



The Save South Africa Pledge for Good Citizenship

“We have the power. Our future depends on us.”

South Africa belongs to all who live it, united in our diversity.

Many generations of people suffered, were imprisoned and died in order to bestow upon us and our children a country that is free from oppression and where all people are equal before the law.

Twenty years ago their dreams were encapsulated in our Constitution and signed into law by then-President Nelson Mandela.

By protecting and advancing our Constitution, we protect their dreams. We honour our ancestors and our children.

The President, our Parliament and our judiciary are the guardians of our future. We, the people, are the ultimate custodians of our constitutional democracy. That is why we demand that all our leaders are honest, accountable, open and responsive to the needs of our people and country.

We demand that those who dishonour our Constitution be immediately removed.

I accept that I too have a duty towards the Constitution. In recognition of this today I pledge my commitment to:

- Protecting and advancing all rights and duties in the Constitution.
- Ensuring public and private accountability as well as my own accountability.
- Speaking out against and reporting corruption, wherever it occurs, however large or small.
- Advancing equality for all my fellow people and especially to restoring hope among the young.
- Acting against the conditions of terrible poverty and degradation to which so many millions of my fellow citizens are still subject.

Poverty, inequality, crime and corruption do not belong in the South Africa we dreamed of.

These are my pledges I make to myself, my children and to you my comrade and fellow citizen. I will abide by them not only in times of crisis, but every day.

I promise to be an active citizen and I will be part of a peaceful, lawful and just struggle to once more make South Africa the pride of its people -- and the world.

Save South Africa!