

Study groups will develop policies Action Group for Democracy

The Action Group for Democracy (AGD), has been set up to prepare and develop Inkatha's assets as a positive force capable of participating in free elections in South Africa – thereby making a major contribution to the victory of democracy in post-apartheid South Africa. The AGD – under the chairmanship of Mr SJ Mhlungu – has been authorised to initiate and implement policies and actions, with the approval and support of Inkatha's Central Committee, under Dr Buthelezi's leadership. Here, Mr Mhlungu lists the priorities of the AGD...

First, the establishment of clear and specific political objectives which put the improvement and well-being of the people first, and which ensure that democratic institutions and principles are enshrined for all time in South Africa.

We attach great importance to this objective. We have all seen how easily countries can start on their road to freedom with promises of democracy and the maintenance of the rule of law: after one election these are eroded. Some movements in this country seem to treat these sacred principles too loosely. Inkatha wishes to ensure that these principles are firmly and unequivocally established and cannot be easily removed.

•**Second**, the development and growth of the structure and effectiveness of Inkatha as a political movement through training and supporting our leadership at all levels.

Inkatha has many talented and successful leaders at all levels. We have particular strength amongst younger people. We now need to help these leaders to develop their local organisations into vote-winning systems.

•**Third**, the expansion and support of

individual members, particularly at local and personal levels.

The intimidation and violence directed against Inkatha over recent years has forced many Inkatha supporters to go 'underground'. The very fact of wearing an Inkatha T-shirt has sometimes led to murder or brutal beatings of people. Sometimes the intimidation has been more subtle – shopkeepers have been forced to give up selling Inkatha newspapers, for example.

You can beat a man or a woman into silence, but they will keep their allegiance in their hearts. A free and open election system, with a secret ballot, will give them a chance to express their real feelings. We intend to help sustain these beleaguered people through their difficult times.

•**Fourth**, the establishment of an effective information, communication and publicity systems and programmes to promote the Inkatha cause.

•**Fifth**, the establishment of systems and opportunities for developing partnerships and alliances between the new Inkatha and like-included individuals, organisations and other political groupings.

•**Sixth**, the carrying out of objective and appropriate research and investigation to help us to understand the needs of the people, the problems and their solutions.

Inkatha has always been a 'grass roots' organisation, and we intend to continue to stay closely in touch with what our people think and feel, so that our leadership can better fulfill their roles to the satisfaction of those they represent.

•**Seventh**, the encouragement of international knowledge and understanding of the need for truly democratic political solutions to our problems, and of the important role the new Inkatha will play in the creation of the new South Africa.

Our leader, Dr Buthelezi, has a very substantial reputation amongst the world leaders. We are convinced that as we build and develop our case for international help and understanding, we will be able to deepen knowledge and appreciation of the importance of Inkatha's role in the new South Africa.

Applications invited

The AGD is establishing a number of Policy Study Groups, who are working on detailed policy development, and



Mr SJ Mhlungu... chairman of AGD.

undertaking consultations and explorations with appropriate individuals and bodies.

Over the coming months, the AGD will be preparing policy statements, with the help of its Policy Study Groups, on a number of subjects. We invite people with specialist knowledge in their particular fields – or who feel they have something positive to contribute – to come forward and give us their input. The subjects will include:

1. **Economic Growth**; the key to solving our problems
2. **Preserving democracy**; choice and minority rights
3. **Education, training**; growing opportunities for all
4. **Medical care**; health for all
5. **Creating jobs**; protecting the employee
6. **The war against poverty**
7. **Law and order for all**; security, not intimidation

8. **Land rights**; agricultural development
9. **Prices and a fair deal for consumers**
10. **Better homes**; and better environments
11. **Womens' independence**; the family and the home
12. **Rejoining the world community**; international relations
13. **Business incentives and growth**; industry's contribution to solving our problems; the formal and informal factors
14. **Dismantling the remains of apartheid**

The AGD, which has a separate fund-raising group, has established seven "desks" or areas of responsibility.

They include: Strategy and planning; Information, research and situation appraisal; External image and promotion; Internal communications and motivation of members; Training and development of leadership; Programmes for women and youth and Partnership and alliance development.

Need to free restraints on economy

Dr Buthelezi warns against bi-polar negotiations

Within 24 hours of launching Inkatha as a political Party at the Annual General Conference in Ulundi, its President, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, was in London for two important speaking engagements. Firstly, he addressed the chairmen and directors of leading British corporations –and the following day, he spoke to the Centre for Policy Studies...



Speaking at a luncheon hosted by SG Warburg and Company, Dr Buthelezi told the gathering of influential British business executives that economic reform must be accompanied and harmonised with political

Dr MG Buthelezi... key speeches in London. reform along the road to negotiations.

Dr Buthelezi said the liberalisation of the economy was a necessity.

There needed to be an elimination of State intervention that rode roughshod over market