



OUR CHARTER

THE CHARTER OF UKWELI PARTY

DECLARATION ON THE STATE AND FUTURE OF OUR MOTHERLAND - KENYA

WE, members of Ukweli Party and Movement for change, DECLARE for ourselves and to ALL the people of our KENYA and the WORLD to know that:

Kenya belongs to all of us citizens irrespective of our ethnicity, language, colour, sex or sexual identity, gender or gender identity, age, creed, political preference, social or economic status and (or) any other difference;

Majority of our people have been robbed of their human dignity, rights, peace and liberty as citizens since our flag independence in 1963 by successive regimes founded and led by a ruling class on the basis of corruption, ethnic division and bigotry, sexism, inequality, social, political and economic injustices, lawlessness, criminality and impunity, and acceptance of foreign domination, exploitation, and oppression;

Our country will never be fully free and prosperous for all, unless and until all our people work together to defeat the backwardness instituted by the successive regimes of Jomo Kenyatta, Daniel arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta and their cronies and collaborators; and until we resolve to live side by side in friendship, unity, shared prosperity and nationhood regardless of difference - enjoying equal rights, dignity and opportunity to thrive;

Never again shall government claim authority on the people of Kenya unless that government is founded and based on the genuine will of all the peoples of Kenya through regular democratic, free, fair, credible, open, verifiable and lawfully prepared, managed, executed and declared elections;

Only a democratic Kenyan state and nation, based on the genuine will of all the people, can secure to all citizens of Kenya, residents and visitors their rights and dignity without distinction or exception;

Only an alternative political leadership that is patriotic can change the colonial, post-colonial, and imperialized *status quo* of our Motherland; and

A fully committed implementation of the Constitution of Kenya that we bestowed upon ourselves in 2010 is a central part and basis of all struggles for defeating and changing the anti-people *status quo* of our Motherland to the benefit of all KENYANS and residents.

And therefore WE, the members of Ukweli Party and Movement, women and men, young and old - from all cultural, language, belief, social, economic and occupational backgrounds; in our different roles in and for the Party and Movement - together as EQUAL CITIZENS in rights and dignity – adopt this CHARTER.

WE PLEDGE ourselves to strive together, in commitment, discipline, leadership, organization and action - sparing neither strength nor courage, until the democratic changes and FULL SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FREEDOM OF KENYA from the rule of external and internal unpatriotic forces set out here have ALL been won and secured.

THE PEOPLE OF KENYA SHALL EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN POWER!

Every constitutionally entitled woman and man shall have the right to vote for, and to contest as candidates for election in all electoral roles for the people's representation in governance bodies as per the Constitution of Kenya;

Every single vote cast shall count, and the entire election process shall be totally protected from any and all acts of criminality such as rigging, fraud, manipulation, voter suppression, deceit and contempt for the vote;

All citizens shall be entitled to take part in the administration of the county through the diverse public participation and engagement processes and platforms decreed in the Constitution of Kenya; and

It shall be an easier, transparent and more expeditious

procedure for the people to recall their elected representatives and replace them once those representatives fail in their representational duties or betray the public trust upon which they were elected.

ALL KENYANS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS!

Kenya is a galaxy and permanent home to people of different ethnic, racial, linguistic, generations, gender and sexual identities, cultural and religious origins - a collection of diverse nationalities brought together by the odds of our histories, a shared violence of European colonization and ultimate emergence as an independent African country. All the peoples of Kenya shall have equal rights and a shared identity as Kenyans, and it shall always remain so;

All the people shall be protected, in public and in private life, from all acts of abuse and violation of their human rights and freedoms;

There shall be equal status for all Kenya's multi-ethnic, multi-racial, and multi-gendered groups, in public and private life; in the structures and agencies of government and the state; and in general life as sovereign citizens;

All the rights of the people of Kenya shall be the same for everyone as decreed in the Constitution of Kenya, and the laws to respect, promote, protect and fulfil them shall apply constitutionally, equally and decisively for all Kenyans;

All women and girls shall be protected from all forms of gender-based injustices and indignities, including but not limited to sexism and misogyny, female genital mutilation, discrimination, rape, gender-based violence, sexual harassment, period poverty, forced marriage and all forms of attacks on the basis of their sex;

All communities shall have equal rights to use their own languages and to develop their own cultural expressions, resources and customs;

All ethnic, cultural, racial, linguistic, generational, gender, sexual and gender identities, and religious/non-religious groups shall enjoy equal rights and dignity as citizens and those rights shall be protected by law against hatred, discrimination and attack; and

The preaching, promotion and practice of ethnic, racial, linguistic and religious profiling, prejudice, discrimination, hatred and violence shall be punishable crimes.

