



Now is the time . .

. . to build the new South Africa

Freedom and democracy have triumphed in South Africa. History has been made with the successful holding of the first ever non-racial elections on 26 – 28 April. They mark the final death blow to apartheid. The people of South Africa have now exercised the most fundamental of democratic rights – the right to vote in order to elect a government of their choice.

South Africa's new parliament is scheduled to convene on 6 May and the first democratically elected President of South Africa will be installed on 10 May.

But there are still dangerous elements in South Africa who fear democracy and will do everything possible to maintain the powers and privileges they enjoyed under the apartheid system including the hated bantustans.

The people of South Africa and their new democratic government will continue to need international solidarity as they consolidate their newly won freedom and democracy and embark on a massive programme of reconstruction and development in order to address all the injustices and legacies of apartheid.

New forms of solidarity will also be required to mobilise support for the Southern Africa region as a whole as they strive to overcome the destruction inflicted by the Pretoria regime throughout Southern Africa.

The people of Britain have a proud and rich tradition of solidarity with the people of Southern Africa. This needs to be sustained and expanded to meet the new challenges ahead. But it will also be even more an expression of mutual solidarity as we gain strength from the victory over apartheid in our own struggles to confront the upsurge of racism and fascism in Britain and Europe.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement is looking to the future. It seeks to promote the maximum possible debate and discussion over how we can best prepare a new agenda of international solidarity.



You can get involved now!

The highlights of our programme over the next two months include the following: *Please tick a box if you would like details*

- Sat 21 May** National Workshop on People to People Solidarity, Conway Hall, London.
- Sat 25 June** Extra-ordinary General Meeting of AAM to discuss its future, Friends Meeting House, London. Open to all AAM members
- Sun 26 June** South Africa Freedom Day at Brockwell Park, London. A multi-media event to mark 35th anniversary of AAM, including displays and exhibitions depicting new forms of solidarity as well as fundraising activities, including the Freedom Run.

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