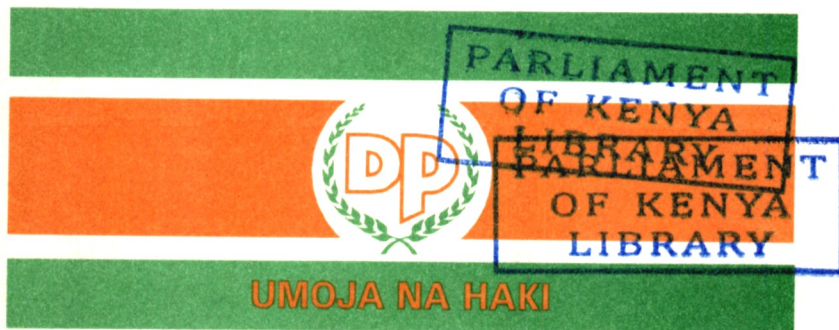


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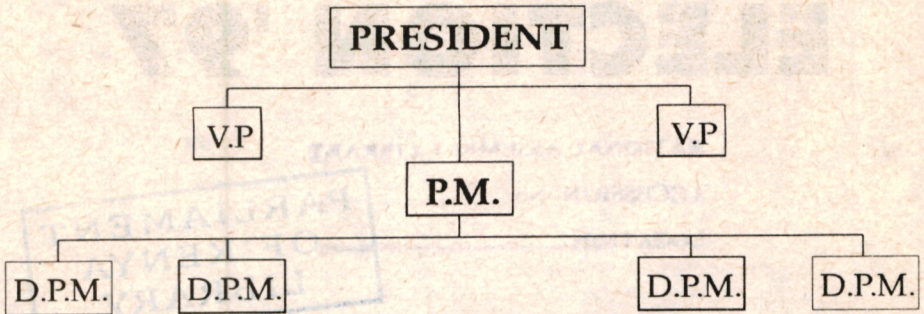
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## Composition of a DP Government



Ministries	MS	DPMs	Dms
1. Finance & Planning	1		2
2. Foreign Affairs	1		1
3. Defence	1		1
4. Home Affairs & National Heritage	1		2
5. Education & Employment	1		2
6. Health & Pop. Development	1		1
7. Agriculture & Animal Husbandry	1		2
8. Commerce & Industry	1		2
9. Environment & Local Government	1		2
10. Housing, Lands & settlement	1		2
11. Co-operative Development	1		2
12. Public Works, Transport & Communications	1		2
13. Justice & Constitutional Affairs	1		1
14. Research, Science & Technology	1		2
15. Water & Natural Resources	1		2
16. Energy	1		2
17. Youth, Sports & Games	1	1	2
18. Information, Tourism & Wildlife	1		1
19. Labour & Manpower Development	1	1	1
20. Gender Development	1	1	2
21. Religion, Disadvantaged, Children & Family Affairs	1	1	2
22. Ministers of State - OP	2		2
Totals	23	4	37

## **“The Kenya we want”**

Dear Kenyans,

In my vision, I see a Kenya where men and women, young and old; of all walks of life; men and women of all shades of opinions and political persuasion; co-exist in harmony, peace and tranquillity. I see men and women of Kenya going about their business, and complementing each others' efforts and determined to build a better tomorrow. I see a Kenya with enough to eat and spare. I see a land of plenty; I see a Kenya free of corruption. I believe that together, we can build such a nation.



I believe in the youth of this nation. I believe that if we harness to the maximum the enormous human resources - youth and women - with which the almighty has endowed this country, we will become a prosperous nation in less that two (2) decades. We can do it. All it takes is good and committed leadership, political goodwill and determination. I promise to lead the way, and to work hand in hand with the millions of Kenyans, who cherish and nurture similar ambitions and are determined to do something about it. I appeal to you , the youth and women of Kenya to take charge of your destiny, you are the leaders of today, not tomorrow.

My mission is to serve .... not to be served. I promise to always tell the people the truth; to only make promises I can keep; to be selfless; to be honest with myself; to be tolerant; to be upright; to be accommodating; to be a Kenyan; to respect other peoples views and opinions; to be diligent, and to fight corruption with all my heart. These virtues will form the cornerstone of the prosperous nation I see ahead of us. I trust the people of Kenya. You are a hard working people. You, therefore, deserve a Government that listens to you, responds positively and speedily to your needs. I promise you such a Government.

