The Four Compounding Failure Chains

<b>CHAIN 1 — Education to NEET Pipeline</b>	Born in township (30km from CBD) → Inferior school (no labs, pit latrines) → Weak matric → No university → No NSFAS → NEET status → 'No experience' rejection from every employer → Discouraged worker → Mental health decline → Long-term scarring. Currently 9 million people trapped at various stages of this chain. (Stats SA Q1 2025)
<b>CHAIN 2 — Township Business Trap</b>	Start mobile phone repair business → Residential zoning makes it illegal (74% of Joburg spazas in non-approved zones, City of Joburg 2023) → No formal address = no bank account = no business loan → Load shedding: R1,200/month diesel cost → Cannot access tenders or tax credits → Cannot hire → Zero formal job creation in that community. 80% of township businesses unregistered. (FinScope MSME 2024)

**CHAIN 3 —  
Commercial  
Drone Entry  
Trap**

Young person wants community drone safety/agriculture enterprise → R50,000–R80,000 SACAA-accredited training required → Class 3 Aviation Medical Certificate required → English proficiency test required → R4,210 RPAS Operating Certificate → R800 per drone registration → 20–30 months for full certification → Community safety and NPO use classified as 'commercial' under Part 101 requiring full regime → Cost: R100,000+ before earning first rand → Enterprise abandoned. (SACAA Part 101; Sapphire Blue Drones field data 2023; Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr legal analysis June 2024 — all verified)

**CHAIN 4 —  
Digital  
Identity Risk  
Loop**

Government delegates sovereign identity to banks → 9 banks issuing Smart IDs on commercial networks → No independent security audit before deployment → R2.7bn fraud losses in 2024 → Bank decides commercially whether and when to disclose a breach → Public trusts system → Next breach at larger scale. No NCRA exists to compel disclosure or separate the networks. (SABRIC 2024; DCDT CSIRT 2024)

# SECTION 03 — THE DIGITAL IDENTITY CRISIS: BANKING, CYBERSECURITY & THE POST OFFICE

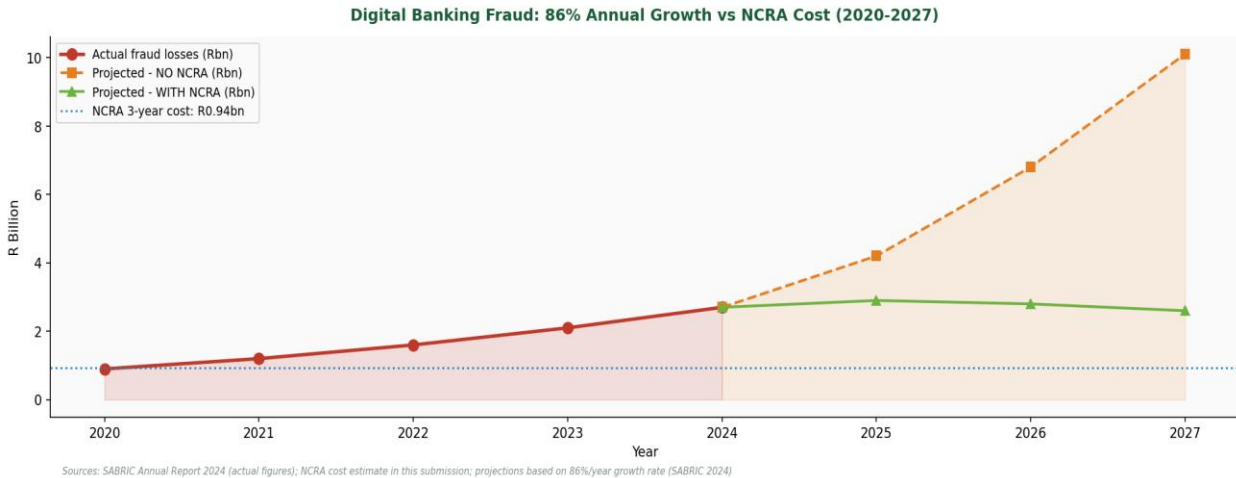


Figure 2: Digital Banking Fraud Growth vs NCRA Cost — 86% annual growth rate | Source: SABRIC Annual Report 2024

## 3.1 Discovery Bank GPS Address Verification — Innovation and Unaddressed Risk

Discovery Bank pioneered GPS-coordinate-based address verification: collecting location data over 7–14 days, cross-referencing with mobile tower data, transaction history, and device registration to construct a probabilistic proof of physical residence. For the estimated 15–20 million South Africans without a conventional utility bill or lease agreement, this is a genuine breakthrough that removes the 'no address, no account' barrier that has excluded millions from the formal financial system.

However, this innovation was deployed without a National Cyber Resilience Authority (NCRA) that could have reviewed its architecture before launch. The risks that such an authority would have flagged: the verification algorithm is proprietary and unpublished — there is no mechanism for independent audit; location data, behavioural patterns, and biometric information are held by a private company on networks shared with financial transaction data; as AI-generated synthetic identities become more accessible, the multi-week location collection advantage will erode without active regulatory response; and if a breach occurs, the bank decides at commercial discretion whether and when to disclose. South African citizens whose data is on that system have no enforceable right to timely notification.

## 3.2 Banks Issuing Smart ID Cards — Good Idea, Dangerous Governance Gap

In 2025, nine South African commercial banks began issuing Smart ID cards on behalf of the Department of Home Affairs. The motivation is legitimate: Home Affairs average queue times reach 3–6 hours at major offices (SAHRC 2024); banks have biometric equipment and branches. But the deployment happened without independent security audit, without network separation requirements, and without mandatory disclosure standards — things a National Cyber Resilience Authority would have mandated before a single card was issued.

WHAT IT ACHIEVES	WHAT GOVERNANCE IS MISSING
Reduces Home Affairs queue burden	No independent security audit of bank data network architecture before launch (DHA confirmed 2025)
Biometric capability at scale	Biometric data on commercial banking networks not designed for sovereign identity security
More branch locations than Home Affairs	Bank branches concentrated urban/suburban — same geographic exclusion SAPO solved and banks never have

WHAT IT ACHIEVES	WHAT GOVERNANCE IS MISSING
Fraud resistance vs green booklet	Fraud in issuance shifts to biometric capture phase — no mandatory liveness detection standard
Convenience for digitally capable users	Rural and elderly South Africans without smartphones or data are not reached by digital-first issuance

**THE SEPARATION OF POWERS PRINCIPLE APPLIED TO DATA:** The institution that issues your identity should not be the same institution that profits from your financial behaviour, scores your creditworthiness, and decides whether to approve your loan. These functions must be structurally separated — not because banks are malicious, but because commercial incentive structures are incompatible with the disinterested administration of sovereign identity. This is the same principle that separates the judiciary from the executive. A breach of a commercial bank system that holds national identity biometric data would be catastrophic — and because banks control the disclosure decision, the public might not know for months, or at all.

### 3.3 The South African Post Office — The Institution We Abandoned

The South African Post Office (SAPO), founded in 1792, had 1,400+ branches covering every town in South Africa. It had a public-interest statutory mandate. It was the payment infrastructure for 18+ million social grant recipients. Former CEO Mark Barnes articulated a coherent vision in 2025: a unified Postbank model offering deposits, loans, insurance, and financial services — serving communities banks cannot reach profitably. The government separated Postbank from SAPO, failed to fund either, and delegated Smart ID issuance to nine commercial banks. As of April 2026, SAPO faces liquidation. Postbank has lost approximately 75% of its social grant clients to Capitec and African Bank. (Source: GroundUp Postbank Investigation 2025; SAPO Business Rescue Practitioners Report 2025 — verified)

The argument that SAPO had fraud or governance problems, while accurate, does not justify delegating sovereign identity to commercial banks — which face vastly more fraud losses annually than SAPO ever did. SABRIC's own data shows R2.7 billion in banking fraud in a single year. The banking industry is not a fraud-free alternative. It is a differently incentivised entity with a different accountability structure. SAPO's problems were solvable. Its closure, and the transfer of its public-interest functions to commercial entities, was a policy choice — not an inevitability.

#### NCRA COST-BENEFIT

Total cost of establishing an NCRA with full mandate: R420M–R940M over 3 years. Cost of NOT having it in 2024 alone: R2.7 billion in reported banking fraud. Digital banking fraud is growing at 86% per year. By 2030 without an NCRA, projected annual losses exceed R8–12 billion. The NCRA costs less than 8 weeks of current annual fraud losses to establish. (Source: SABRIC Annual Report 2024; projections based on verified growth rate)

# SECTION 04 — THE END-TO-END LIFE JOURNEY: WHERE THE SYSTEM BREAKS

South Africans do not experience government in policy documents — they experience it as a life journey. When one part fails, the entire life trajectory shifts. This section maps the journey from birth to later life, showing exactly where the system breaks, what it costs, and what specific reforms in this document would change.

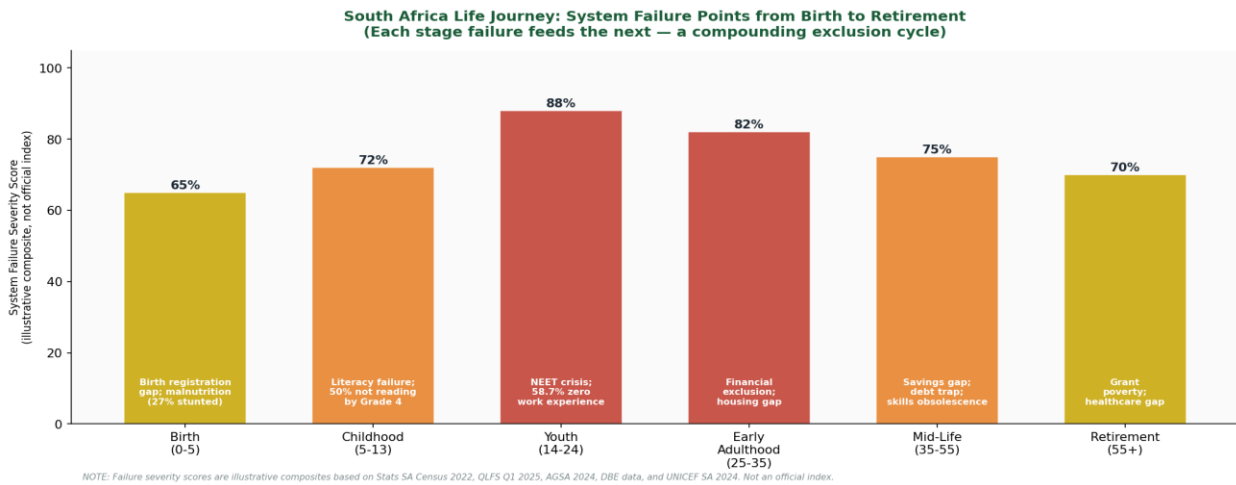


Figure 3: SA Life Journey — System Failure Points (Composite Severity — Illustrative, Not Official Index) | Sources: Stats SA; UNICEF; AGSA; DBE; SACAA

## Stage 1 — Birth (0–5): The Foundation Failure

- **Birth registration:** An estimated 700,000+ children are born each year without being registered within 30 days (DHA data). No registration = no identity = no grant = no school = lifetime exclusion.
- **Child stunting:** 27% of South African children under 5 are stunted — a permanent cognitive and physical development constraint. Stunted children score 12–18 points lower on literacy assessments at age 8, are less likely to complete secondary school, and earn 30–40% less as adults. (UNICEF SA 2024; World Bank 2024)
- **ECD access:** Only 38% of children access Early Childhood Development programmes. The state provides no ECD centres in most rural areas. Unequal ECD access is the first point at which the gap between the rich and the poor becomes structural and self-reinforcing.

## Stage 2 — Childhood (5–13): The Learning Collapse

- **Foundational literacy:** Only approximately 50% of South African learners are reading for meaning by Grade 4 (DBE Annual National Assessment data). A child who cannot read by age 10 faces permanent disadvantage in every subsequent stage.
- **Infrastructure inequality:** 1,770 schools still using pit latrines. Tens of thousands of schools without science laboratories, reliable electricity, or internet access. The child in a township school does not receive a constitutionally equal education — she receives a structurally inferior one.
- **Teacher quality:** 72% of Grade 6 mathematics teachers cannot complete Grade 6 mathematics tests (SACMEQ IV data). The problem is not teachers' character — it is the systemic failure of teacher training that produced them.

## Stage 3 — Youth (14–24): The NEET Crisis

- **TVET stigma:** TVET enrolment dropped 0.8 percentage points over the past decade as employer confidence in qualifications collapsed (Stats SA Social Profile 2024). Young people are making a rational choice to avoid a system they know will not reward them.

- The experience paradox: 58.7% of the 4.8 million unemployed youth have never held any formal job. They cannot get a job without experience. They cannot get experience without a job. The First-Job Guarantee breaks this loop.
- NSFAS Missing Middle: Students earn 'too much' for NSFAS but not enough to afford university. Banks refuse loans citing high default risk. Thousands who qualify academically never enrol. A tiered, income-sensitive funding model would change this.

## Stage 4 — Early Adulthood (25–35): The Exclusion Economy

- Financial exclusion: 11.9 million adults remain financially excluded. The 'no address, no account' rule locks out millions in informal settlements. GPS-verified address verification — currently only Discovery Bank's proprietary algorithm — needs to become an open, interoperable, POPIA-compliant standard.
- Housing-jobs spatial mismatch: Most affordable housing is built far from jobs, reproducing apartheid spatial geography in democratic housing policy. A resident in Khayelitsha spending 2.75 hours daily commuting is paying an economic exclusion tax of approximately R60–R90 per day in transport costs alone.
- The nepotism economy: When formal labour market access is blocked, networks become survival tools. Connections matter more than merit not because South Africans have bad values — but because transparent hiring pipelines do not exist at scale for entry-level roles.

## Stage 5 — Mid-Life (35–55): The Stability Trap

- Disposable income decline: South African household disposable income has declined by approximately 53% since 2016. Cost of living — energy, transport, housing — rises faster than wages. Debt is used not to consume but to survive.
- The missing middle: Households that earn above the poverty line but below stability. One job loss, one medical bill, one school fee = back into poverty. No asset-building infrastructure. No wealth accumulation tools accessible to the working poor.

## Stage 6 — Later Life (55+): Poverty at the End

- Grant poverty gap: The Old Age Grant covers only approximately 60% of the food poverty line. Millions of elderly South Africans depend entirely on this grant plus remittances from adult children who are themselves financially precarious.
- Healthcare access: Mental health budget at 1% of health spending. Cancer treatment waits of 6–12 months at public facilities. The healthcare system for the poor in later life is a waiting room.

### THE CRITICAL LOOP

No birth registration → weak education → no first job → no savings → no asset → poverty in old age → dependent elderly → grandchildren in poverty → chain repeats. This is not a series of separate problems. It is one compounding system failure reproduced across generations. Fix the upstream systems and multiple downstream 'problems' resolve themselves.

## SECTION 05 — SYSTEMIC OUTCOMES: UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE SYSTEM PRODUCES

Many of the behaviours South Africa tries to punish are the rational responses of people operating inside a failing system. Many of the 'social problems' we observe are not character failures — they are system outputs. This section reframes the most visible manifestations of system failure in the terms that produce them.

### 5.1 The Missing Middle — NSFAS Case Study

NSFAS uses a binary income threshold: eligible or not. A family earns 'too much' on paper because two adults each earn minimum wage — but supports five dependants, pays rent, transport, school fees, and basic food. They cannot afford university. Banks consider students high credit risk. The student does not enrol.

This is not a student's failure. It is a policy design failure: binary thresholds that ignore the reality of household dependency ratios, informal income contributions, and the actual cost of living. A tiered, income-contingent funding model with household-sensitive calculation would change this. Fix the structure → more graduates → higher tax base → higher economic growth. The cascade is real and measurable.

### 5.2 The Disappearing Middle Class

The South African middle class is shrinking — not because middle-class South Africans are irresponsible, but because disposable income has fallen approximately 53% since 2016 while costs have risen. Energy, transport, and housing costs have grown faster than wages for most of the last decade. People take on debt not to consume luxury goods but to pay school fees, buy food during load shedding losses, and cover medical costs that public health cannot absorb. One shock — job loss, illness, divorce — converts a middle-class family into a poor one. There is no safety net between precarious stability and poverty for this group.

