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Media Statement:

## **COPE TO HOLD PIVOTAL CONGRESS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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The Congress of the People (COPE) will convene its Congress National Committee (CNC) meeting on March 29–30, 2025, in Bloemfontein, marking a critical step in revitalising the party under the theme “Restore the Dream, Build Prosperity for All.”

This gathering comes at a defining moment for South Africa, amid economic challenges and a shifting political landscape, as COPE seeks to reassert its role as an alternative for ethical governance, economic development and social justice.

Founded in 2008 on freedom, equality and solidarity principles, COPE remains committed to its social democratic vision: an inclusive economy, technological advancement, and a united South Africa where all citizens thrive.

The CNC meeting will address urgent priorities outlined in the March 2025 State of Organisation Report, including strengthening grassroots structures, enhancing visibility and preparing for the 2026 Local Government Elections.

In a time of widespread disillusionment, COPE’s value proposition shines through, offering a “hand-up approach” that empowers citizens with sustainable opportunities rather than promoting dependency. This meeting will chart a bold path forward, tackling internal challenges like leadership renewal and membership growth while amplifying our call for accountable, transparent governance to address poverty, unemployment and inequality.

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