

## NATIONAL FOUNDING CONSULTATION

# Taxpayers' Voice South Africa

A proposal to establish an accountable political entity for working taxpayers and South Africa's missing middle

### PROVISIONAL STATUS

Taxpayers' Voice South Africa is a provisional working name and is not yet a registered political party. This paper invites the public to decide whether an entity should be established and to shape its founding mandate, constitution and structure.

### FOUNDING QUESTION

**Should South Africans establish a new entity that protects the interests of working taxpayers while defending dignity, opportunity and responsible support for vulnerable people?**

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# 1. Purpose of this founding consultation

This is not a general opinion survey. It is a national and provincial founding process intended to determine whether participating South Africans support the establishment of a new political entity, and to obtain a mandate for its final name, values, policies, constitution, leadership safeguards and possible registration with the Electoral Commission.

**The consultation does not itself register a political party and does not automatically make a participant a party member. A national founding convention must first consider the report, adopt the constitution and pass a formal registration resolution.**

## Public custodianship - no private owner

This consultation is held in trust for participating members of the public. No founder, administrator, company, political leader or provincial group owns the process or acquires permanent leadership rights. The National Founding Consultation Secretariat acts only as an interim data and process custodian until the founding convention. The consultation does not collect donations, membership fees or payments.

# 2. Why this conversation is needed

Many employed South Africans are treated as financially secure because of their gross salaries. In reality, PAYE, pension deductions, medical aid, university and school fees, bond repayments, transport, municipal charges, insurance, debt and support for relatives can leave households with little disposable income.

Public policy must protect people facing poverty and unemployment. It must also recognise that taxpayers and the missing middle carry heavy responsibilities and often fall above support thresholds while remaining financially vulnerable.

# 3. Proposed founding principles

- Fairness for working taxpayers without hostility toward poor or unemployed South Africans.
- Responsible social protection that promotes dignity, opportunity, education and pathways into work.
- Transparent taxation, measurable public value and consequences for corruption and waste.
- Affordable access to higher education for families above current assistance thresholds.
- Fair municipal billing, reliable services and protection for bond-paying households.
- Democratic internal governance, limited terms, declared interests and enforceable leadership accountability.

# 4. Decisions the consultation must make

| Decision      | Public mandate required                                                                |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Establishment | Whether the proposed entity should be established.                                     |
| Legal path    | Political party now; civic movement first and later a party; or civic movement only.   |
| Identity      | Final name, abbreviation, logo and public character.                                   |
| Constitution  | Membership, structures, elections, terms, discipline, finances and removal safeguards. |

| Decision        | Public mandate required                                                                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Interim mandate | Authority to compile the report, prepare a draft constitution and convene the founding convention. |
| Registration    | A separate founding-convention resolution authorising any IEC application.                         |

## 5. Provincial coordination

Each response will be assigned to one of the nine provinces. Provincial coordination groups should organise local consultation, identify priority issues, nominate possible representatives and submit verified provincial summaries to the national process.

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga
- Northern Cape
- North West
- Western Cape

## 6. Interim steering committee

Participants may authorise an interim steering committee to administer the consultation. That authority is limited. The committee may protect records, coordinate provinces, publish transparent participation totals, prepare a draft constitution and convene a founding convention. It may not treat consultation responses as ballot signatures, claim an electoral mandate, or register the party without the convention's resolution.

## 7. National founding convention

After consultation closes, a report should present verified totals, provincial priorities, legal-path preferences, constitutional proposals and coordinator nominations. A properly notified national founding convention should then debate and vote on the final name, constitution, leadership transition, organisational form and IEC registration.

### Proposed founding resolution

**We, the founding participants represented through the national and provincial consultation process, resolve to establish Taxpayers' Voice South Africa, subject to adoption of its final constitution, name, democratic leadership safeguards and applicable legal registration.**

## 8. Founding response questions

- Do you support establishing this entity?

- What legal path should it follow?
- Do you support the proposed founding principles?
- Which financial or public-service pressure matters most?
- What should the constitution require from leaders?
- Do you want to be contacted as a prospective founding supporter or member?
- Will you assist with provincial coordination?
- Do you authorise the limited interim mandate described above?

## 9. Privacy and responsible participation

Names, contact details, province and political opinions are personal information. Participation must be voluntary and based on explicit informed consent. Individual responses should not be published. Only aggregated results should be released unless a participant separately agrees to attribution.

The Secretariat must appoint and register an Information Officer before broad promotion, publish the privacy notice, limit access, use secure hosting, maintain a 24-month post-convention maximum retention period unless law requires otherwise, and provide an online channel for access, correction, objection, withdrawal, deletion and unsubscribe requests. Consultation consent, supporter contact and future political communications must remain separate choices. Online participation is limited to adults aged 18 or older.

## 10. Expected outputs

- A national founding consultation report with provincial summaries.
- A proposed final name, identity and founding principles.
- A draft constitution and code of ethical leadership.
- Interim and provincial coordination recommendations.
- A founding-convention agenda and voting rules.
- If approved, a formal resolution authorising IEC registration.

This paper is a public discussion draft, not legal advice, an IEC registration certificate or proof of party membership.