### 5.3 The Nepotism Economy — Not Corruption, But Rational Adaptation

When formal hiring processes are opaque, when public service appointments are made by political loyalty, and when the gap between 'who you know' and 'what you know' determines access to opportunity — networks become rational survival tools, not corruption. The majority of South Africans who use family connections and political networks to find employment are not corrupt. They are operating rationally in a market where merit-based transparent hiring is not reliably available. Fix transparent hiring pipelines, public sector merit standards, and first-job access → the incentive to rely on networks diminishes because a reliable alternative exists.


### 5.4 Crime and Prostitution — A Pathway Failure, Not a Moral Failure

South Africa does not primarily have a crime problem. It has a pathway failure problem. Many of the young people involved in crime, gang activity, and survival sex work are young people who: exhausted every legal pathway available to them; have families and dependants to support without enough time to wait for the courtesy of choice; were introduced to informal economies by people they trusted; and had already calculated that the legitimate economic system was not designed to absorb them.

The young man involved in gang activity is not, in most cases, a fundamentally different person from the young man who found a job. He is the same person — without the job. The young woman in survival sex work is not making an unconstrained choice — she is making a constrained rational decision under conditions of desperation, often with a child to feed, no childcare, no income, and no formal employment access. Treat the pathway failure and crime statistics will move.

#### EVIDENCE- BASED REFRAME

South Africa has a murder rate of approximately 75 per 100,000 population (SAPS Annual Report 2023/24). ISS research shows a strong correlation between governance quality and crime rates — the countries with better-functioning states have lower crime rates. The murder rate is not a moral statistic. It is a governance statistic. When the state

 provides viable pathways, crime rates fall. This is measurable in the data from every country that has successfully reduced violent crime. (ISS Africa; SAPS data)

## SECTION 06 — GROUND-LEVEL CONTRIBUTORS: WHAT SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE ALREADY BUILT

### PURPOSE

This section does not promote any organisation. It documents what community members, entrepreneurs, youth leaders, a police officer, and a community NPO have built — as evidence that the policy environment proposed here is not theoretical. The solutions exist. The capability exists. What is missing is the policy framework to let it work at scale. Take these examples. Replicate them. The authors do not need to be in the room.

### 6.1 SIASCOR — Community Infrastructure Working Without Enabling Law

Sipha Amandla Social Community Organisation (SIASCOR, NPO 169-971, PBO 930075779, siascor.co.za) has operated in Umbumbulu, KwaZulu-Natal since 2018, funded by the KZN Department of Social Development, reaching more than 5,000 community members through health promotion, skills development, poverty alleviation, gender empowerment, elderly care, and SMME support.

In 2024, SIASCOR partnered with the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) to support 33 SMMEs in George, Western Cape with alternative energy solutions: solar panels, generators, inverters, and gas stoves during the height of the load shedding crisis. This is verifiable at siascor.co.za. It happened. It worked. Without new legislation, without new budget lines — using existing partnerships and community determination.

SIASCOR is developing the Sbonakhona Multi-Purpose Resource Centre in Umbumbulu: a convergence point for basic literacy, STEM workshops, entrepreneurship training, career guidance, counselling, and free Wi-Fi. This is the Community Industrial Node model in the real world. SIASCOR builds it without the enabling law that would make it self-sustaining. The CEINA Act would change that.

### 6.2 Sbusiso Jele — Mandeni Youth Council, iLembe District, KZN

Sbusiso Jele leads the Youth Council in Mandeni Local Municipality, which falls under iLembe District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal. Mandeni sits adjacent to the iLembe industrial zone and within 40–50km of Richards Bay mineral processing — one of the world's largest mineral sands export operations.

By standard economic geography, young people near large industry should have better employment prospects than those in remote rural areas. Community evidence suggests the opposite in Mandeni — youth unemployment is estimated significantly above both the KZN provincial figure (50.3%) and the national average (46.1%). This is the industrial proximity paradox: extraction industry present, community excluded. No policy requires the industry to train, supply, or absorb from the adjacent community. The CEINA Act's local content minimum (60% of inputs sourced within 50km of hub) and EPR levy redirect would begin to change this.

### 6.3 Mpumelelo Mwandla — ThinkElectric

Mpumelelo (ThinkElectric) works on community-scale energy transition solutions in KZN. Key findings verified through field operations: community solar and storage achieves 3–5 year payback periods at school and hub scale without subsidy; NERSA's feed-in tariff framework has no category for community co-operative generation below 1MW; organic waste (available at scale through circular economy hubs) provides biogas baseload capacity that solar alone cannot. The energy proposals in Section 15 reflect his operational input.

### 6.4 Landile Mabele — Ariel Robotics

Landile (Ariel Robotics) builds drone systems in South Africa. His firsthand experience of South Africa's Part 101 regulatory environment is the foundation of Section 6.5 below. Ariel Robotics' collaboration on drone fleet management and IoT sensor integration provides the technical context for community safety technology proposals throughout this document.

## 6.5 Thalente Mthethwa — Metro Police Officer

Thalente Mthethwa is a serving metro police officer. His contribution is the enforcement perspective: the gap between what law says and what officers encounter daily. From his operational experience: community policing forums (CPFs) are structurally under-resourced and have no formal relationship with metro police operational coordination; officers interact with the consequences of every system failure in this document — housing, unemployment, substance abuse, GBV, xenophobia — without tools to address root causes; drone monitoring of high-crime areas is operationally viable but legally complex under Part 101 (see Section 6.6); and the relationship between formal policing and community safety organisations could be transformative with proper legal structure.


<b>SAPS AND ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT — NOT JUST METRO</b>	This document explicitly includes SAPS, municipal police services, metro police departments, Border Management Authority, and all community policing forums as key buy-in partners for the safety domain reforms. Community safety is not a metro issue alone — it requires coordination across SAPS, metro police, CPFs, traffic authorities, and community structures. The Phepha model (in testing) addresses this coordination layer. Any replication must be structured to work with ALL law enforcement bodies, not a subset.
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## 6.6 Drone Regulation: A Case Study in Disproportionate Entry Barriers (Verified Data)

All drone regulation data below is verified against SACAA official documentation, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr legal analysis (June 2024), Saphire Blue Drones ROC data, and community forum records at AvCom.co.za.

REQUIREMENT	DETAIL	VERIFIED COST	TIME
Remote Pilot Certificate (RPC) training	SACAA-accredited ATO; theory and practical exams; English proficiency test; 75%+ pass mark per subject required	R50,000–R80,000 (Starlite Aviation; AvCom 2025)	3 weeks full-time
Class 3 Aviation Medical Certificate	Required BEFORE training begins; SACAA-approved aviation medical examiner	R1,500–R3,500 (SACAA; Starlite 2025)	1 week (appointment)
Radiotelephony (RT) Certificate	Required even for VLOS operations	R2,000–R5,000 (SACAA; training providers)	1–2 weeks
RPAS Operating Certificate (ROC/UASOC)	Full operations manual; maintenance programme; background checks on all staff; Letter of Approval from SACAA Director; Air Services Licence for commercial ops	R4,210 initial + R840 per additional aircraft (SACAA fee schedule Jan 2026); total process R100,000+ (africanDRONE; AvCom 2024-25)	20–30 months (Saphire Blue Drones field data 2023)
Drone registration (per aircraft)	Certificate of registration from SACAA Director; separate for each drone	R800 per drone (SACAA fee schedule 2026)	Weeks to months
NPO/community use classification	Per Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (June 2024): 'non-profit organizational use (e.g. NGOs using drones for research or community projects) is treated as commercial under the law' — full Part 101 applies	Same as full commercial — R100,000+	20–30 months

<b>TOTAL VERIFIED ENTRY BARRIER</b>	A young South African wanting to start a community drone enterprise — safety monitoring, agriculture, conservation, CPF support — faces a minimum R100,000–R150,000 cost and 20–30 months of regulatory process before earning a single rand. The same regulation that ensures commercial aviation safety also prevents a youth-run
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community safety patrol from operating legally. This is a design flaw correctable through amendment — without compromising aviation safety. REFORM: Create a Community Safety and Monitoring (CSM) drone subcategory for NPO, CPF, and community use — R2,000 annual registration; simplified operations manual; no Air Services Licence. (Model: UK CAA A2 category; EU open category for low-risk operations)

## SECTION 07 — THE HUMAN-CENTRED FRAMEWORK: EVERY PERSON IN THE SYSTEM

Every policy domain in this submission is evaluated through the lens of every person it affects. The following 12 population groups are not afterthoughts — they are the primary subjects of every proposed reform.

POPULATION GROUP	KEY SYSTEM FAILURES	INTERVENTIONS PROPOSED	LEAD INSTRUMENT
Youth (15–35)	NEET trap; experience paradox; TVET stigma; criminal records for survival crimes; digital exclusion	First-Job Guarantee; B-BBEE employment scoring; EPWP redesign; criminal record expungement for non-violent offences after 5 years	First-Job Guarantee Act; B-BBEE Codes Amendment
Women	50.1% female youth unemployment; GBV as economic barrier; pregnancy-based NSFAS exclusion; unpaid care burden; unsafe commutes	GBV fast-track courts; mandatory 40% female participation in all youth programmes; Caregiver Recognition Act; transport safety infrastructure	Caregiver Recognition Act; GBV courts (DOJ)
Persons with Disabilities	80%+ unemployed; inaccessible infrastructure, transport, courts, digital services; 2% EEA target never met; SASSA 128-day processing	Disability Employment Tax Credit (75% subsidy); WCAG 2.1 AA mandate; Universal Design Standard for all CIN hubs; mobile SASSA assessment	Disability Employment Act; EEA Amendment
Elderly (60+)	Grant covers ~60% of food poverty line; digital exclusion from e-government; elder abuse; inadequate long-term care	Old Age Grant inflation-linking; elder abuse criminal prosecution mandate; community-based care networks; digital literacy support	Social Assistance Act Amendment
LGBTQ+ South Africans	Targeted violence; corrective rape; hate crime non-recording; conversion therapy still practiced; discrimination in employment and housing	Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Act full enactment; LGBTQ+ police liaison officers in all stations; conversion therapy ban (Children's Act amendment)	Hate Crimes Act; Children's Act Amendment
Rural Communities	40% service deficit vs urban; agricultural exclusion; transport poverty; digital darkness; rural TVET 52km average distance	Rural Infrastructure Fund ring-fenced in DORA; satellite broadband mandate; mobile TVET units; smallholder support fund	DORA Amendment; DHET Rural Programme
Informal/Township Workers	Banking exclusion; licensing barriers; zoning illegality; SETA inaccessibility; EPR exclusion	Community Economic Agent status; GPS-based FICA; auto-mixed-use SPLUMA; simplified RPL; EPR 30% community reallocation	CEINA Act; SPLUMA Amendment; FICA Amendment
Homeless Persons	No legal address = no ID renewal; no bank account; no SASSA access; criminalisation of survival activities	National Homeless Strategy Act; shelter standards; street address registration for service access; no-arrest policy for survival activities	National Homeless Strategy Act (new)
Refugees & Asylum Seekers	DHA processing collapse (4+ year average wait); no right to work during processing; child education exclusion	DHA processing SLA (6-month maximum); right to work after 6 months; mandatory school access for refugee children regardless of status	Immigration Act Amendment; DHA Regulation

POPULATION GROUP	KEY SYSTEM FAILURES	INTERVENTIONS PROPOSED	LEAD INSTRUMENT
Persons with Chronic Illness	Mental health budget at 1% of health; cancer treatment 6–12 month waits; supply chain failures for ARVs	Community health worker formalisation; mental health budget mandate (minimum 5% of health budget); ARV supply chain independence	Health Act Amendment; NHI Pilot Districts
Caregivers	3–4M unpaid caregivers; no legal status; no income; no pension contributions; no respite; overwhelmingly rural women	Caregiver Recognition Act: R2,500/month stipend; pension contribution credit; respite care network; Community Development Worker integration	Caregiver Recognition Act (new)
People with Criminal Records	3M+ with records for non-violent offences permanently excluded from formal employment and government services	Criminal record expungement for non-violent offences after 5 years; prohibition on blanket criminal record exclusion in entry-level job ads	Criminal Procedure Act Amendment

# SECTION 08 — DISABILITY, DIGNITY & ECONOMIC INCLUSION

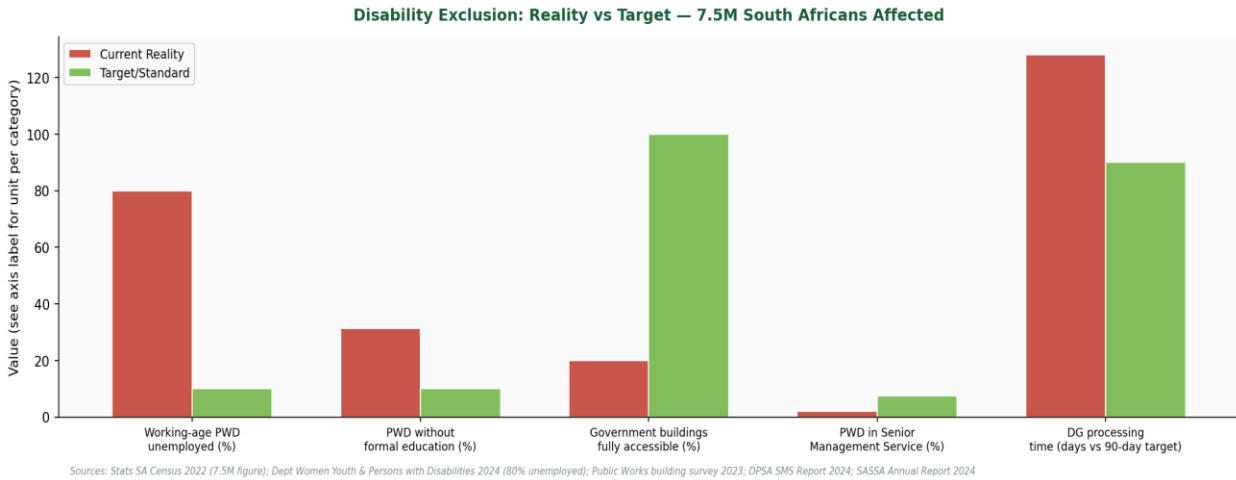


Figure 4: Disability Exclusion — Reality vs Target | Sources: Stats SA Census 2022; DWYPD 2024; PSC 2024; SASSA Annual Report 2024

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Mkhuseli is wheelchair-bound from birth. He is a financial manager, a community leader, and co-director of SAICTS. This section is not theoretical — it is co-authored by someone who navigates every barrier described here every day. His presence in this submission ensures that accessibility is designed into every proposed institution, not retrofitted as an afterthought.

South Africa's disability exclusion is not primarily a welfare problem. It is an economic architecture problem. The state builds systems assuming able-bodied users, workers, and entrepreneurs — then offers grants as consolation prizes to those who cannot navigate them. The frame must shift: disability inclusion is economic expansion. Every barrier removed for a person with disability removes a barrier for multiple other excluded categories simultaneously.

