

THE

COALITION

AGREEMENT

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FOR
STABILITY AND REFORM
LESOTHO'S SECOND COALITION
GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

APRIL, 2015

This agreement is made by and between the following Political Parties:

The Democratic Congress (DC),

The Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD),

The Popular Front for Democracy (PFD),

The Basotho Congress Party (BCP),

The Lesotho People's Congress (LPC),

The Marematlou Freedom Party (MFP), and

The National Independent Party (NIP).

This document is the agreement of the coalition of parties commanding a majority in the National Assembly and thereby entitled to form a Coalition Government pursuant to s87(2) of the Constitution of Lesotho.

This document sets out the agreement for the operation of the Coalition Government for the duration of the five years of the ninth parliament.

A. BROAD OBJECTIVES

The Coalition Government adopts the following broad objectives:

- A1 To be a reformist government addressing fundamental issues of development in the Kingdom of Lesotho
- A2 To restore national peace and political stability
- A3 To deepen democracy and respect for human rights

- A4 To make transparency and good governance a hallmark of the government
- A5 To drive economic growth with a view to leading Lesotho out of the group of least developed nations within ten years
- A6 To place a greater focus on consultation and citizen participation
- A7 To enhance equality of opportunity for all citizens
- A8 To eliminate corruption at all levels of society and government
- A9 To make government more accountable to the people
- A10 To deepen national pride amongst Basotho
- A11 To deepen the relationship with regional and international partners

B. SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

More specifically the Coalition Government commits itself to:

- B1 Growing the economy faster through institutional reforms, effective use of natural resources, infrastructure development, attracting investment on a basis that protects Lesotho's interests, and ensuring that a greater proportion of the earnings from natural resources remains in Lesotho
- B2 Enhancing the strategic management of natural resources through creating a Ministry of Water
- B3 Adopting a 'Lesotho Now' approach to drive economic development and create employment by