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1 Biennial National Congress

- 1.1 **Biennial National Congress** * shall be the *supreme organ of the organisation* and shall inter alia, exercise the following functions: -
- 1.1.1 Formulate and be the ultimate interpreter of the policy of the organisation;
 - 1.1.2 Elect members of the Central Committee of the organisation;
 - 1.1.3 Consider, evaluate, amend, adopt or reject reports of the Central Committee, Regions or Formations of the organisation;
 - 1.1.4 Amend the constitution by a two-thirds majority of delegates present and voting;
 - 1.1.5 Dissolve the organisation and distribute its assets as it deems fit.

2 Central Committee (CC)

- 2.1 **Central Committee (CC)** * shall be the supreme organ of the organisation in between sessions of Congress and shall as a collective, inter alia, exercise the following powers:-
- 2.1.1 Convene sessions of Congress;
 - 2.1.2 Protect and uphold the Constitution of the organisation (including the implementation of its programmes and policy);
 - 2.1.3 Be the custodian of the finances and property of the organisation;

- 2.1.4 Review Disciplinary Committee decisions referred to it by the Standing Committee;
 - 2.1.5 To convene the National Council;
 - 2.1.6 Have powers to co-opt a member of the Central Committee to act in the event of a vacancy occurring until next session of Congress;
 - 2.1.7 Expel a member where the Organisation's programmes and/or security are seriously placed at risk by the conduct of such member and report its action to Congress.
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3 Standing Committee

- 3.1 **Standing Committee (SC)** * is an *organ of the Central Committee and shall:-*
 - 3.1.1 Run the affairs of the organisation on a day to day basis;
 - 3.1.2 Carry out decisions, directives and resolutions of Congress and the Central Committee;
 - 3.1.3 Be the administrative organ of the Central Committee;
 - 3.1.4 Enforce the disciplinary code of the organisation;
 - 3.1.5 Report to the Central Committee on all relevant issues;
 - 3.1.6 Nominate candidates for the National Assembly, subject to ratification by the Central Committee.
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4 National Council

- 4.1 **National Council** * shall be *held once every two-year cycle*, provided that this shall not coincide with the National Congress:-
 - 4.1.1 National Council shall be a debating forum whose resolutions, if any, shall have the status of recommendations to National Congress;
 - 4.1.2 It shall deal with issues referred to it by Central Committee or Congress;
 - 4.1.3 It shall deal with existing policy issues for Political Education purposes;
 - 4.1.4 Shall deal with the formulation of new policy.
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5 Provincial Congress

- 5.1 **Provincial Congress** * shall be held annually and an electing provincial congress shall be held biennially:-
 - 5.1.1 To elect the provincial executive committee;
 - 5.1.2 To consider, evaluate, amend, adopt or reject the report of the provincial executive committee;
 - 5.1.3 To approve the provincial budget;
 - 5.1.4 To receive and consider financial statements and reports of the province.
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6 Provincial Council

- 6.1 **Provincial Council** * shall meet three times a year:-
 - 6.1.1 To appoint heads of Provincial Secretariats and to define their duties;

- 6.1.2 To adopt and implement a Regional programme of action;
 - 6.1.3 To receive and consider reports of the members of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - 6.1.4 To receive and consider Regional reports;
 - 6.1.5 To receive and consider reports from the Provincial Secretariats;
 - 6.1.6 To evaluate the progress of the organisation within the Province;
 - 6.1.7 To consider and approve the formation of new Branches in consultation with the National Organiser;
 - 6.1.8 To scrutinise the financial position of the Province;
 - 6.1.9 To hear cases of discipline from members of the organisation in the Province, as well as those involving members of the Regional Executive Committees;
 - 6.1.10 To evaluate the performance of the Provincial Executive Committee.
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7 Provincial Executive Committee (PECs)