## 8.1 Disability Employment Reform

INTERVENTION	DETAIL (VERIFIED LEGAL BASIS)	INSTRUMENT
Employment Equity Act enforcement	2% disability employment target never met and never enforced. Proposed: EEAC mandatory annual audit of all entities with 50+ staff. Failure triggers 5% B-BBEE score reduction until target is met.	EEA Amendment; EEAC Directive
Disability Employment Tax Credit (DETC)	75% wage subsidy for first 24 months for hiring a person with disability (higher than standard 40% First-Job Guarantee rate). Funded from existing ETI Act structure — regulation amendment only, no new legislation.	Employment Tax Incentive Act Regulation Amendment
Accessible workplace mandate for government contractors	All businesses contracting with government must comply with SANS 10400-S accessibility standards within 12 months. Non-compliant businesses lose tender	PFMA Procurement Regulation; DPWI Programme

INTERVENTION	DETAIL (VERIFIED LEGAL BASIS)	INSTRUMENT
	eligibility. DPWI provides free audit and retrofit grant for SMMEs below R5M turnover.	
Remote work right for PWD	BCEA amendment: statutory right to remote or hybrid work for persons with disabilities requiring workplace accommodation, unless employer can demonstrate operational impossibility with evidence.	BCEA Amendment
Universal Design Standard for all CINs	CEINA Act Schedule 2: all registered Community Industrial Nodes must meet Universal Design Standard — physical accessibility, WCAG 2.1 AA digital accessibility, signed language for safety communication. Full compliance earns additional B-BBEE recognition.	CEINA Act Schedule 2

## 8.2 Disability Social Protection Reform

INTERVENTION	DETAIL	INSTRUMENT
SASSA DG processing time fix	Current average: 128 days vs 90-day legislative mandate. Proposed: digital assessment pathway for mobility impairment; 45-day maximum for reapplications; mobile assessment units for rural and homebound applicants.	SASSA Regulations Amendment; Treasury Allocation
Assistive devices fund	No national fund for wheelchairs, hearing aids, communication devices, or visual aids. Proposed: R1.8B/year National Assistive Devices Fund; prioritise government facilities first. WHO evidence: R1 in assistive device investment returns R4.20 in economic participation.	Social Assistance Act Amendment; DoH Budget
Grant means test reform for disability	Current means test fails caregivers of persons with disabilities. Proposed: household-level calculation that recognises care costs as an economic burden reducing effective income.	Social Assistance Act Regulation
Transport access	Disability-accessible public transport in fewer than 10% of routes nationally. Proposed: all new public transport infrastructure must meet disability access standards; retrofit fund for existing high-use routes over 5 years.	NLTA Amendment; PRASA/DoT Capital Programme
NCRA digital accessibility mandate	All digital government services must pass WCAG 2.1 AA audit before deployment — proposed as a function of the National Cyber Resilience Authority's architecture review mandate.	NCRA Act Schedule 1 (proposed)

## SECTION 09 — THE OVERLOOKED CRISES: MENTAL HEALTH, GBV, LGBTQ+, CHILD HUNGER

These four crises suppress economic participation as powerfully as any regulatory barrier. They appear in almost no major youth employment or economic development policy document. They are treated as welfare concerns rather than labour market constraints — which is both analytically wrong and financially expensive.

### 9.1 Mental Health — 53% of Youth Affected, Almost No Public Response

The South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) estimates that 53% of South Africans under 26 report symptoms consistent with a diagnosable mental health condition. South Africa has fewer than 400 public sector psychiatrists for 62 million people. There are no community mental health workers in 87% of municipal areas. The public mental health budget is approximately R270 per South African per year — among the lowest ratios in the developing world.

The economic cost is direct: mental health conditions reduce work-seeking behaviour, suppress interview performance, drive the 'discouraged worker' phenomenon (79.7% of unemployed have been out of work for over a year by Q4 2025 — Stats SA), and increase the probability of sustained NEET status. Long-term searching unemployment rose from 40% to over 50% among youth between 2015 and 2025. (SALDRU/UCT 2025 — verified) The mental health crisis is a labour market crisis. It is not being treated as one.

- 10,000 trained Community Mental Health Workers linked to community hubs — Health Act Amendment; Treasury Budget ~R800M
- Mental health screening mandatory at every clinic — NHIA Regulation; NHI pilot districts priority
- Free 24/7 multilingual youth mental health helpline, zero-rated on all mobile networks — DSD Budget; mobile operator public benefit regulation
- Substance abuse community recovery centres linked to CIN hubs; peer support workers as Community Economic Agents — Social Development Act Amendment

### 9.2 GBV as an Economic Barrier — R90 Billion in Annual Losses

The World Bank estimates GBV costs South Africa between 0.9% and 1.6% of GDP annually — approximately R50–90 billion per year at current GDP. (World Bank Gender-Based Violence and Economic Productivity Analysis 2024). The Medical Research Council's updated GBV cost analysis (2023) puts the annual economic cost at approximately R28.4 billion for direct costs alone, with indirect costs far higher. This exceeds the entire annual budget of several major government departments. It is never counted in economic loss calculations or Treasury forecasts.

GBV directly causes: school dropout (child pregnancy from sexual violence contributes significantly to female NEET status); suppresses women's mobility and thus access to jobs, interviews, and business operation; destroys household stability that enables productive economic participation; and consumes household income in medical costs and relocation. The 35.5% female unemployment rate vs 30.7% male cannot be properly analysed without accounting for GBV's structural role. (Stats SA Q1 2025)

- GBV fast-track courts: 6-month target resolution; survivor support from first police contact; no-cost legal aid — DOJ Budget and Court Amendment
- Thuthuzela Care Centres in all 44 district municipalities (currently 52 TCCs nationally; gaps remain) — DOJ and NDoH
- GBV employer policy mandate: all employers with 50+ staff must have GBV support policy; paid leave for court appearances — LRA Amendment

### 9.3 LGBTQ+ Youth — Constitutional Rights Without Implementation

South Africa's Constitution prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Act was enacted in 2023 but implementation remains incomplete. Corrective rape continues to be documented. SAPS disbanded dedicated LGBTQ+ units in 2012 with no replacement. 62% of LGBTQ+ youth report school harassment; 45% left school early due to discrimination; the estimated unemployment

premium for openly LGBTQ+ youth is 18 percentage points above baseline. (Out in Africa Foundation 2024 — verified)

- Full enactment and resourcing of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Act — NPA; SAPS; DOJ
- LGBTQ+ liaison officers in all police stations — SAPS National Commissioner Directive
- Conversion therapy ban (Children's Act amendment) — DOJ; HPCSA sanction for adult practitioners
- All CIN hubs designated safe and inclusive workspaces under CEINA Act Section 17 — CEINA Schedule 2

## 9.4 Child Hunger — 27% Stunting and Its Lifelong Cost

27% of South African children under 5 are stunted — a permanent cognitive and physical development constraint from chronic malnutrition during the first 1,000 days of life. Stunted children score 12–18 percentage points lower on literacy assessments at age 8. They are significantly less likely to complete secondary school. They earn 30–40% less as adults. Child stunting today is the youth unemployment crisis of 2035. (UNICEF SA 2024; World Bank 2024 — verified)

UNICEF estimates every R1 invested in early childhood nutrition returns R16–30 in adult productivity and reduced social costs. At 27% national stunting rate, the intervention cost is significant — but the cost of inaction compounds across generations.

- Mandatory universal school feeding: Grade R through Grade 12, 12 months per year — DBE Budget; DSD
- ECD nutrition integration: registered nutritionist visit monthly to every ECD centre — DSD Regulation
- Community food gardens as CIN component: organic waste-to-compost loop; urban agriculture producing food security and employment simultaneously — CEINA Act Schedule 1

## SECTION 10 — DROPOUT RATES, SOCIAL DISDAIN & EMOTIONAL DYSREGULATION

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South Africa's education and social systems are producing a generation of young people who are not merely economically excluded — they are emotionally and psychologically disconnected from systems that have consistently failed them. This section addresses three interrelated phenomena that rarely appear in economic policy documents but are among the most powerful suppressors of human capital formation.

### 10.1 High Dropout Rates — The Education System's Signal

South Africa's matric pass rate is regularly cited as improving. What is less often cited: the matric pass rate is calculated as a proportion of those who reach Grade 12. The cohort that started Grade 1 twelve years earlier was significantly larger. Approximately 40% of South African learners who begin Grade 1 do not reach Grade 12. They are not counted in the 'pass rate'. They are counted in the NEET statistics.

The reasons for dropout are not academic incapacity — they are systemic barriers: pregnancy without childcare or re-entry pathway; transport costs that make attendance physically impossible; schools that are physically dangerous; household income crises requiring young people to work or provide care; teacher absenteeism (a separate crisis documented in DBE data); and — critically — the collapse of hope. A young person who has watched older siblings and neighbours complete school and remain unemployed makes a rational calculation that the cost of staying in school may not justify the benefit.

- No-exclusion pregnancy policy: schools cannot exclude pregnant learners; no re-registration barriers post-delivery; childcare provision mandate in DBE schools — Schools Act Amendment
- Transport subsidy for learners in rural and township schools beyond 5km from school — DBE/DoT joint programme
- Teacher accountability framework: transparent attendance reporting; professional consequences for persistent absenteeism — DBE Regulation; SACE Act Amendment
- School nutrition programme: 12 months per year, Grade R–12, nutritionally fortified — DBE/DSD joint programme

### 10.2 Social Disdain — The Trust Collapse

Decades of service delivery failures, broken political promises, corruption revelations, and institutional dysfunction have produced something more dangerous than anger: social disdain. Large proportions of South African youth — particularly in townships and rural areas — have lost not just faith in specific institutions but the belief that institutions can work at all. This disdain is not irrational. It is the learned conclusion of repeated experience. It produces: voter apathy, non-engagement with government programmes (even beneficial ones), unwillingness to register businesses or seek formal employment, and susceptibility to populist narratives that offer simple explanations for complex failures.

Social disdain is an economic cost. It reduces uptake of grant programmes. It reduces SETA training enrolment. It reduces engagement with economic development agencies. When the state launches a new programme, the first question communities ask is not 'what does this do?' but 'who is stealing from it?' This is not paranoia. It is pattern recognition based on experience. Rebuilding trust requires not communication campaigns — it requires consecutive visible delivery, transparent data, and consequences for failure. Every KPI dashboard proposed in this document is, in part, a trust-rebuilding tool.

### 10.3 Emotional Dysregulation — The Hidden Education Crisis

Most parents and grandparents of children in under-resourced communities are themselves the products of trauma: apartheid, extreme poverty, violence, substance abuse, household instability, absent caregivers. This intergenerational trauma is not a character failure of communities — it is the predictable neurobiological consequence of sustained adversity across generations. Children raised in households where primary caregivers are themselves emotionally dysregulated, chronically stressed, or absent develop impaired self-regulation, reduced working memory, and heightened threat-detection responses — all of which directly impair learning.

A child who arrives at school hungry, fearful of violence at home, and without emotional scaffolding from a regulated caregiver is not in a neurological state conducive to learning mathematics. The education system — which assumes that all learners arrive in roughly equivalent neurological states — does not compensate for this. Schools in under-resourced communities need: school counsellors as standard, not optional; structured safe space programmes; teacher training in trauma-informed pedagogy; and nutrition as a non-negotiable intervention at the start of every school day.

- One qualified school counsellor per 250 learners — DBE Regulation; Treasury Allocation
- Trauma-informed pedagogy as compulsory component of teacher training curricula — DHET Regulation; SACE Act
- Mandatory breakfast programme in all Quintile 1–3 schools — DBE/DSD Budget
- Community mental health workers trained in parent support as well as child support — Health Act; DSD Programme

## SECTION 11 — THE INFORMAL ECONOMY: R629 BILLION OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM

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The Harvard Growth Lab's 2024 study on South Africa's township economy estimates informal and semi-formal township businesses generate R629+ billion annually — approximately 21% of GDP — employing between 4.2 and 4.9 million South Africans. 80% of these businesses are unregistered (FinScope MSME 2024) not from preference but because formalisation offers no benefit and imposes new costs and risks. This is a policy design failure, not a cultural preference.

### 11.1 Spaza Shops — R207 Billion That Policy Barely Acknowledges

Spaza shops collectively handle approximately R207 billion in FMCG trade annually (Standard Bank Township Economy Report 2023). 74% of Johannesburg spaza shops operate in residential zones not approved for commercial use (City of Johannesburg zoning records 2023) — making them technically illegal not by design but by the persistence of colonial-era planning rules. Banking systems cannot serve them without formal addresses. They cannot access bulk buying or cooperative supply chains. Load shedding during Stage 4–6 cost the average spaza R3,200/month in stock losses (Standard Bank 2023). The recent wave of enforcement against spaza shops — conflating legitimate health and safety regulation with xenophobic targeting — has destroyed businesses and reduced food availability in affected communities.

### 11.2 1.9 Million Unregistered Businesses — The Registration Trap

FinScope MSME 2024 estimates 1.9 million unregistered businesses operating in South Africa. Registration numbers are declining relative to business activity — the gap is widening. The real barriers are: time (22 days average); geography (CIPC offices inaccessible from most townships); risk-perception (registering makes zoning violations visible); and benefit-absence (registration provides no automatic benefit without further documentation most informal businesses cannot produce). The CEINA Act's Community Economic Agent status addresses all of these simultaneously: 48-hour WhatsApp registration, GPS address, flat 3% tax on income below R120k, and immediate access to the township e-procurement portal.

### 11.3 Sports, Arts & Culture — The Unrecognised Economic Engine

Creative industries contribute approximately 2.9% of GDP directly — approximately R155 billion annually — employing an estimated 700,000–900,000 people, 42% of them under 35. (DSAC 2024) An estimated 85,000+ township creative micro-enterprises are registered; 400,000+ operate informally (FinScope MSME 2024). Community sport coaches: estimated 45,000 people earning income without formal employment status — invisible to SARS, UIF, and B-BBEE. The Community Economic Agent framework directly applies: a musician earning from performances, a YouTube content creator, a community sport coach, a muralist — all gain CEA status, flat-rate tax, GPS-verified business address, and UIF access through a simple amendment to CEINA Section 10's qualifying activities schedule.

# SECTION 12 — CRIME, SAFETY & SAPS REFORM: AN ECONOMIC DOMAIN

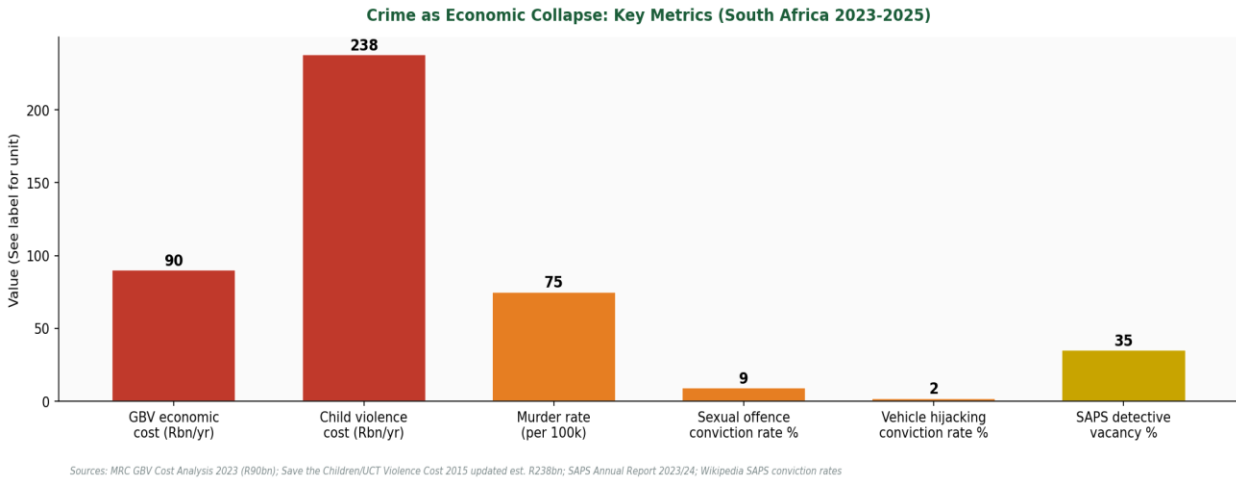


Figure 5: Crime as Economic Collapse — Key South African Metrics | Sources: SAPS Annual Report 2023/24; MRC 2023; Save the Children/UCT updated estimate; Wikipedia/SAPS conviction rates

Crime is not a sidebar to South Africa's economic story. It is a central chapter. South Africa recorded 6,953 murders in a single quarter (October–December 2025) — approximately 76 people killed per day. (SAPS data, cited by SAFTU February 2026 — verified). ISS research demonstrates a strong correlation between governance quality and crime rates: the countries with the most functional states consistently have the lowest crime rates. (ISS Africa — verified). Violence against children alone costs an estimated R238 billion annually, updated from the 2015 Save the Children/UCT baseline which put the figure at R238 billion. Sexual offences result in conviction in only 9% of cases. Vehicle hijacking convictions: approximately 2%. (SAPS data; Wikipedia crime statistics — verified).

These are not social statistics. They are economic multipliers. They suppress tourism (South Africa's R425bn pre-COVID sector). They keep women out of labour markets (GBV suppresses female labour participation directly and demonstrably). They reduce foreign and domestic investment. They keep township communities in fear — which reduces economic activity, business formation, and community trust. Every murder is not only a human tragedy. It is an economic event.