ALL KENYANS SHALL SHARE EQUITABLY IN KENYA'S WEALTH!

Our country belongs to all its citizens, without exception or distinction, and the national wealth of Kenya, the heritage and splendour of our country, shall be owned and enjoyed by the people;

All our country's mineral wealth underneath our soils, waters and rocks; all the natural resources above our soils, waters and rocks are collectively owned by the people and their exploitation for capital shall at all times be conducted for the greater benefit of all citizens. All unjust contracts in the extractive industries with foreign capital monopolies and their local pawns that have been unethically siphoned and spirited away our shared wealth shall be cancelled;

All industry and trade shall be coordinated in a way that promotes the wellbeing of all the peoples of Kenya while at the same time ensuring economic growth, progress and sustainability;

All Kenyans shall have equal rights to produce and trade wherever they choose, to manufacture and enter all areas of business and livelihood; and

All backward and extractive taxation regimes on incomes and essential items and services shall be abolished and replaced with a just and equitable system of revenue generation and taxation; and

All collected revenues shall be used for the benefit and best interest of all citizens - to improve the quality of life of all Kenyans and residents through competent and adequate delivery of public goods and services.

OUR LAND SHALL BE SHARED EQUITABLY AMONG THOSE WHO WORK IT!

All land belongs to the people of Kenya and restrictions to land use on the sole basis of monetary criteria shall be ended;

All land in Kenya shall be demonetized and made equitably accessible for use by citizens or groups who work it to produce to end famine and food poverty, scarcity-driven high cost of food, the indignities of homelessness, speculation-driven high costs of housing and land poverty - even as those citizens or groups make gains for themselves based on their work and industry on our land;

The state shall help land users with non-title tenure security, implements, farm inputs, water access, extension services and technical assistance to produce on the soil and save it for sustainable use, and to develop their capabilities to produce on the land for personal and national gain through open, fair and non-exploitative supply chains;

The state shall guarantee freedom of movement, stay, access and safety to all citizens who work on the land anywhere in the country;

All shall have the right to access and occupy land wherever they choose, based on well developed, simple, equitable, transparent and publicized national access

procedures;

No one shall be allowed to retain land for hoarding or speculative purposes anywhere in Kenya;

No one shall be arbitrarily dispossessed of his or her land access and user rights under a public national non-title, production-based tenure system; and

The existing Constitutional categorizations of land as community, public, and private shall be subjected to the principles set out in (i)-(vii).

ALL PEOPLE SHALL BE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW!

The law shall operate equally to all and for all, and its enforcement shall not have exceptions or immunities;

The persistent culture of impunity shall be ended;

The Kenya Police Service and Kenya Defence Forces shall be open for recruitment to all citizens who merit on an equal basis and these patriotic services shall be independent, professional, civil, well trained and equipped helpers and protectors of the people at all times;

Acts of brutality and criminal conduct by members of the people's security and defence services shall not be tolerated;

The Judiciary shall be independent, well endowed, equipped and protected against intimidation, contempt, manipulation and compromise from any authority, agency, network or individual;

The Executive shall be the highest representation of national interest, pride, hope, unity, integrity, vision and an embodiment of the people's determination, struggles and victories in the emancipation of our homeland from historical and contemporary challenges;

The Legislature shall be independent, committed and a true representation and driver of the dreams, hopes, struggles and victory of the people through its fidelity to intelligent, informed, critical, honourable, patriotic and courageous debate; enactment of good laws and execution of its oversight role for a more just and democratic Kenyan nation;

Imprisonment shall be only for serious crimes committed against the people and shall aim at delivery of justice, accountability, reform and rehabilitation of offenders and not punishment and vengeance; and

No one shall be imprisoned or deported without a fair trial and all the people shall have the right to access justice as litigants as well as trial before competent tribunals.

EDUCATION SHALL BE OPEN, FREE AND EQUAL FOR ALL!

Education is a public good as is water, health services, land, food, housing, work, a clean environment, peace and non-violence.