- 7.1 **Provincial Executive Committees (PECs)** * shall have the following collective responsibilities:-
 - 7.1.1 To convene the Provincial Congress;
 - 7.1.2 To convene Provincial Council;
 - 7.1.3 To run the day to day affairs of the organisation within the Province;
 - 7.1.4 To raise funds for the organisation within the Province;
 - 7.1.5 To implement the Provincial and National programmes of the organisation;
 - 7.1.6 To uphold the policies of the organisation within the Province;
 - 7.1.7 To hold regular press conferences and issue statements to the media on Provincial matters;
 - 7.1.8 To hear disciplinary cases involving Branch Executive members;
 - 7.1.9 To organise and carry out Provincial campaigns in the name of the organisation;
 - 7.1.10 To supervise, assist and guide, through the Provincial Secretary of Local Government and Housing, all Councillors in their Provinces;
 - 7.1.11 Provinces shall cause to be compiled a list of candidates for election to the Provincial Legislature, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
 - 7.1.12 The powers, functions, duties and responsibilities of the individual members of the Provincial Executive Committee shall, mutatis mutandis, correspond with the powers, functions, duties and responsibilities of those of the individual members of the Central Committee.
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8 Regional Congress

- 8.1 **Regional Congress** * shall be held annually and an electing Regional Congress shall be held biennially:-
 - 8.1.1 To elect the Regional Executive Committee;
 - 8.1.2 To consider, evaluate, amend, adopt or reject the report of the Regional Executive Committee;
 - 8.1.3 To approve the Regional budget;
 - 8.1.4 To receive and consider reports and financial statements of the Region.
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9 Regional Council

9.1 **Regional Council** * shall meet three times a year:-

- 9.1.1 To appoint heads of Regional Secretariats and to define their duties;
 - 9.1.2 To adopt and implement a Regional programme of action;
 - 9.1.3 To receive and consider reports of the members of the Regional Executive Committee;
 - 9.1.4 To receive and consider Regional reports;
 - 9.1.5 To receive and consider reports from the Regional Secretariats;
 - 9.1.6 To evaluate the progress of the organisation within the Region;
 - 9.1.7 To consider and approve the formation of new Branches in consultation with the Provincial Organiser;
 - 9.1.8 To scrutinise the financial position of the Region;
 - 9.1.9 To evaluate the performance of the Regional Executive Committee.
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10 Regional Executive (District or Metropolitan Municipalities) Committees (RECs)

10.1 **Regional Executive (District or Metropolitan Municipalities) Committees (RECs)** * shall have the following collective responsibilities:-

- 10.1.1 To convene the Regional Congress;
 - 10.1.2 To convene Regional Council;
 - 10.1.3 To run the day to day affairs of the organisation within the Region;
 - 10.1.4 To raise funds for the organisation within the Region;
 - 10.1.5 To implement the Regional, Provincial and National programmes of the organisation;
 - 10.1.6 To uphold the policies of the organisation within the Region;
 - 10.1.7 To hold regular press conferences and issue statements to the media on Regional matters;
 - 10.1.8 To hear disciplinary cases involving Branch Executive members;
 - 10.1.9 To organise and carry out Regional campaigns in the name of the organisation.
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11 Sub-Regional Congress

11.1 **Sub-Regional Congress** * shall be held annually and an electing Sub-Regional Congress shall be held biennially:-

- 11.1.1 To elect the Sub-Regional Executive Committee;
 - 11.1.2 To consider, evaluate, amend, adopt or reject the report of the Sub-Regional Executive Committee;
 - 11.1.3 To approve the Sub-Regional budget;
 - 11.1.4 To receive and consider reports and financial statements of the Sub-Region.
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12 Sub-Regional Council

12.1 **Sub-Regional Council** * shall meet three times a year:-

- 12.1.1 To appoint heads of Sub-Regional Secretariats and to define their duties;

- 12.1.2 To adopt and implement a Sub-Regional programme of action;
 - 12.1.3 To receive and consider reports of the members of the Sub-Regional Executive Committee;
 - 12.1.4 To receive and consider Sub-Regional reports;
 - 12.1.5 To receive and consider reports from the Sub-Regional Secretariats;
 - 12.1.6 To evaluate the progress of the organisation within the Sub-Region;
 - 12.1.7 To consider and approve the formation of new Branches in consultation with the Regional Organiser;
 - 12.1.8 To scrutinise the financial position of the Sub-Region;
 - 12.1.9 To evaluate the performance of the Sub-Regional Executive Committee.
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13 Sub-Regional (Local Municipalities) Executive Committees