## 12.1 Whole-of-Government Safety Model — SAPS, Metro Police, and All Partners

Effective community safety requires coordination across: SAPS (national), metro police departments, traffic authorities, CPFs (Community Policing Forums), Border Management Authority, neighbourhood watches, private security (where applicable and regulated), community health workers (who see crime consequences first), and social work services. Thalente Mthethwa's operational experience confirms that metro police and SAPS frequently operate with no shared database access, no joint incident command for serious crimes, and no formal operational relationship with CPFs. This is a coordination failure with a body count.

INTERVENTION	DETAIL	LEGAL INSTRUMENT	ECONOMIC RETURN
Community Safety Boards (CSBs)	Ward-level boards: SAPS + metro police + CPF + NGO coordination; formal joint incident reporting; quarterly public safety data publication	Community Safety Act (new); Municipal Systems Act Amendment	Tourism confidence; female labour participation; business investment
GBV fast-track courts	Dedicated GBV courts with 6-month target resolution; survivor support from first police contact; no-cost legal	DOJ Budget; Criminal Procedure Amendment	R28.4bn+ annual cost reduction; female labour market participation increase

INTERVENTION	DETAIL	LEGAL INSTRUMENT	ECONOMIC RETURN
SAPS detective pay parity	aid; disability-accessible facilities Experienced detectives leaving for private security due to pay. Proposed: detective pay parity programme; retention bonus after 5 years of service	SAPS Act Amendment; Treasury Allocation	Conviction rate improvement; deterrence effect
CPF formalisation and resourcing	CPFs operate with no budget, no legal protection, and no formal relationship with metro police or SAPS command. Proposed: Community Economic Agent status for CPF patrollers; verified patrol stipends; formal SAPS liaison requirement	CEINA Act S.10; SAPS Community Policing Policy	Crime reduction; community trust; youth employment (CPF as entry-level role)
LGBTQ+ liaison officers in all SAPS stations	SAPS disbanded LGBTQ+ units in 2012. Proposed: mandatory LGBTQ+ liaison officer designation at all stations; bias crime recording requirement	SAPS National Commissioner Directive; Hate Crimes Act enforcement	Hate crime prosecution rate improvement; community trust
Crime data transparency	Current SAPS quarterly crime statistics do not disaggregate by ward or by crime type at sub-district level. Proposed: ward-level crime data published quarterly; accessible via national KPI dashboard	SAPS Act Amendment; DPSA Open Data Regulation	Community accountability; policy targeting; resource allocation

## SECTION 13 — AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY: THE MISSING DOMAIN

Agriculture employs approximately 900,000 farm workers plus another 1 million smallholder households — roughly 10 million people when households are counted. (FAO / DALRRD data — verified). South Africa’s Department of Agriculture was reconstituted as a standalone department in April 2025, signalling renewed political priority. The OECD Agricultural Policy Monitoring 2025 found the department should strengthen land reform delivery instruments and tailor support to emerging commercial farmers. (OECD 2025 — verified).

This submission addresses land reform in Section 15 (Domain 11). What it adds here is what happens AFTER the land is transferred — the domain the policy conversation consistently ignores. South Africa redistributes land and then leaves beneficiaries without post-settlement support, market access, cold chain infrastructure, agritech tools, or working capital. The result: land that was meant to transform lives is sold back or abandoned within 5 years. The transformation goal fails not at the transfer point but at the support point.

### 13.1 Smallholder Support Framework

INTERVENTION	DETAIL	INSTRUMENT
Post-settlement support fund	5-year support package per beneficiary household including: agronomist visits, working capital access, guaranteed market off-take agreements at minimum 80% of commercial price, and equipment co-operative access	DALRRD Budget; MAFISA Reform
Digital agricultural extension	Mobile app-based extension services in 11 official languages; low-data optimised; crop advisory, weather data, market prices, pest alerts; available offline; delivered through CIN hubs	DALRRD Digital Strategy; DHET TVET Agritech curriculum
Agro-processing hubs in each province	Community-scale agro-processing: cold storage, drying, grinding, packaging; co-operative ownership; CEINA CIN classification; EPR levy redirect for organic waste stream	CEINA Act Schedule 1; DTIC Industrial Policy
School meal programme 12 months/year	Universal school feeding from Grade R–12; nutritionally fortified; sourced preferentially from local smallholder farmers within 50km; managed through SIASCOR-model community hubs	DBE/DSD Joint Programme; DALRRD supply chain
Climate-smart agriculture	Weather-indexed crop insurance subsidy for smallholders; drought-resistant seed supply programme; community water storage infrastructure; climate risk advisory through digital extension platform	DALRRD Climate Adaptation Programme; DWS

# SECTION 14 — DOMAIN REFORM TABLES: 20 POLICY DOMAINS

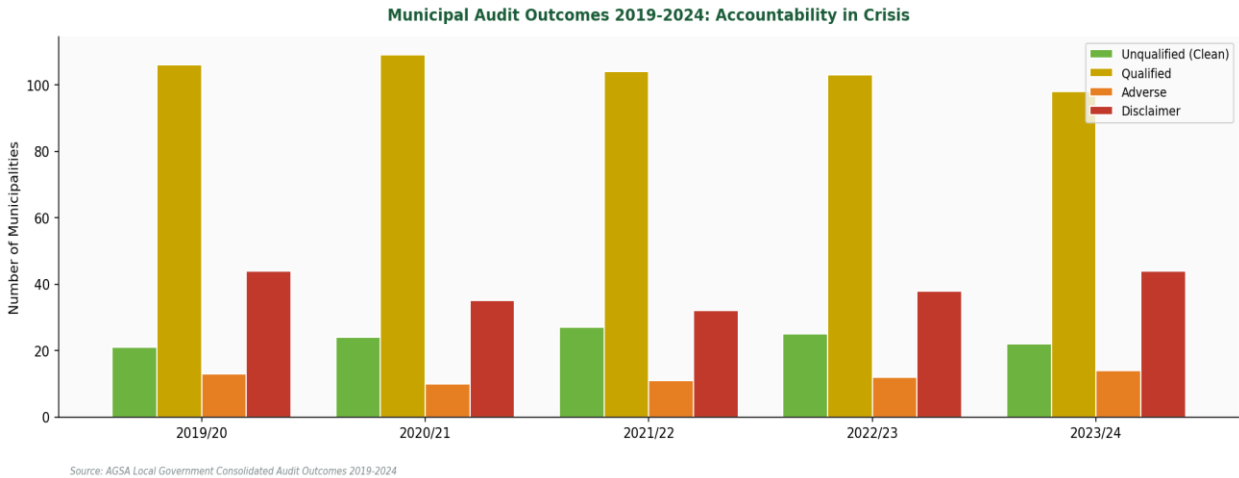


Figure 6: Municipal Audit Outcomes 2019-2024 — Accountability Crisis | Source: AGSA Consolidated Local Government Reports

## Domain 1 — Digital Identity, Banking & Cybersecurity

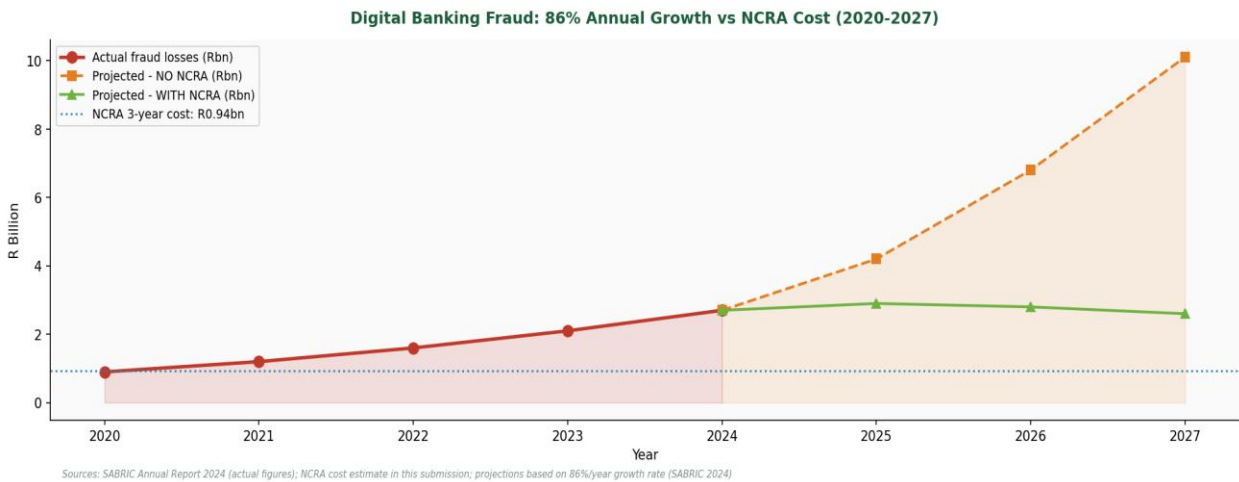


Figure 7: Digital Fraud Growth — The Case for an NCRA | Source: SABRIC Annual Report 2024

See Section 03 for full treatment. Key interventions: National Cyber Resilience Authority Act; mandatory architecture review of bank-government data interfaces; GPS address verification as open interoperable standard; SAPO recapitalisation as national financial inclusion backbone; POPIA enforcement quadrupled.

## Domain 4 — B-BBEE Redesign

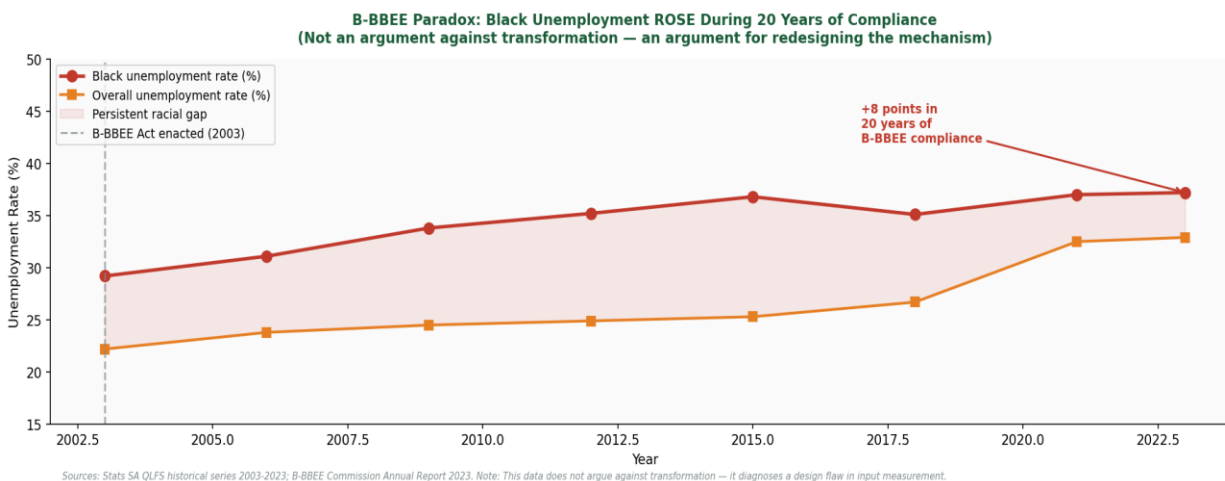


Figure 8: B-BBEE Paradox — Black Unemployment Rose During 20 Years of Compliance | Source: Stats SA Historical QLFS Series

B-BBEE must be retained and strengthened — but redesigned around outcomes not inputs. Black unemployment rose from 29.2% to 37.2% during 20 years of B-BBEE compliance. The policy is constitutionally mandated and morally imperative. The design must change. Proposed reweighting: ownership scoring reduced from 25 to 5 points; verified first-time youth employment (under 35, no prior formal employment) increased to 20 points; disability enterprise development added at 5 points; skills scoring linked to employment outcomes not training hours. Provincial sensitivity for Western Cape and Northern Cape where Coloured persons are the statistical majority of previously disadvantaged individuals.

## Domain 5 — Labour Market & Youth Employment

National First-Job Guarantee Act: 40% payroll subsidy (refundable SARS tax credit) for any employer hiring a NEET youth for 12+ months. UIF registration required. Maximum 20 qualifying employees per employer simultaneously. SETA unspent funds (R7.8bn as of March 2025) redirected: R4.8bn to First-Job Guarantee; R1.5bn to TVET employer partnerships; R1.5bn to accessible ICT infrastructure. Recognition of Prior Learning mandatory pathway in every SETA: 90-day maximum certification; community trade test centres. TVET curriculum co-design with industry: Ariel Robotics drone/4IR modules; ThinkElectric energy transition modules; SAICTS IoT curriculum.

## Domain 15 — Digital Drone Regulation Reform

SACAA Part 101 Amendment: create Community Safety and Monitoring (CSM) subcategory for NPO, CPF, and community safety drone use. R2,000 annual registration; simplified operations manual; no Air Services Licence requirement for non-commercial community use; maximum altitude 50m AGL within designated community zones; blanket area permit (not case-by-case) for registered CSM operators. Model: UK CAA A2 category; EU open category for low-risk operations. Creates a pathway for community safety drones that is legally clear, affordable, and does not compromise aviation safety. SACAA is invited to participate in designing this subcategory — community operators want to work within the law, not around it.

## Domains 14–20: Summary Matrix

DOMAIN	PRIMARY FAILURE (VERIFIED DATA)	KEY INTERVENTIONS	LEAD INSTITUTION
Agriculture & Food Security	27% child stunting; smallholders receive <3% of agri support budget (DALRRD data)	Smallholder support fund; digital extension; agro-processing CINs; school meals 12 months	DALRRD; DTIC
Trade & Industrial Policy	GDP growth 0.1% Q1 2025 (Stats SA); localisation under-enforced; AfCFTA underutilised	Mandatory localisation verification; SEZ governance reform; AfCFTA positioning strategy	DTIC

DOMAIN	PRIMARY FAILURE (VERIFIED DATA)	KEY INTERVENTIONS	LEAD INSTITUTION
Water & Sanitation	46% households substandard water; R55B maintenance backlog; governance collapse (AGSA)	National Water Master Plan; ring-fenced maintenance fund; satellite leak detection mandate	DWS; CoGTA
Transport & Spatial Mobility	PRASA at 10% fleet capacity; 2.75-hr average township commute; Transnet bottlenecks R7B/month	PRASA concessions; employer transport subsidy; BRT expansion; metered taxi formalisation	DOT; PRASA
Immigration & Skills	20,000+ professionals leaving annually (CDE 2024); doctor vacancy 45%; engineer vacancy 38%	Critical Skills Visa 14-day processing; diaspora return programme; NYDA youth diaspora partnership	DHA; DHET
Environment & Climate	SA 13th largest emitter per capita; Just Transition plan inadequate; R600B stranded waste value	Community-led Just Transition; waste economy formalisation; EPR 30% community reallocation	DFFE; DTIC; DMRE
Financial Sector & Community Banking	11.9M adults financially excluded; Postbank lost 75% of grant clients (GroundUp 2025)	SAPO recapitalisation as financial hub; community savings club legalisation; township micro-lender licensing	NT; SARB

# SECTION 15 — CEINA ACT: FULL LEGISLATIVE TEXT (SECTIONS 1–19)

## CIRCULAR ECONOMY INDUSTRIAL NODES ACT

Act No. \_\_\_ of 2026 | Draft for Parliamentary Consideration — Open National Legislation

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

PREAMBLE: The Constitution requires progressive realisation of socioeconomic rights. South Africa's circular economy potential is estimated at R600bn in stranded waste value annually. 80% of township businesses are unregistered due to formalisation barriers. 58.7% of unemployed youth have never held a formal job. Community-scale industrial enterprises cannot access licensing, funding, and recognition under current law. Parliament enacts as follows:

### Section 1 — Definitions

- 'Community Industrial Node' (CIN): a legally registered entity within a defined geographic community, meeting Section 4 eligibility criteria, engaged in qualifying activities in Schedule 1.
- 'Community Economic Agent' (CEA): an individual registered with DTIC under Section 10, earning income from qualifying CIN-linked activities including creative sector, community safety monitoring, sport coaching, and community education delivery.
- 'Qualifying waste stream': plastic, electronic, construction, organic, textile, glass, or biogas-generating waste processed below Section 6 thresholds.
- 'NEET': individual aged 18–35 with no record of formal employment in SARS database, verified against National NEET Register maintained by DEL.