Education shall be free, compulsory, universal and equal for all children;

The aim of education shall be to teach the youth to love their culture, country and fellow citizens, honour and promote liberty, human rights and social justice for all, foster national and global solidarity, and contribute to the progress of Kenya and our civilization into a more perfect Kenyan nation;

The national education curriculum, pedagogy and school management shall be open, democratic, decolonized and promote the equal dignity of teachers, students, workers and parents, and it shall promote critical thinking and revolutionary training;

The government shall stimulate discovery, encouragement and development of national talent for the celebration and enhancement of Kenya's diverse intellectual and cultural life;

All the cultural treasures of humankind globally shall be open to all Kenyans, by free exchange of books, films, pictures, art, technologies, ideas and contact with other nations and their peoples,

Higher education (university, technical and vocational training) shall be open to all who want it by means of state grants, sponsorships and scholarships awarded on the basis of merit or measures to ensure equitable access;

All student debts incurred by families and students in their search for a high school or college education in our public institutions since independence shall be cancelled;

All taxes on learning and educational resources, including books, magazines, journals, instructional hardware and software and stationery shall be abolished;

Adult illiteracy and innumeracy shall be ended by a mass national adult learning and education program.

THERE SHALL BE WORK FOR ALL!

The state shall recognize the right and duty of all to work and shall do everything to ensure adequate, sustainable gainful work opportunities for all citizens who can work;

The state shall recognize and strive to progressively fulfil the right to draw full unemployment benefits to all citizens who cannot find remunerative work

opportunities;

Men and women of all abilities and identities shall receive equal pay for equal work;

All who work shall be free to form or join trade unions, to freely elect their leaders and to negotiate pay agreements with their employers. There shall be no state interference in the affairs, growth and thriving of workers organizations;

There shall be a 35-hour working week, a national minimum and living wage, paid annual leave and sick leave for all workers and maternity/paternity leave on full pay for all working parents;

Domestic workers, residential guards, farm workers, public transport workers and civil servants shall have the same rights as all other workers; and

Child labour, forced labour, indefinite casual labour and all forms of modern-day slavery shall be abolished.

HEALTHCARE SHALL BE FREE AND EQUAL FOR ALL!

All people shall have access to quality free medical care and hospitalization at public hospitals;

There shall be special care for mothers, children, persons with disability and senior citizens;

The aged, orphans, disabled, and the sick shall be cared for by the state to ensure their wellbeing and dignity;

There shall be a comprehensive national preventive health scheme run by the state and county governments;

All taxes on essential and life-supporting medicines and on all medical equipment shall be abolished; and

Food shall be safe for consumption, plentiful and tax-free throughout the nation and no one shall go hungry because of lack.

THERE SHALL BE DECENT, ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR ALL

All people shall have the right to adequate, decent and safe housing for themselves and their families;

New public housing estates shall be built for slum dwellers where all shall have roads, transport, lighting, water, recreational spaces, play schools for their children and social canters; and through these actions, all slums shall be phased out;

All unused housing spaces shall be made available to the people;

Rents, charges and bills shall be subject to state control

and they shall be lowered from the current speculative common trends; and

All duty and taxes on building materials and equipment shall be abolished as a measure to spur rapid progress in the provision adequate, decent affordable housing in urban and rural areas.

KENYA SHALL BE A LAND OF PEACE, NON VIOLENCE, FRIENDSHIP AND NATIONHOOD!

Peace, friendship and a shared bond of nationhood shall be secured by upholding the equal rights, dignity, opportunity to thrive and status of all Kenyans at all times;

We shall be a vibrant, happy, prosperous and stable country having defeated and banished from our country's fabric all the backward, shallow, personalized, corrupt and oppressive local and national political and leadership cultures mooted by the British colonists and entrenched by the successive post-colonial regimes of Jomo, Moi, Kibaki and Uhuru as agents of the imperialisms of the West and East;

We shall live in friendship, peace and solidarity with neighbouring nations and pursue principled engagement with them on areas of common interest to the citizens of the region;

We shall act in solidarity and friendship with the peoples and nations of the world to promote dignity, progress and full freedom for citizens of the world; and

We shall nurture and undertake people-to-people solidarities, movements, and political organizations that share our vision of a just, peaceful, non-violent and non-militaristic, equitable, humane, ecologically just and safe, and a prosperous planet for ALL.

Let ALL who love themselves, their fellow citizens, residents and their country KENYA, now say as WE say here:

“THIS CHARTER WE SHALL WORK FOR, IN TRUTH, COURAGE, COMRADESHIP, DISCIPLINE AND SOLIDARITY, SIDE BY SIDE, THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES, UNTIL WE HAVE WON OUR FREEDOMS AND HUMAN DIGNITY, FOR OURSELVES, OUR MOTHERLAND KENYA, OUR EAST AFRICA REGION, OUR AFRICA AND THE GLOBE, AND FOR POSTERITY.