- 13.1 **Sub-Regional (Local Municipalities) Executive Committees** * shall have the following collective responsibilities:-
 - 13.1.1 To convene the Sub-Regional Congress;
 - 13.1.2 To convene Sub-Regional Council;
 - 13.1.3 To run the day to day affairs of the organisation within the Sub-Region;
 - 13.1.4 To raise funds for the organisation within the Sub-Region;
 - 13.1.5 To implement the Sub-Regional, Regional, Provincial and National programmes of the organisation;
 - 13.1.6 To uphold the policies of the organisation within the Sub-Region;
 - 13.1.7 To hold regular press conferences and issue statements to the media on Sub-Regional matters;
 - 13.1.8 To organise and carry out Sub-Regional campaigns in the name of the organisation.
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14 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- 14.1 **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** * shall be the first organ of authority within a Branch or Unit:-
 - 14.1.1 To elect the Branch Executive Committee;
 - 14.1.2 To receive and consider the Branch composite report;
 - 14.1.3 To adopt and implement the Branch programme of action;
 - 14.1.4 To make recommendations to the Regional Executive Committee regarding changes in the policy of the Organisation;
 - 14.1.5 To adopt mobilising strategies of the organisation;
 - 14.1.6 To make recommendations to the Regional Executive Committee relating to changes to the Constitution;
 - 14.1.7 To carry out such functions as may be assigned to them by the Central Committee or the Regional Executive Committee from time to time.
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15 Branch (Ward) Executive Committee (BECs)

- 15.1 **Branch (Ward) Executive Committee (BECs)** * shall be the second organ of authority within a Branch or Unit:-

- 15.1.1 Represent the organisation at local level;
 - 15.1.2 Run the local affairs of the organisation on a daily basis;
 - 15.1.3 Implement the decisions of the Regional Congress and Regional Council as well as those of the National Congress;
 - 15.1.4 Represent the organisation in local community activities;
 - 15.1.5 Educate the communities on the principles of the organisation, and to popularise the philosophy of Black Consciousness among such communities;
 - 15.1.6 Display colours of the organisation;
 - 15.1.7 Submit reports to the Regional Congress and Regional Council;
 - 15.1.8 Send delegates to the National and Regional Congresses and the Regional Council;
 - 15.1.9 Shall cause to be compiled a list of candidates for local government elections, i.e. ward, district council and proportional, subject to ratification by the Provincial Executive Committee.
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16 Unit Executive Committees

- 16.1 **Unit Executive Committees** * shall be the second organ of authority within a Branch or Unit:-
 - 16.1.1 Represent the organisation at local level;
 - 16.1.2 Run the local affairs of the organisation on a daily basis;
 - 16.1.3 Implement the decisions of the Regional Congress and Regional Council as well as those of the National Congress;
 - 16.1.4 Represent the organisation in local community activities;
 - 16.1.5 Educate the communities on the principles of the organisation, and to popularise the philosophy of Black Consciousness among such communities;
 - 16.1.6 Display colours of the organisation;
 - 16.1.7 Submit reports to the Regional Congress and Regional Council;
 - 16.1.8 Send delegates to the National and Regional Congresses and the Regional Council;
 - 16.1.9 Shall cause to be compiled a list of candidates for local government elections, i.e. ward, district council and proportional, subject to ratification by the Provincial Executive Committee.
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17 Formations of the Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO)

- 17.1 Azanian Student Movement (**AZASM**)
- 17.2 Azanian Student Convention (**AZASCO**)
- 17.3 Azanian Youth Organisation (**AZAYO**)
- 17.4 Azanian National Liberation Army (**AZANLA**)
- 17.5 Azanian National Liberation Army Military Veterans Association (**AZANLA MVA**)
- 17.6 Banking, Insurance, Finance and Allied Workers Union (**BIFAWU**)
- 17.7 Building, Allied, Mining and Construction Workers Union (**BAMCWU**)
- 17.8 Imbeleko Women's Organisation