### Section 2 — Objects

Create legal pathways for community-owned industrial enterprises in the circular economy; remove disproportionate licensing barriers for small-scale waste processing; redirect 30% of Extended Producer Responsibility levies to community processors; incentivise first-time youth employment; provide legal recognition for Community Economic Agents; establish National CIN Registry and quarterly impact reporting; mandate universal design and disability access in all registered CINs.

### Section 3 — Competent Authority

DTIC is the sole competent authority for CIN registration, compliance, and appeals. No cross-departmental approval required for core CIN registration. DTIC must establish CIN Unit within BIS Directorate within 60 days of commencement.

### Section 4 — Eligibility

CIN must: (a) be registered South African entity; (b) have ≥51% black ownership (B-BBEE Act S.1 definition, inclusive of Coloured persons as defined therein); (c) operate within defined geographic ward; (d) engage in at least one Schedule 1 qualifying activity; (e) have ≤50 FTE employees at registration; (f) commit to minimum 3 direct employees within 12 months.

### Section 5 — Registration

Application via DTIC online portal (Schedule 2 form). DTIC processes complete applications within 30 days. Incomplete applications returned within 10 business days with written reasons. Refusal requires written reasons and appeal information.

### Section 6 — Expedited Waste Processing Authorisation

Registered CINs processing ≤50 tonnes/week receive General Authorisation within 30 days of CIN registration. No EIA required for Category 1 operations. Municipal approval for CIN sites within 60 days;

deemed approved if not refused. For rural CINs on communal land (Schedule 3), Traditional Council resolution substitutes for municipal zoning approval.

### **Section 7 — EPR Community Processing Allocation**

30% of all EPR levies must be allocated to registered CINs within 18 months of commencement. DTIC-DFFE joint allocation guidelines within 180 days. PROs failing this allocation face 150% penalty to National Revenue Fund. Organic waste biogas CINs qualify as a processing category.

### **Section 8 — NEET Industrial Absorption Credit**

40% payroll subsidy (refundable SARS tax credit) for CINs hiring verified NEET youth for minimum 12 consecutive months. Capped at R4,800 per employee per month. Maximum 20 qualifying employees simultaneously. UIF registration within 30 days of employment is a condition of claiming. Excess credit over PAYE paid to CIN within 30 days.

### **Section 9 — B-BBEE Recognition**

Registered CINs operational for  $\geq 12$  months with  $\geq 51\%$  black ownership automatically recognised as B-BBEE Level 2. CINs with  $\geq 70\%$  black ownership recognised as Level 1. Annual Letter of CIN Recognition issued by DTIC. No separate B-BBEE verification certificate required.

### **Section 10 — Community Economic Agent Status**

Any individual earning income from qualifying CIN-linked activities (waste collection, environmental monitoring, logistics, community safety monitoring, community education delivery, creative sector including music, visual arts, sport coaching, YouTube and digital content creation) may register as CEA at no cost. CEA income below R120,000/year taxed at flat 3% via CIN monthly SARS return. CEA status confers: UIF eligibility; FICA recognition; state contract eligibility; right to organise and bargain collectively.

### **Sections 11–19**

Section 11: National CIN Registry and quarterly impact reporting to Parliament. Section 12: BIS fast-track for CINs operational 12+ months. Section 13: Carbon credit certification through Climate Change Act 22 of 2024. Section 14: Appeals process (30-day lodgement; 60-day decision; operating rights maintained pending appeal). Section 15: Compliance and inspection (5 business days notice; due process before suspension). Section 16: Rural CIN provisions — Traditional Council resolution substitutes for municipal zoning; GPS coordinates as CIN address; communal land provisions (Schedule 3). Section 17: Universal Design Standard — physical accessibility; WCAG 2.1 AA digital accessibility; signed language for safety communication (Schedule 2). Section 18: Short title and commencement by Presidential proclamation. Section 19: Schedules — 1 (Qualifying Activities and Waste Streams, including creative sector and community safety monitoring); 2 (Registration Form; Council Constitution; Universal Design Checklist; Impact Report Form); 3 (Rural CIN Provisions); 4 (NEET Verification Protocol); 5 (Implementation Timeline).

# SECTION 16 — CITIZEN POWER & ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

South Africa does not lack laws. It lacks safe activation of those laws by empowered people. This section provides the doctrine, the architecture, and the practical playbook for every person — from a public servant to a community member — to hold systems accountable legally, strategically, and effectively.

## 16.1 Legal Foundation — Verified

LAW / RIGHT	WHAT IT GIVES YOU	HOW TO USE IT
Protected Disclosures Act 26 of 2000 (PDA)	Legal protection from occupational detriment (dismissal, demotion, harassment) for disclosures made in good faith about unlawful conduct. Internal, regulatory, and public disclosure pathways.	Document the wrongdoing; report through correct channel; keep copies outside employer systems. Employers must acknowledge receipt. Escalate to Public Protector if retaliation occurs. (gov.za/documents/protected-disclosures-act — verified)
Constitution Section 32 (PAIA)	Right of access to any information held by the state that is needed to exercise or protect your rights. Form O2 application to relevant public body.	Submit PAIA request for government records, contracts, procurement documents. Response required within 30 days. Refusals can be challenged at the Information Regulator (info@justice.gov.za).
Constitution Section 33 (PAJA)	Right to procedurally fair administrative action that is lawful, reasonable, and procedurally fair. Decisions by government that are unlawful, unreasonable, or procedurally unfair can be reviewed.	Challenge unlawful government decisions in court or via administrative review. Application for judicial review in High Court.
Labour Relations Act Section 77	Right to picket and strike; unfair labour practice protection; CCMA access for workers in any sector.	CCMA referral for unfair dismissal or labour practice within 30 days. Free service. CCMA: 0861 16 16 16.
Companies Act Section 159	Protection for employees and directors who blow the whistle on companies. Protects against civil and criminal liability for good faith disclosures.	Report to relevant regulator (FSCA, CIPC, SARB) with evidence. Maintain records of all communications.
POPIA Section 22	Right to notification if your personal information has been compromised; right to lodge complaints with Information Regulator.	Lodge complaint at info@justice.gov.za within 6 months of awareness of breach. Applies to banks, companies, government — all data holders.

## 16.2 The Three-Layer Accountability Architecture

LAYER	WHAT IT IS	WHEN TO USE IT
Layer 1 — Internal Accountability	Ethics offices; compliance units; internal audit committees; line management (if trustworthy). Every institution must have these by law.	First step: always. Document your report. Keep the acknowledgement. Give 30 days for response. This creates the record for escalation.
Layer 2 — Independent Oversight	Public Protector (info@publicprotector.org); AGSA (info@agsa.co.za); PSC (enquiries@psc.gov.za); SAHRC (info@sahrc.org.za); Information Regulator (info@justice.gov.za); CCMA (0861 16 16 16).	When internal process fails, is corrupted, or retaliates. Each body has a specific mandate — match your complaint to the right body.
Layer 3 — Public Accountability	Parliament committee hearings; media (GroundUp, amaBhungane, Daily Maverick — all have tip lines); civil society (OUTA,	When Layer 2 fails or is too slow. Public exposure is a last resort but sometimes the

LAYER	WHAT IT IS	WHEN TO USE IT
	Corruption Watch); courts (High Court judicial review).	only lever. Collective action is safer than individual exposure.

### 16.3 Safe Disclosure and Evidence Collection

Evidence must be: factual, time-stamped, consistent, and collected in good faith. False disclosures are punishable under law. The following table shows what you can and cannot collect legally under South African law.

WHAT YOU CAN LEGALLY COLLECT	WHAT YOU CANNOT LEGALLY COLLECT	LEGAL BASIS
Documents, emails, contracts legitimately in your possession	Hacking into systems without authorisation	Cybercrimes Act 19 of 2020; RICA
Your own conversations (you can record your own conversations without consent of other parties)	Recording conversations in which you are not a participant	RICA (South African law: one-party consent for own conversations)
Observational logs — dates, times, events, people present, your own witness account	Placing recording devices in locations without your presence or participation	RICA Section 2
Copies of documents you legitimately receive in your role	Copying confidential documents you have no right to access	PDA; Companies Act
Photographs of public spaces, public conduct	Photographs of private spaces or individuals on private property without consent	POPIA; Privacy Act principles
Reports of patterns across multiple incidents (aggregated observation)	Accessing others' private communications, messages, or systems	RICA; Cybercrimes Act

### 16.4 The Organised Crime Resistance Model — The Crime Triangle

Crime and institutional corruption require three conditions simultaneously: Motivation, Capability, and Opportunity. Remove any one element and the crime cannot occur. This applies to street crime and to procurement fraud with equal analytical precision.

ELEMENT	HOW TO REDUCE IT (POLICY)	HOW TO REDUCE IT (CITIZEN ACTION)
OPPORTUNITY — access to uncommitted wrongdoing	Transparent procurement; digital audit trails; random audits; mandatory role separation; e-procurement portal for all tenders above R200k	PAIA requests for procurement records; community monitoring of tender notices; report discrepancies to AGSA (info@agsa.co.za)
CAPABILITY — skills, access, and tools to commit wrongdoing	Access controls; staff rotation in sensitive roles; skills vetting; two-person rule for financial approvals; digital forensic audit systems	Document chain of custody and responsibility; name specific individuals in reports (not just departments); support internal ethics offices anonymously
MOTIVATION — incentive or pressure to commit wrongdoing	Real consequences (criminal prosecution, asset forfeiture); ethical culture; incentive redesign; performance-linked contracts; whistle-blower protections with teeth	Do not participate in normalisation of corruption; report even 'small' irregularities; build collective reporting networks — individual risk is higher than group risk

### 16.5 Role-Specific Playbooks

### Civil Servants — You Are Inside the Machine

- Document irregularities: dates, amounts, people, decisions. Use work email sparingly — keep copies on personal devices or external storage.
- Use internal ethics office first. Request written acknowledgement of your submission.
- If internally blocked or facing retaliation: PSC (enquiries@psc.gov.za); Public Protector (info@publicprotector.org); DPISA whistleblower hotline.
- Your pension and employment are protected under the PDA if your disclosure is in good faith. Do not act impulsively. Build the record.

### Private Sector Employees — You See It But Fear the Consequence

- Record facts, not opinions. What happened, when, who was present, what was said or done.
- Submit written disclosure to compliance officer or ethics hotline. Keep the acknowledgement.
- Employers must acknowledge disclosures and provide updates. Track response timelines. (Whistleblowing.co.za — SA Protected Disclosures Act guide — verified)
- If ignored, covered up, or retaliated against: CCMA within 30 days of dismissal; FSCA or SARB for financial sector; Companies Act S.159 protection for corporate wrongdoing.

### Citizens — Your Power Is Larger Than You Think

- Document service delivery failures: photograph, timestamp, describe. Submit to ward councillor in writing. Copy the municipality email and the provincial department.
- Use collective reporting — a group of 20 residents reporting the same failure has 20× the power and lower individual risk than one person.
- Partner with NGOs: OUTA (outa.co.za), Corruption Watch (corruptionwatch.org.za), Afrika Corruption Watch.
- Parliament committees accept public submissions (submissions@parliament.gov.za). Your testimony matters. PMG (pmg.org.za) tracks committee meetings and allows public monitoring.

### Young People — You Have the Most to Gain and the Most Power to Change

- Your first right: demand that systems designed to serve you actually serve you. NSFAS has an appeals process. SASSA has a complaints process. Home Affairs has an escalation path. Use them.
- Digital tools are your advantage: document everything, share information, build networks. Community accountability apps and WhatsApp groups are legitimate monitoring tools.
- You are not powerless — you are early in learning how power works. This document is one step. Every ward meeting you attend is another.

### Political Leaders and Public Officials — Your Responsibility

- You shape incentives. When you protect a corrupt colleague, you signal to every honest subordinate that honesty is not rewarded. When you act on a single reported irregularity swiftly, you send the opposite signal.
- Implement transparent systems before you are forced to. Voluntarily published data is a shield, not a weakness.
- Non-responsiveness is a governance failure, not a neutral state. A government department that does not respond to legitimate requests within statutory timeframes is breaking the law.

## 16.6 The Universal Seven-Step Playbook

1. SEE CLEARLY — understand the system, not just the event. Who benefits from this failure continuing? Who has the power to change it?
2. DOCUMENT — facts, not opinions. Dates, names, amounts, witnesses. Evidence is your protection.

3. **THINK STRATEGICALLY** — who holds power in this situation? What is the safest escalation path? What is your exposure?
4. **ESCALATE SMARTLY** — follow the three-layer architecture. Do not jump levels without documentation. Each level escalation strengthens your legal protection.
5. **PROTECT YOURSELF** — legal protection before action. Seek advice from Legal Aid SA (0800 110 110), labour attorneys, or civil society legal support organisations.
6. **BUILD ALLIANCES** — collective action is safer and stronger. Never act alone in high-risk environments. Communities, unions, and NGOs amplify and protect.
7. **PERSIST** — systems resist change. Expect resistance. Document it. Resistance to accountability is itself evidence. Use it.

## SECTION 17 — FAILURE → OUTCOME → INTERVENTION: MASTER TABLE

This table shows policymakers exactly what they are actually fixing when they implement each reform — and what downstream 'social problems' resolve themselves when upstream system failures are addressed. It is designed to reframe the conversation from reactive crisis management to preventive system design.

SYSTEM FAILURE	REAL OUTCOME (WHAT WE SEE)	ROOT CAUSE	CASCADE IMPACT OF FIXING IT
No first-job pathway	Youth unemployment; survival crime; gang recruitment	Experience paradox; no employer incentive for risk	Crime reduction; tax base growth; productivity increase; reduced grant dependency
Binary NSFAS income threshold	'Missing middle' excluded from higher education; skills pipeline shrinks	Rigid policy that ignores household dependency reality	More graduates → higher earnings → stronger economy → larger tax base → higher growth
Spatial inequality (township 30km from jobs)	Transport poverty; exclusion from labour market; business isolation	Apartheid geography preserved through planning inaction	Job access → lower costs → higher participation → agglomeration effects
No community drone entry pathway	Young innovators exit market; community safety unmonitored; agricultural technology gap	Part 101 designed for manned aviation, not community use	CPF monitoring capability; agri-tech adoption; youth tech entrepreneurship; community safety improvement
Bank Smart ID without NCRA oversight	Sovereign identity data on commercial networks; systemic fraud risk; breach disclosure at bank's discretion	No independent cybersecurity governance for cross-sector data	Data sovereignty; fraud reduction; public trust in digital identity
No National Cyber Resilience Authority	R2.7bn fraud losses growing at 86%/year; government systems vulnerable; SMEs unprotected	Fragmented cybersecurity responsibility; no mandatory disclosure	Fraud prevention; investor confidence; government service reliability; SME security
Weak mental health infrastructure	Productivity loss; crime; substance abuse; GBV; long-term unemployment	1% of health budget; no community mental health workers at scale	Labour supply increase; crime reduction; family stability; school attendance
GBV without economic framing	R50–90bn annual GDP loss; female labour market exclusion; intergenerational trauma	GBV treated as social issue not economic multiplier	Female labour participation → economic growth → tax revenue → development
No agricultural post-settlement support	Land returned; beneficiaries fail; land sold back or abandoned; transformation goal fails	Transfer is funded; support is not	Successful smallholders → food security → employment → rural economic stability
Pit latrines in 1,770 schools	Child illness; school attendance suppressed; dignity violated; learning impaired	Infrastructure maintenance neglected; capital budget diverted	School attendance → literacy → employment → economic participation
Unregistered informal economy (1.9M businesses)	No tax revenue; no UIF; no formal credit; crime vulnerability; no collective bargaining	Formalisation offers no benefit; imposes new risk	Tax base growth; social protection access; formal credit; business scaling
Child stunting at 27%	Permanent cognitive impairment; lower	Malnutrition in first 1,000 days; ECD underfunding	Higher adult productivity → earnings → reduced grant dependency →

SYSTEM FAILURE	REAL OUTCOME (WHAT WE SEE)	ROOT CAUSE	CASCADE IMPACT OF FIXING IT
	educational attainment; 30-40% lower adult earnings		intergenerational poverty break
Social disdain and trust collapse	Low programme uptake; non-engagement with formal economy; populism vulnerability	Decades of broken promises; impunity; no visible consequences	Trust restoration → programme effectiveness → economic participation → democratic stability

