

Hopes and dreams for 1994

Peace, peace, peace. It's what everyone is wishing for in the new year. What are *your* hopes and dreams for 1994? *SPEAK* asked a number of people this question. This is what they had to say



"I would like to see the elections held in a situation where there is peace and it is free and fair. It is my wish to see that all South Africans go out and vote for a black majority government. My dream is to see the evil of apartheid come to an end when we vote the Nationalist Party government out of power on the 27 April."
Mma Albertina Sisulu, National Executive Committee member of the African National Congress



"One cannot talk about hopes and dreams. We talk about our plans for the future. The intention is to overthrow the racist regime of De Klerk and replace it with a black majority government. In 1994, we would like to achieve a democratic, anti-sexist, anti-racist state of Azania."

Pandelani Nefolovhodwe, Deputy President of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo)



"To have peace and jobs for all, and a better living place for the working people in this country. We would like 1994 to be a year where the struggles of farmworkers are recognised."
Cunningham Ngcukana, General Secretary of the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu)



"I wish to be one of the players who put South Africa on the map in the world of soccer, to make South Africa one of the great teams in Africa. I know I have a long way to go. I want to be selected Footballer of the Year again in 1994."
Doctor Khumalo, player for Kaizer Chiefs and the South African national soccer squad



"I hope that everything goes well so we can go into a new South Africa in peace and harmony, and a place in the sun for everyone, no matter their race, colour or creed. In 1994 I would like to see the country free of all the problems. I will do my part in all this by speaking out and organising."

Liz Abrahams, veteran (long time) trade union activist



"My dream is to live in a lovely, free and fair country and to make a lot of money in the film industry. I hope our children see the importance of education and know where they are heading in the future. 1994 is a year in which I hope to work hard and see myself getting better in my work."

Joe Mafela, actor



"I dream of the elections. This is a dream that I have had for 53 years in the struggle. I hope that this dream will be fulfilled next year in April. The elections will be the beginning of the transformation of our society into a democratic one. This is the key to all my hopes."

Joe Slovo, Chairperson of the South African Communist Party (SACP)



"I hope and dream of a country without violence. A country where I can go to work without fear of being mugged. A country where my children can go to school where we live. A country where I can live wherever and love whomever I please. My wish is that, by 1994, my first album will be out."

Sibongile Khumalo, singer



"The first thing we would expect is a situation of peace, not peace just for the elections, but one that will last forever. We hope for a guarantee of the rights of the working class. We want the different worker federations to get together as a symbol of unity. We want a New Year in which as many of the hopes and dreams we have worked for are achieved."

Connie September, Second Vice President of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu)



"We are looking forward to a quick change to majority rule. We hope for a new government based on free and fair elections. This would bring peace, stability and a brighter future. In 1994 we want to see the PAC becoming the strongest party.

Johnson Mlambo, Deputy President of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC)



"I want to see everyone living together, especially black and white people. The laws should not favour one group, but should embrace everyone. Next year I hope to buy a house and to start my own business."

Gabriel Ndlangisa, taxi driver



"I hope that the future will be bright, especially for the oppressed majority. I dream of the government having day schools for women, because most women cannot attend evening schools because of housework.

Women should support one another and put women's names first on their organisational lists for elections."

Ellen Mothopeng, Chairperson, African Women's Organisation of Azania



"I am hoping for the best in everything. There has been some trouble in this country. But it will all work out in the end. There will be peace as soon as people stop arguing about politics. I want peace for myself in 1994, and for everyone in this country."

Wilson Ndlovu, caretaker



"I am hoping for a new and peaceful South Africa where all races can live together in harmony. This used to be a beautiful country to live in. In 1994, I hope to travel if I have the money to do so. It is important to see as much of the world as I can."

Gwen Pillay, manager



"As a Christian, I am hoping and praying for peace. The only way we can get it is if we believe in the power of God. I also hope that my grandchildren will grow up without war and violence. Next year I want to buy a second-hand sewing machine so I can work at home."

Maria Mohola, cleaner