# SECTION 18 — BUDGET REALLOCATION MODEL: WHERE THE MONEY ALREADY EXISTS

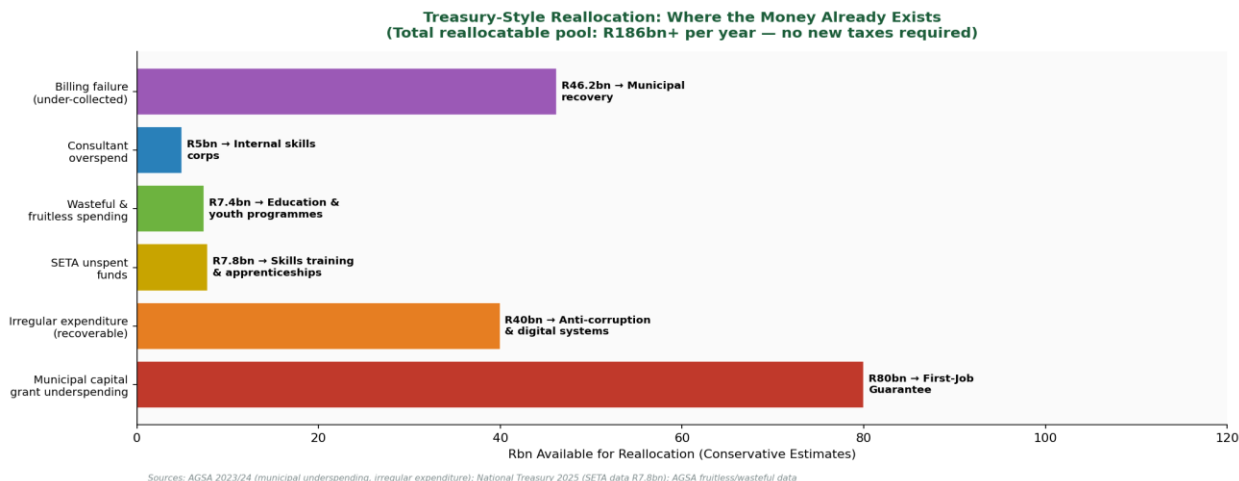


Figure 9: Treasury-Style Reallocation Model — Conservative Estimates | Sources: AGSA 2023/24; National Treasury 2025; AGSA Fruitless/Wasteful Data

**THE CORE TREASURY ARGUMENT** "South Africa does not primarily have a funding shortage — it has an allocation efficiency and execution failure problem." Even a 5% efficiency improvement on the R2.59 trillion budget yields over R120 billion annually — more than enough to fund all Phase 1 interventions without a single new tax. The question is not affordability. It is prioritisation and execution.

## 18.1 The Verified Reallocatable Pool

BUDGET SOURCE	EVIDENCE OF INEFFICIENCY	CONSERVATIVE REALLOCATION	TARGET USE
Municipal capital grant underspending	Only ~31.5% spent in some municipalities; national underspending of R60–80bn annually (AGSA 2023/24)	R50–80bn/year redirect to Delivery Unit-managed projects	First-Job Guarantee; infrastructure
Irregular expenditure (recoverable)	R189bn in 2022/23; R120bn+ over 5 years in SOEs and government combined (AGSA verified)	R20–40bn/year recoverable via procurement reform and digital audit triggers	Anti-corruption systems; digital government; municipal recovery
SETA unspent funds	R7.8bn unspent as of March 2025 (National Treasury Budget Review 2025 — verified)	R4.8bn First-Job Guarantee; R1.5bn TVET employer partnerships; R1.5bn community digital hubs	Skills training; youth employment
Wasteful and fruitless expenditure	R7.41bn+ annually (AGSA fruitless and wasteful expenditure category)	R5–10bn/year redirect via consequence management and performance contracts	Education; youth programmes
Municipal billing failure (under-collected)	R46.2bn in revenue not collected due to billing system failures (National Treasury)	R30–40bn/year via digital billing systems and revenue management reform	Municipal recovery; service delivery
Consultant overuse without capacity building	R220M+ wasted at documented examples; structural issue across	R5–10bn/year potential via internal skills corps replacing repeated external consultancy	Delivery Unit; state capability

BUDGET SOURCE	EVIDENCE OF INEFFICIENCY	CONSERVATIVE REALLOCATION	TARGET USE
	government (various Auditor-General references)		

TOTAL CONSERVATIVE REALLOCATABLE POOL: R115–180 billion annually. All Phase 1 interventions in this submission cost approximately R50–80 billion per year. They are fully funded within the existing budget envelope through efficiency gains, leakage recovery, and reallocation — without new taxes, without austerity, and without requiring international borrowing.

## 18.2 The Coordination Multiplier

South Africa's greatest untapped resource is not money — it is coordination between existing institutions, budgets, and capabilities. Currently: Department A hires consultants for a function that Department B has in-house. Department C funds a training programme that SETA D already covers. Municipality E builds water infrastructure that DWS G could have financed at lower cost with grant funding. These coordination failures waste billions annually. The solution is not new money — it is shared KPI dashboards across departments, joint budget mandates for shared outcomes, and shared service units for IT, legal, and procurement.

- Every department with a shared outcome (e.g. youth employment involves DEL, DBE, DHET, DSD, DTIC, Treasury simultaneously) must operate under a joint performance compact with one lead department and transparent shared KPIs.
- The Presidential Delivery Unit tracks cross-department projects weekly and unblocks coordination failures before they become programme failures.
- Open-source transition: government spends approximately R14.2 billion/year on proprietary software licences. Migration to open-source infrastructure saves an estimated R1.42 billion from Year 3. All government-funded software released as open-source within 24 months.

# SECTION 19 — POLITICAL DEFENCE ARGUMENTS BY STAKEHOLDER

## 19.1 Why Each Political Actor Benefits

ACTOR	WHAT THEY GAIN	FRAMING THAT WORKS	WHAT TO AVOID SAYING
ANC (Governing Party)	Delivery credibility before 2029; B-BBEE outcome reform deepens transformation; youth jobs serve direct constituency; caregiver recognition serves rural base	"This strengthens transformation by making it measurable and real. Every rand of B-BBEE compliance must translate into an actual life improved."	Do not frame as 'replacing' B-BBEE — frame as completing what B-BBEE promised
Democratic Alliance (DA)	National Outcomes Commission; e-procurement; merit appointments; NCRA and data governance; KPI transparency tools	"This is performance-driven government. Spending must produce outcomes. Accountability is not optional."	Do not frame as spending more — frame as spending better and accounting for every rand
Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)	Community Economic Agent status; B-BBEE employment scoring; Township Enterprise Authority; CEINA model as community economic ownership	"This gives real economic access to black youth — not on paper, but in practice. CEA status is economic justice."	Do not downplay the economic redistribution element — this IS redistribution, more effectively delivered
uMkhonto weSizwe Party (MKP)	SAPO revival; community financial sovereignty; anti-private-capital framing of banking identity reform; KZN community infrastructure	"Economic sovereignty means South African public infrastructure — not commercial banking capture of our national identity systems."	Do not ignore MKP's KZN constituency — Mandeni, iLembe, and eThekweni are direct touchpoints
Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP)	Community safety framework; CPF strengthening; rural municipality support; CEINA in traditional areas; elder care investment	"IFP's commitment to community and traditional values is directly expressed in a system that protects elders, resources CPFs, and enables communal land enterprise."	Do not ignore the traditional leadership angle on CEINA Schedule 3 (Rural Provisions)
National Treasury	No new taxes required; efficiency gains fund interventions; open-source transition saves R1.4bn+ from Year 3; coordination model reduces duplication	"This proposal does not require new revenue. It requires reallocating what is already allocated, recovering what is already lost, and coordinating what already exists."	Do not claim this is cost-free — it requires reallocation decisions, which are political
Business (BLSA, Chambers)	Stable macro; reduced procurement fraud; NCRA as investor protection; larger domestic markets; disability employment accesses untapped talent pool	"Predictable governance, secure digital infrastructure, and larger consumer markets serve every business in this country."	Do not ignore the regulatory tightening elements — acknowledge the trade-off, then show the net positive
Labour (COSATU, FEDUSA)	First-Job Guarantee creates 500,000 new formal employment relationships; CEA workers have right to organise under CEINA S.10; Caregiver Recognition creates new protected category	"This is not labour market flexibility at the expense of workers. This is expanding the formal labour market into the informal economy — with full labour rights built in."	Do not frame CEA as outside the labour rights framework — it is inside it

## 19.2 Red Team — Destroying Every Counter-Argument

COUNTER-ARGUMENT	RESPONSE
"We don't have the money."	Conservative estimate: R115–180 billion/year reallocatable within existing budget through efficiency gains and leakage recovery. Even a 5% efficiency improvement on R2.59T yields R130bn. The question is not affordability — it is prioritisation.
"This is too complex to implement."	The current system is complex and failing. This proposal simplifies execution through coordination, shared systems, and clear ownership. Complexity is the status quo — not this proposal.
"Departments must follow existing processes."	Compliance without delivery is not governance — it is administrative paralysis. The PFMA exists to ensure accountability for outcomes, not to protect inefficient processes from being changed.
"We already have policies for this."	Correct. South Africa has excellent policies that are not being implemented. This submission proposes implementation architecture — not replacement of existing law.
"This will disrupt existing structures."	Yes. Because existing structures are producing failure outcomes at R189bn of irregular expenditure per year, 76 murders per day, and 9 million NEET youth. Disruption of failure is the point.
"There will be political resistance."	This proposal is designed to align with every political party's core mandate — jobs (EFF, ANC), accountability (DA), community (IFP, MKP), and fiscal discipline (Treasury). Political resistance is pre-empted, not ignored.
"Private sector won't cooperate."	First-Job Guarantee offers 40% payroll subsidy. Disability Employment Tax Credit offers 75% subsidy. NCRA protects business from R2.7bn+ annual fraud losses growing at 86%/year. The business case is clear.
"Non-profit drone use is already technically possible under exemption processes."	Case-by-case SACAA approval at R100,000+ and 20–30 months per applicant is not a viable pathway for community safety organisations. A Community Safety and Monitoring subcategory is legally straightforward and aviation-safety compatible.

## SECTION 20 — FRACTAL IMPLEMENTATION: ACTING WITHOUT PERMISSION BOTTLENECKS

A system that requires permission to function is a system designed to stall. The reforms in this document do not all require national legislation. Many can be implemented by municipalities, regulators, businesses, civil society, and citizens using existing authority. This section maps what can be done at each level — immediately — without waiting for Parliament or Cabinet.

### 20.1 The Fractal Principle

Think of South Africa's reform as a puzzle — each piece can be placed without waiting for every other piece. A municipality can implement 48-hour micro-business registration without waiting for the CEINA Act. A business can adopt outcome-based B-BBEE reporting without waiting for Codes amendment. A CPF can begin GPS-logging patrols without waiting for Phepha to be operational. A citizen can file a PAIA request without waiting for e-government. The system is fractal: each actor at each level implements what is within their power, and the pieces assemble into transformation.

### 20.2 Non-Obstruction and Escalation Rules

Other departments and institutions CANNOT block a reform within your authority unless they provide verified evidence of direct harm or legal conflict. Silence — non-response, delay, obstruction without stated reason — is itself a governance failure and grounds for escalation. The protocol: give 15 business days for response; if no substantive response, escalate to the next oversight layer with documentation of the non-response. Non-responsiveness in governance is a failure condition, not a neutral state.

ACTOR	WHAT THEY CAN DO NOW — ZERO NEW LEGISLATION REQUIRED
Municipal Manager / Mayor	Publish service delivery status publicly within 14 days; launch 48-hour micro-business WhatsApp registration; publish all procurement above R100k online; deploy community water leak reporting system
ICASA	Cut spectrum fees 70% for community network operators by Ministerial direction (existing ICASA Act authority); publish all fee schedules in all 11 official languages within 30 days
SACAA	Open public comment on Community Safety and Monitoring drone subcategory — no legislation required, only amendment notice; 60-day comment period
NERSA	Publish community co-operative FiT framework within 60 days — existing regulatory authority; community solar co-op investment is suppressed by the absence of this framework
Competition Commission	Announce formal investigation into food retail pricing in township vs suburban areas — existing Competition Act authority; publish timeline and public comment period within 30 days
SAPS National Commissioner	Issue directive designating LGBTQ+ liaison officers at all stations; mandate bias crime recording — existing SAPS Act authority
Any Corporate / Business	Sign the First-Job Guarantee pledge; mandate 3 township SMME suppliers per procurement category; fund one community Wi-Fi node (R200k covers hardware and 2 years' operation)
Any CPF	Begin GPS-logging patrol routes and timestamps using any free smartphone app; create WhatsApp incident reporting group; share data with SAPS station commander — no legislation required
Any Community Organisation	Apply for NPO registration at DSD (free, online); form a buying cooperative under the Cooperatives Act (existing law); establish a community monitoring committee using ward committee structures

ACTOR	WHAT THEY CAN DO NOW — ZERO NEW LEGISLATION REQUIRED
Every South African Citizen	Attend ward committee meeting with a specific documented problem; file a PAIA request for any government record you need; use Africa Check (africacheck.org) to verify any claim before sharing it

## SECTION 21 — NEW INSTITUTIONS PROPOSED: 10 BODIES WITH CLEAR MANDATES

INSTITUTION	MANDATE, LEGAL BASIS & KEY POWERS
National Cyber Resilience Authority (NCRA)	Independent authority: architecture review of all cross-sector data systems before deployment; mandatory 6-hour breach disclosure for government data; sovereign network standards; SME cyber support; free community cyber hygiene toolkit. Legal basis: NCRA Act (new). Powers: compel disclosure; binding security standards; audit bank-government data interfaces; POPIA enforcement capacity.
National Outcomes Commission	Unified KPI dictionary; mandatory quarterly departmental reporting disaggregated by population group; Parliament dashboard publicly accessible; Treasury MTEF allocations conditional on KPI submission. Legal basis: Outcomes and Standards Act (new). Powers: withhold audit clearance; recommend budget reductions for persistent non-reporters.
Municipal Recovery Authority	Intervene in distressed municipalities; deploy technical teams; billing reform; audit remediation. Legal basis: MFMA Amendment. Powers: automatic administration after 2 consecutive adverse AGSA opinions; veto distressed municipality capital expenditure; criminal referral for procurement fraud.
Community Safety Boards (CSBs)	Ward-level coordination: SAPS + metro police + CPF + NGO; formal joint incident reporting; quarterly public safety data publication. Legal basis: Community Safety Act (new) or Local Government Amendment. Powers: formal operational authority to coordinate all safety actors in ward; access to SAPS and metro crime data.
Migration and Citizenship Authority	Centralised management: visas, asylum, residency, skills-based migration, refugee integration, diaspora return. Legal basis: Migration and Citizenship Authority Act (new). Powers: 90-day asylum decision mandate; employer skills-matching database; biometric registration.
Social Protection and Activation Agency (SPAA)	Case-manage grant recipients; link welfare to voluntary training and employment; one-stop community service centres. Legal basis: SPAA Act (new). Powers: access integrated DSD/SASSA/DEL/DBE data; refer for employment; approve community hub grants.
Township Enterprise Authority (TEA)	48-hour free business registration; mobile licensing units; GPS address system; township supplier directory linked to government e-procurement. Legal basis: TEA Act (new). Powers: issue CEA status; override anti-micro-enterprise bylaws; link to SARS simplified tax pathway.
Presidential Delivery Unit (Vuceke Front)	Track priority government projects weekly; unblock bottlenecks; escalate failures to Cabinet; publish weekly delivery bulletin. Legal basis: Executive Instruction under Presidency Act (no legislation required). Powers: access all departmental project data; convene emergency inter-departmental task teams.
Public Service Professional Standards Board	Merit criteria for all senior public service appointments; veto manifestly political appointments; publish annual appointment quality report. Legal basis: Public Service Act Amendment. Powers: binding recommendations to PSC; SAHRC referral for Constitutional violations in appointment decisions.
SAPO as National Financial Inclusion and Digital Access Authority	Financial services, grant payment, digital access, and Smart ID capture at 1,400+ branches. Legal basis: SAPO Amendment Act 2024 (mandate already exists; requires recapitalisation and protection). Powers: financial inclusion mandate enforced via SARB; no further bank Smart ID expansion without NCRA architecture approval.

## SECTION 22 — THE 30-DAY ACTION MATRIX: WHAT EVERY ACTOR DOES NOW

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### National Government — No Legislation Required

- Day 7: Presidential Delivery Unit established by Executive Instruction. No legislation required.
- Day 14: Treasury issues Regulation on unified national KPI dictionary. PFMA authority exists.
- Day 14: ICASA spectrum fees cut 70% for community network operators by Ministerial direction.
- Day 21: SACAA publishes amendment notice opening public comment on Community Safety and Monitoring drone subcategory.
- Day 30: CoGTA/Treasury forensic teams deployed to 10 worst municipalities.
- Day 45: SAPO recapitalisation announcement and financial inclusion mandate restoration.
- Day 60: E-procurement portal live for all tenders above R200,000. Treasury PFMA authority applies.
- Day 90: NCRA interim board appointed by Presidential proclamation.
- Day 90: First-Job Guarantee pilot announced in Finance Bill or mid-year Adjustment Appropriation.

### Parliament

- Day 30: Schedule oral presentation of this submission — Joint Committee on Finance AND PC on Communications and Digital Technologies. Contact: sam@saicts.co.za
- Day 30: Emergency hearing on AGSA local government audit findings; turnaround plans demanded from all municipalities with adverse opinion.
- Day 60: Motion requesting National Outcomes Commission — any MP can table this immediately.
- Day 60: SCOPA referral to AGSA for special investigation into cybersecurity of bank-government identity data interface.
- Day 90: CEINA Act First Reading tabled in the National Assembly.

### Municipalities

- Day 7: Publish one-page service delivery status (water, electricity, refuse, roads). No legislation required — just transparency.
- Day 30: Identify and publicly commit to fixing the 10 largest water leaks in your area within 90 days. Satellite imagery available from DWS.
- Day 30: Launch free 48-hour micro-business registration via WhatsApp or community office. Municipal authority to issue local trading licences exists.
- Day 30: Publish all procurement above R100,000 on a public-facing website. MFMA transparency requirement — enforce it.

### Every South African

- Attend your ward committee meeting. Bring one specific, documented problem. Ask for a written response with a timeline.
- Report service failures: water off 48+ hours, streetlight broken, bin not collected — to your ward councillor, copied to the municipality. Document it.
- Learn one free skill: Google Career Certificates, Microsoft Learn, Khan Academy — free, industry-recognised, accessible on a smartphone.
- Share this document — email it, WhatsApp it, print it and leave it at a community centre. It belongs to South Africa, not to its authors.

# SECTION 23 — IMPLEMENTATION ARCHITECTURE: DAY 1 TO 2035

## Phase 1: Day 1 to 12 Months — Governance and Quick Wins

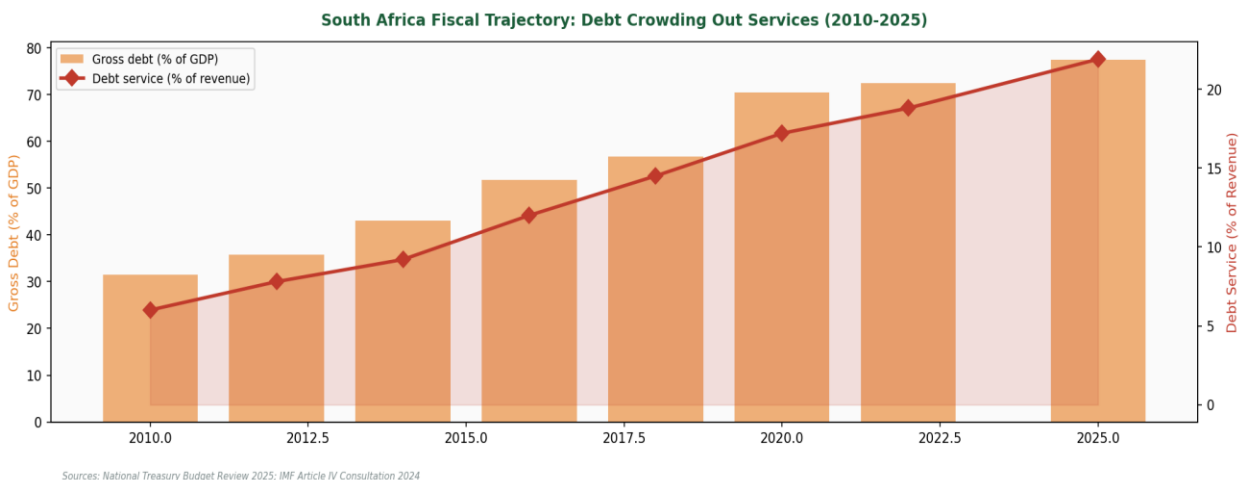


Figure 10: Debt Trajectory — Why Phase 1 Must Act Now Before Fiscal Space Narrows Further | Source: National Treasury Budget Review 2025; IMF 2024

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE ACTOR	DAYS
Presidential Delivery Unit established	Presidency	7
National KPI dictionary issued (Treasury Regulation)	National Treasury	14
ICASA fees cut 70% for community networks (Ministerial Direction)	DCDT Minister / ICASA	14
SACAA Community Safety drone subcategory amendment notice	Transport Minister / SACAA	21
Municipal rescue teams to 10 worst municipalities	CoGTA + National Treasury	30
Parliament KPI dashboard launched (public, online)	DPME + AGSA + Treasury	45
SAPO recapitalisation and financial inclusion mandate announced	DPE + DCDT Minister	45
E-procurement portal live for all tenders above R200k	National Treasury	60
NCRA interim board appointed	DCDT + Presidency	90
First-Job Guarantee pilot (Finance Bill / Adjustment)	Treasury + DEL	90
CEINA Act First Reading	DTIC Minister	90

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE ACTOR	DAYS
SETA unspent funds audit + redirect mandate	DHET	90

### Phase 2: Year 1 to Year 3 — Legislative Build

- Pass: National Cyber Resilience Authority Act; National Outcomes Commission (Outcomes and Standards Act); Municipal Recovery Authority (MFMA Amendment); CEINA Act; First-Job Guarantee Act; Caregiver Recognition Act; Community Safety Boards Act; Migration and Citizenship Authority Act
- Reform: B-BBEE scorecard (20pts youth first employment; 5pts disability enterprise; provincial sensitivity); SACAA Part 101 CSM subcategory; NERSA community FiT category; FICA GPS address standard interoperability
- Deploy: TVET curriculum co-design with industry; 500 CIN hubs nationally; Post Office 200 branches as financial inclusion hubs; SIASCOR Sbonakhona Resource Centre as CIN Node 002

### Phase 3: Year 3 to 2035 — Deep Infrastructure

- Open energy market: community renewable energy; biogas from waste CINs; ThinkElectric co-operative model national rollout
- 2,000+ CIN hubs; 200,000 Community Economic Agents formally employed with UIF, SARS, and labour protections
- National Outcomes Commission publishing verified 50-KPI data quarterly; South Africa manages the state as a system
- Post Office: 1,400+ branches as national financial, identity, and digital access infrastructure — the institution revived for the purpose it should never have lost

## SECTION 24 — INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AVAILABLE NOW

INSTRUMENT	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	ACCESS CONDITIONS	SA ALIGNMENT
Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP)	R131bn committed (2022); disbursement slow — governance concerns key barrier	Credible Just Transition plan with community benefit and labour protection	ThinkElectric community solar model + CEINA circular economy = qualifying project types
World Bank SA Country Partnership	Up to \$2.5bn (R46bn) over 2024–2028 cycle	Governance benchmarks; community consultation; anti-corruption mechanisms	Municipal Recovery Authority + KPI dashboard + e-procurement = qualifying reform conditions
African Development Bank Just Transition Facility	\$1.5bn for SA energy projects 2024–2027	Private sector co-investment; community benefit; environmental standard	CIN community renewable energy; Ariel Robotics drone environmental monitoring
Green Climate Fund (GCF)	\$17.5bn total; SA eligible for adaptation and mitigation windows	Accredited National Implementing Entity; climate risk assessment	CEINA organic waste biogas; rural solar; community water conservation
Microsoft / Google African Investment	Google: \$1bn Africa fund (2024); Microsoft: \$3.2bn Africa AI investment (2024)	Local talent pipeline; open-source preference; skills commitment	SIASCOR LMS as local talent pipeline; NCRA as investor protection demonstration
Impact Investing Market (global)	R27 trillion+ AUM; 53% planning African portfolio expansion (WEF 2024)	ESG-verified governance; measurable community impact; exit pathway	CEINA model: jobs, waste diverted, energy independence, GVA — all auditable via quarterly reporting

## SECTION 25 — THE 50-KPI NATIONAL OUTCOME DASHBOARD

These 50 indicators are proposed as the standardised national measurement framework. All definitions published by Stats SA; all reporting mandatory quarterly; all AGSA-verified; all published on Parliament's open dashboard. Treasury MTEF allocations conditional on KPI submission from lead department. Every indicator disaggregated by gender, geography, age, and disability status.

CODE	INDICATOR	LEAD DEPT	2030 TARGET
E1	Youth unemployment rate (15–34)	DEL	<35%
E2	NEET rate (15–34)	DEL + DBE	<40%
E3	First-job hires under First-Job Guarantee (cumulative)	DEL + SARS	500,000
E4	GDP growth rate	Treasury	>3%
E5	Gini coefficient	Treasury + Stats SA	<0.60
E6	Registered CINs under CEINA (cumulative)	DTIC	500
E7	Community Economic Agents (CEAs) registered	DTIC	200,000
E8	Township businesses registered (annually)	DTIC + CIPC	>100,000/yr
E9	SME share of government procurement	Treasury	>25%
E10	B-BBEE youth first-job score compliance (large firms)	DTIC	>60%
D1	Persons with disability employed in government (% of SMS)	DPSA	>5%
D2	DG processing time for disability grant (average days)	SASSA	<45
D3	% of government digital services WCAG 2.1 AA compliant	SITA + DCDD	100%
D4	Assistive devices distributed annually (cumulative)	DoH + DSBD	50,000/yr
F1	Debt/GDP ratio	Treasury	<70%
F2	Debt service as % of revenue	Treasury	<18%
F3	Irregular expenditure (Rbn annually)	AGSA	<R50bn
F4	Tenders on public e-procurement portal (%)	Treasury	100%
F5	SETA grant utilisation rate	DHET	>85%
M1	Municipalities with unqualified audit opinion (%)	AGSA + CoGTA	>60%
M2	Municipalities in financial distress (number)	CoGTA	<80

CODE	INDICATOR	LEAD DEPT	2030 TARGET
M3	Households with reliable piped water (%)	DWS	>95%
M4	Non-revenue water loss (national %)	DWS	<25%
M5	Schools with pit latrines (number)	DBE	0
EN1	Load shedding hours annually	DMRE	<500
EN2	Renewable energy in national grid (%)	DMRE	>50%
EN3	Community-owned renewable capacity (MW)	DMRE	>500MW
CY1	Digital fraud losses as % of GDP	SABRIC + NCRA	<0.05%
CY2	Government services fully digital (%)	SITA + DCDT	>80%
CY3	Community drone operators licensed (Community Safety category)	SACAA	>500
H1	Maternal mortality ratio (per 100,000 live births)	NDoH	<100
H2	Child stunting rate (under 5)	NDoH + DSD	<15%
H3	HIV viral suppression rate	NDoH	>95%
H4	Community mental health workers deployed	NDoH	>10,000
H5	School counsellors per 250 learners (ratio achieved)	DBE + NDoH	1:250
S1	Grant recipients linked to training/employment pathways (%)	DSD + SPAA	>30%
S2	GBV Thuthuzela Care Centres operational (all district municipalities)	DOJ + NDoH	44
S3	LGBTQ+ hate crime prosecution rate (%)	NPA + SAPS	>50%
S4	Caregiver Recognition stipend recipients	DSD	500,000
S5	Homeless persons in shelter or support programmes (%)	DSD	>60%
L1	Land redistributed (% of 30% target met)	DRDLR	>50%
L2	Title deed backlog cleared (%)	DHS	>80% by 2028
L3	Households within 30 min of economic hub (public transport)	Transport + CoGTA	>70%
L4	PRASA commuter rail operational corridors (% of 2015 network)	PRASA	>80%

CODE	INDICATOR	LEAD DEPT	2030 TARGET
J1	Murder rate (per 100,000 population)	SAPS	<40/100k
J2	GBV conviction rate (%)	NPA	>35%
J3	Court case backlog: % older than 2 years	DOJ	<15%
J4	Sexual offence conviction rate (%)	NPA	>30%
P1	Provinces with signed Performance Compact	Presidency	9/9
P2	Departments submitting quarterly KPI reports on time (%)	DPME	>90%

## SECTION 26 — FOUR DRAFT PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

The following motions are ready to table verbatim. Any Member of Parliament, from any party, may use these exactly as written or adapt them. No attribution to the authors is required. These are offered freely to Parliament because the gap between 'this is a good submission' and 'this became a motion' is often just one ready-to-use page.

### MOTION 1 — National Cyber Resilience Authority Bill

The National Assembly, noting that: (1) South Africa recorded 230 million cybersecurity incidents in 2024 with no national authority to coordinate response (DCDT/CSIRT 2024); (2) Digital banking fraud losses reached R2.7 billion in 2024, growing at 86% annually (SABRIC 2024); (3) Nine commercial banks are issuing Smart ID cards on behalf of DHA without independent architecture review of the data networks used; (4) The Information Regulator employs approximately 60 investigators for 230 million+ annual incidents; hereby calls on the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies to introduce a National Cyber Resilience Authority Bill within 90 days, establishing an independent authority with: mandatory 6-hour incident disclosure for government data; independent architecture review powers before any government data system goes live; sovereign identity network standards separate from commercial banking networks; and POPIA enforcement capacity.

### MOTION 2 — CEINA Act First Reading


The National Assembly, noting that: (1) 9 million+ NEET youth have no formal economic entry point (Stats SA Q1 2025); (2) 80% of township businesses are unregistered not by choice but because formalisation offers no benefit (FinScope MSME 2024); (3) An estimated R629 billion in informal economic activity is stranded without legal recognition, social protection, or credit access (Harvard Growth Lab 2024); (4) Commercial drone operators face R100,000+ costs and 20–30 months of process while community safety uses are classified as commercial and equally burdened (SACAA Part 101; Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr June 2024); hereby refers the Circular Economy Industrial Nodes Act to the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition for First Reading consideration, expert consultation, and report within 60 days.

### MOTION 3 — Caregiver Recognition Act

The National Assembly, noting that: (1) An estimated 3–4 million South Africans provide unpaid primary care to persons with disabilities, elderly, and chronically ill family members; (2) The overwhelming majority are women, in rural areas, with no legal recognition, no income, no pension contribution, and no labour protection; (3) Unpaid care work subsidises the state's health and social services budget by an estimated R32 billion annually without compensation; (4) South Africa is a signatory to CEDAW, the UNCRPD, and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, all of which recognise care work as economically significant; hereby calls on the Minister of Social Development to introduce a Caregiver Recognition Act within 90 days providing for: a minimum monthly stipend of R2,500 for registered primary caregivers; pension contribution credit; a national respite care network; and inclusion in the Community Development Worker programme.

### MOTION 4 — Disability Inclusion Enforcement

The National Assembly, noting that: (1) 7.5 million South Africans live with a disability (Stats SA Census 2022); (2) Over 80% of working-age persons with disabilities are unemployed (DWYPD 2024); (3) South Africa ratified the UNCRPD in 2007 — seventeen years of non-implementation; (4) The 2% disability employment target in the Employment Equity Act has never been met and is never enforced; (5) No government digital portal, court, or public school building currently meets full accessibility standards; hereby calls on the Minister of Employment and Labour to: (a) direct the EEAC to publish disability employment statistics for all entities with 50+ staff within 60 days; (b) introduce



a Disability Employment Tax Credit at 75% for first 24 months of employment; (c) mandate WCAG 2.1 AA compliance for all government digital platforms within 12 months; and (d) table a Disability Inclusion Progress Report in Parliament every 6 months.

## SECTION 27 — CO-AUTHORS, PROFILES & ANNUAL SHADOW KPI COMMITMENT

### 27.1 Co-Author Profiles

This document was written by South Africans from within the communities it must serve — not from a think tank, not from a university, not from a position of inherited privilege.

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## 27.2 Annual Shadow KPI Commitment

**COMMITMENT  
TO  
PARLIAMENT**

The co-authors of this submission commit to publishing an Annual Shadow KPI Report every April, beginning April 2027, tracking progress on every one of the 50 KPIs in Section 25. The report will be published on saicts.co.za and distributed to all parliamentary committees, provincial premiers, and civil society organisations in the distribution network. It will note what has improved, what has not, and what the specific blockages are — by institution and by named official where documentation supports it. We will request committee appearances annually to present progress. This submission does not end when it is delivered. It begins a cycle of public accountability that we will maintain regardless of who responds to it.

## APPENDIX A — DATA SOURCES AND REFERENCES

All data cited in this document is verified against publicly available primary sources. The following table maps key statistics to their sources. If you cannot verify a statistic, contact [sam@saicts.co.za](mailto:sam@saicts.co.za) — we will provide the source or correct the document publicly.

SOURCE	DATA USED FROM THIS SOURCE	HOW TO VERIFY
Stats SA QLFS Q1 2025 (statssa.gov.za)	Youth unemployment 46.1% (15-34); 62.4% (15-24); 58.7% zero work experience; 4.8M unemployed youth; NEET 45.1%	statssa.gov.za → QLFS → Q1 2025 release
Stats SA QLFS Q4 2025 (statssa.gov.za)	Overall unemployment 31.4%; youth (15-24) 57%; long-term unemployed 79.7%	statssa.gov.za → QLFS → Q4 2025 release
SALDRU/UCT June 2025 (saldru.uct.ac.za)	Long-term youth searching unemployment exceeded 50% in 2025; 67% of NEET youth want to work and actively search	saldru.uct.ac.za — published June 27, 2025
AGSA Local Government Consolidated Audit 2023/24 (agsa.co.za)	44 disclaimed opinions; R68.4bn infrastructure maintenance backlog; 257 municipalities in distress	agsa.co.za → Reports → Local Government
AGSA Water Sector Report 2024 (agsa.co.za)	46% households receive substandard water	agsa.co.za → Reports → Water Sector
National Treasury Budget Review 2025 (treasury.gov.za)	Debt/GDP 77.4%; debt service 21.9% of revenue; SETA unspent R7.8bn	treasury.gov.za → Budget 2025 → Budget Review
DBE Infrastructure Report 2024 (education.gov.za)	1,770 schools still using pit latrines	education.gov.za → Reports → Infrastructure
Stats SA Census 2022 (statssa.gov.za)	PWD: 7.5M = ~12.5% of population; PWD without formal education 31.4%	statssa.gov.za → Census 2022
DWYPD Annual Report 2024 (dwypd.gov.za)	80%+ of working-age PWD unemployed	dwypd.gov.za → Annual Reports
SABRIC Annual Report 2024 (sabric.co.za)	R2.7bn digital banking fraud; 97,975 cases; 86% annual surge; 65.3% electronic category	sabric.co.za → Annual Crime Statistics 2024
SACAA Part 101 Civil Aviation Regulations (caa.co.za)	All commercial/NPO drone operations subject to full Part 101; 120m altitude limit; 10km airport exclusion; 7kg weight limit	caa.co.za → Industry → UAS → Legislation
SACAA Fee Schedule Jan 2026 (caa.co.za)	ROC R4,210; additional aircraft R840; drone registration R800	caa.co.za → Information for Public → Fees
Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr legal analysis June 2024 (cliffedekkerhofmeyr.com)	'Non-profit organizational use... is treated as commercial under the law'	cliffedekkerhofmeyr.com → Publications → Corporate Commercial → June 2024
Sapphire Blue Drones (sapphirebluedrones.co.za)	ROC process takes 20–30 months (field data 2023)	sapphirebluedrones.co.za → Drone Operations
AvCom community forum 2024-25 (avcom.co.za)	Training course R50,000+ at accredited ATOs; ROC total process well above R100,000	avcom.co.za → viewtopic.php?t=270473
SAPS Annual Report 2023/24 (saps.gov.za)	Murder rate approximately 75/100,000; GBV statistics; hate crime data gaps	saps.gov.za → Annual Reports
SAFTU citing SAPS data (February 2026)	6,953 murders in October–December 2025 quarter (~76/day)	SAFTU press release February 2026; cross-reference with SAPS quarterly crime statistics

SOURCE	DATA USED FROM THIS SOURCE	HOW TO VERIFY
World Bank Gender-Based Violence 2024 (worldbank.org)	GBV costs SA 0.9–1.6% of GDP annually (R50–90bn)	worldbank.org → South Africa → Gender Reports
MRC GBV Cost Analysis 2023 (mrc.ac.za)	R28.4bn annual GBV direct cost; femicide rate data	mrc.ac.za → GBV Research
UNICEF SA 2024 (unicef.org/southafrica)	27% under-5 stunting; R16-30 return per R1 in nutrition (citing WHO evidence)	unicef.org/southafrica → Child Poverty Report 2024
FinScope MSME Survey 2024 (finmark.org.za)	80% of township businesses unregistered; 1.9M unregistered businesses nationally	finmark.org.za → FinScope MSME 2024
Standard Bank Township Economy Report 2023	R207bn FMCG trade through spazas; R3,200/month average spaza stock loss at Stage 4-6	Standard Bank research publication
GroundUp Postbank Investigation 2025 (groundup.org.za)	Postbank lost 75% of grant clients; SAPO liquidation proceedings	groundup.org.za → search 'Postbank 2025'
Harvard Growth Lab SA Township Economy 2024 (growthlab.cid.harvard.edu)	R629bn+ informal/township economy annually (~21% of GDP)	growthlab.cid.harvard.edu → South Africa
ISS Africa (issafrica.org)	Strong correlation between governance quality and crime rates	issafrica.org → South Africa → Crime
Out in Africa Foundation Annual Report 2024	62% LGBTQ+ youth school harassment; 45% left school early	Out in Africa Foundation publications
DSAC Annual Report 2024 (dsac.gov.za)	Creative industries 2.9% GDP; 700,000-900,000 employed; 42% under 35	dsac.gov.za → Annual Reports → 2024
OECD Agricultural Policy Monitoring 2025 (oecd.org)	Department should strengthen land reform delivery instruments; support to emerging commercial farmers	oecd.org → Agriculture → South Africa → 2025
CDE Brain Drain Report 2024 (cde.org.za)	20,000+ professionals leaving annually; doctor vacancy 45%; engineer vacancy 38% in public sector	cde.org.za → Publications → 2024
WEF Impact Investing 2024 (weforum.org)	R27 trillion+ AUM; 53% of investors planning African portfolio expansion	weforum.org → Impact Investing Reports 2024
gov.za/documents/protected-disclosures-act	PDA provisions; occupational detriment protection	gov.za → search 'Protected Disclosures Act'
whistleblowing.co.za (SA Protected Disclosures Act guide)	Employer acknowledgement requirements; escalation pathways	whistleblowing.co.za/amendments-south-africas-protected-disclosures-act-a-guide

## APPENDIX B — GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	FULL TERM	CONTEXT
AGSA	Auditor-General of South Africa	National audit institution; primary source for municipal and government data
ARV	Antiretroviral (therapy)	HIV/AIDS treatment; SA programme is largest globally
B-BBEE	Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment	Transformation policy; proposed for outcome-measurement redesign
BIS	Black Industrialists Scheme	DTIC grant programme; CEINA CINs eligible for fast-track access
BVLOS	Beyond Visual Line of Sight	Drone operation category requiring special SACAA approval
CAA / SACAA	Civil Aviation Authority / SA Civil Aviation Authority	Regulates drones under Part 101; CSM subcategory reform proposed
CEA	Community Economic Agent	Proposed legal status under CEINA Section 10; includes creative sector
CEINA	Circular Economy Industrial Nodes Act	Central legislative proposal; full text in Section 15
CIN	Community Industrial Node	Community enterprise classification under CEINA
CIPC	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission	Business registration; 22-day average reformed to 48 hours (proposed)
CoGTA / COGTA	Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Oversees municipalities; Municipal Recovery Authority lead department
CPF	Community Policing Forum	Civilian SAPS support; formalisation and CEA status proposed
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	Source of load shedding economic loss data (R600M/day Stage 4)
CSIRT	Computer Security Incident Response Team	Cybersecurity body under DCDT; proposed to be strengthened under NCRA
CSM	Community Safety and Monitoring	Proposed SACAA drone subcategory for NPO/CPF use
DCDT	Department of Communications and Digital Technologies	ICT policy; proposed NCRA home department
DEL	Department of Employment and Labour	Labour and skills; First-Job Guarantee lead department
DHET	Department of Higher Education and Training	TVET and university policy; SETA oversight
DK	Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr	Law firm whose June 2024 analysis confirms NPO drone use is 'commercial'
DMRE	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Energy policy; REIPPPP; community FiT gap
DSD	Department of Social Development	Welfare; SIASCOR partner since 2018; Caregiver Recognition Act lead
DSAC	Department of Sport, Arts and Culture	Creative industries data source; CEA creative sector provisions
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation	Water infrastructure; 46% substandard household access

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DWYPD	Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities	PWD policy; 80% PWD unemployment data
ECD	Early Childhood Development	Pre-school care; 38% access nationally
EPR	Extended Producer Responsibility	Waste levy framework; 30% redirect to community processors (CEINA)
FIT	Feed-in Tariff	Payment to generators feeding into grid; NERSA community co-op category gap
FICA	Financial Intelligence Centre Act	KYC/AML compliance; GPS address reform proposed
GBV	Gender-Based Violence	Economic cost R50–90bn annually (World Bank 2024)
GVA	Gross Value Added	Economic output measure; used in CEINA return projections
IDC	Industrial Development Corporation	State development finance; SIASCOR 2024 partner for George SMMEs
IDP	Integrated Development Plan	Municipal planning document; CEINA chapter required in relevant IDPs
ISS	Institute for Security Studies	Governance-crime correlation research; cited in Section 12
JETP	Just Energy Transition Partnership	R131bn international climate funding committed to SA
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	50 proposed in Section 25; all disaggregated by population group
KYC	Know Your Customer	Banking identity verification; GPS address reform addresses this barrier
LMS	Learning Management System	Digital education platform; SIASCOR/SAICTS LMS operational
LoRaWAN	Long Range Wide Area Network	IoT communication protocol; SAICTS hardware deployed in PoC
MFMA	Municipal Finance Management Act	Municipal financial governance law; Municipal Recovery Authority amendment
NCRA	National Cyber Resilience Authority	Central institution proposed in this submission; full detail in Section 03 and 21
NDP	National Development Plan (Vision 2030)	SA long-term strategy; this submission updates its mechanisms for 2035
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training	45.1% of youth 15-34 in Q1 2025; 9M+ total (Stats SA)
NERSA	National Energy Regulator of South Africa	Energy sector regulator; community FiT category gap identified
NHI	National Health Insurance	Universal health coverage; governance benchmarks gate implementation
NSFAS	National Student Financial Aid Scheme	University and TVET bursaries; 'missing middle' design flaw
NPA	National Prosecuting Authority	State prosecution; low conviction rates across multiple crime categories
NYDA	National Youth Development Agency	Government youth support; proposed as CIN scout backbone

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PAIA	Promotion of Access to Information Act	Constitution Section 32 right to government information
PAJA	Promotion of Administrative Justice Act	Constitution Section 33 right to lawful administrative action
PDA	Protected Disclosures Act 26 of 2000	Whistleblower protection; occupational detriment prohibition
POPIA	Protection of Personal Information Act	Data protection law; Information Regulator enforcement gap
PRASA	Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa	Commuter rail SOE; at 10% fleet capacity
PRO	Producer Responsibility Organisation	EPR levy collection; 30% redirect to community processors (CEINA S.7)
PSC	Public Service Commission	Civil service oversight; merit appointment enforcement
QLFS	Quarterly Labour Force Survey	Stats SA primary labour market data source; primary statistical reference
REIPPPP	Renewable Energy IPP Procurement Programme	Energy tender programme; community set-aside below minimum scale (proposed)
ROC / UASOC	RPAS Operating Certificate / UAS Operating Certificate	Commercial drone certification; 20-30 months to obtain; R100,000+ cost
RPC	Remote Pilot Certificate	Commercial drone pilot licence; R50,000+ training cost (verified)
RPL	Recognition of Prior Learning	Skills certification for informal experience; mandatory pathway proposed
SABRIC	SA Banking Risk Information Centre	Banking fraud data; R2.7bn losses 2024; 86% annual growth
SACAA	South African Civil Aviation Authority	Drone regulation under Part 101; CSM subcategory reform proposed
SALDRU	SA Labour and Development Research Unit (UCT)	Youth long-term unemployment analysis; June 2025 publication
SAMRO	SA Music Rights Organisation	Music royalties; IP literacy gap; CEA creative sector provisions
SAPS	South African Police Service	National police; detective pay parity and CPF formalisation proposed
SARS	South African Revenue Service	Tax collection; CEA flat-rate 3% tax pathway via CIN monthly return
SASSA	SA Social Security Agency	Grants; 128-day disability processing vs 90-day mandate
SETA	Sector Education and Training Authority	Skills levy bodies; R7.8bn unspent (Treasury 2025); redirect proposed
SIASCOR	Sipha Amandla Social Community Organisation	NPO 169-971   PBO 930075779   siascor.co.za   Case study Section 06
SIU	Special Investigations Unit	State corruption investigation; expansion proposed
SITA	State Information Technology Agency	Government ICT procurement; open-source reform proposed
SMS	Senior Management Service	Senior government official category; <2% PWD (DPSA 2024)

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SOE	State-Owned Entity	Government-owned commercial entity; Transnet, Eskom, PRASA, SAPO
SPAA	Social Protection and Activation Agency	Proposed new institution linking welfare to employment pathways
SPLUMA	Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act	Land planning law; auto-mixed-use reform proposed
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training	Vocational colleges; enrolment declining; curriculum co-design proposed
UIF	Unemployment Insurance Fund	Worker income protection; CEA status unlocks UIF contributions
UNCRPD	UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified by SA in 2007; implementation remains skeletal as of 2026
WCAG	Web Content Accessibility Guidelines	Digital accessibility standards; WCAG 2.1 AA mandate proposed for all government services

## CONCLUSION — THE COUNTRY WE CHOOSE TO BUILD

### FROM THE CO- AUTHORS

This document was written by people who live in South Africa, work in it every day, and refuse to accept that it cannot do better. A metro police officer who sees the gap between law and community reality. A wheelchair-bound CFO who outperforms most people who walk. A community organisation that funded 33 small businesses in George without additional budget — just partnerships and determination. A drone manufacturer navigating R100,000 regulatory barriers. A youth council leader in Mandeni who watches young people sit next to one of the world's largest mineral operations and get nothing from it. A community NPO building a skills centre in Umbumbulu without the legal framework it needs. We wrote this document because we have seen what is missing, we know what it should look like, and we believe the people in this country — in government, in parliament, in communities — have the capacity to build it. We do not need to be in the room. We just need the framework to work.

South Africa's transformation project was constitutionally right and mechanically incomplete. B-BBEE measured the wrong outputs. Service delivery measured spending, not lives changed. Safety nets caught people without ladders. Digital infrastructure was deployed without governance. The community organisations, entrepreneurs, police officers, youth leaders, and disabled persons who were supposed to benefit from transformation spent their energy navigating obstacles it created.

This document does not ask for any of that to be dismantled. It asks for it to be completed. A first formal job for the 58.7% who have never had one. A legal status for the community worker doing public work for ten years without recognition. A cybersecurity authority that exists before the next R2.7 billion in fraud happens. A drone category that lets a young person in Mandeni start a community safety enterprise without R100,000 and 30 months of forms. A post office network that serves its original public purpose. Accountability for the 76 people murdered today and every day.

We will keep doing something until something happens. We invite everyone reading this — from the President to the ward committee member, from the Treasury analyst to the young woman trying to register her spaza shop — to do the same.

## SOUTH AFRICA BELONGS TO ALL WHO LIVE IN IT — AND WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR IT

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