I shall only make promises I can and intend to keep. Watch out for liars who make empty promises, even when they know only too well that they have no intentions of keeping them. As the person at the helm of a DP Government, I consciously and solemnly make the following twenty (20) covenants with you the people of Kenya:-

1. **I shall form a Coalition Government of National Unity for reconstruction and reconciliation for five (5) years, where all Parliamentary Political parties will be proportionately represented and with a Parliament which has its own calendar of events.**
2. **I promise the people of Kenya and our visitors an environment which does not threaten their lives and property ... a secure country.**
3. **I shall fight corruption and corrupt persons with all my might.**
4. **I assure the children and the people of Kenya a quality education and free primary education for the poor.**
5. **I promise a buoyant economy, export and people driven, with a GDP growth rate of eight (8) per cent per year. Then, the eleven (11) million Kenyans who live below the poverty line will be able to attain a decent standard of living like other Kenyans.**
6. **I promise to reduce corporation tax to twenty five (25) percent and ensure that for the next three (3) years there will be no increases in taxation.**

7. I shall put in place policies which will guarantee the farmers of Kenya easy access to adequate and inexpensive credit which will attract an interest rate of between five (5) and ten (10) percent per annum; within the first six (6) months of assuming office.
8. I promise to ensure that existing roads in the rural areas and urban centers are rehabilitated and new ones are built, in partnership with the private sector.
9. I promise ten (10) small and medium size dams per constituency per year
10. I promise to streamline and strengthen the Co-operative movement in Kenya.
11. I shall ensure that the DP Government treats shelter as a basic human right. We will set mortgage interest rates ceiling at ten (10) per cent for rural housing and fifteen(15) per cent for inexpensive urban housing.
12. I propose to create 500,000 jobs every year by emphasizing labour intensive projects and promoting the “ missing middle” industries countrywide.
13. I promise that within five (5) years, landlessness will be a thing of the past; Land Share Certificates will by Law become usable securities to borrow with.
14. I undertake to place the management of the Health services in the hands of local people - instead of bureaucrats.

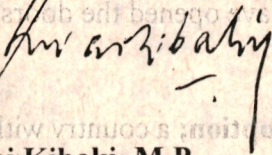
15. I shall ensure that there will be at least a woman Vice-President, one (1) woman Deputy Prime Minister, three women Cabinet Ministers; ten (10) women Deputy Ministers, one (1) woman Member of Parliament per District (now 64), and that one third (1/3) of all nominated councillors shall be women.
16. I promise to enter into partnership with religious organizations in uplifting the moral, social, and economic well-being of the people of Kenya.
17. I shall ensure that comprehensive legal reforms have been put in place before the expiry of the five (5) year tenure of office.
18. I shall establish the office of Ombudsman.
19. I shall ensure that Kenya regains its lost glory and acquires an enviable leadership position at the regional and international arena.
20. I promise Kenyans that comprehensive constitutional, legal and administration reforms will be carried out within a period of four (4) years: in consultation with the people of Kenya; through national and local conventions, seminars, and workshops; tested for a period of one (1) year; and implemented before the next General election.

Fellow Kenyans, I know many of you mistrust politicians to the point of almost detesting politics; it is not your fault. You have been fed with too many lies. But remember this, the politicians are holding the dirty end of the stick now. You have an upper hand. You have in your possession the most lethal weapon of all - the vote. Use it wisely: Vote out the egoistic and greedy leaders. Reject the intolerant vindictive and stubborn

politicians. Do not give a chance to self seekers, liars, dishonest, immoral and self-styled leaders. You know who they are, and you now have the power to get rid of them. The time is now. Use your vote wisely, vote in a DP Government and elect me your President.

I believe that we can build a land of plenty together.

SIGNED BY:-



**Hon. Mwai Kibaki, M.P.**

**The DP Presidential Candidate - 1997.**

**“DP’s Contract with you, the people of Kenya  
is to make Kenya a land of Plenty”**

*“Kenya shall be a land of plenty ... DP promises”*

We urge you to invest your vote today for a better tomorrow. Yesterday is history. It is gone. You have no control over it. But, the tomorrow you were waiting for yesterday is here now. Our future is in your hands. Your destiny is no longer in other people’s hands. The time to choose is now. Make the right choices and you will have opened the doors to the Land of Plenty.

We in DP promise a land **free of corruption**; a country with a **buoyant economy**; a land of opportunity; where the taxes benefit the people and the burden of **taxation is minimised**; a land where **profitable agriculture** will be booming; a country with a **quality Education system**; a **Healthy people** in a Wealthy Nation; a country where **Gender Development** is one of the top priorities; a country where **Political and Legal reforms** are a continuous process; a Nation where **Unemployment and Inflation** are only a one digit figure; a nation where Democratic Governance by a **Coalition Government of National Unity** and respect for **Human Rights** are the norm; a **secure** country; a country which spearheads and practices **Regional and International Co-operation**; a nation with **abundant water resources**; a country where **human life**, and **property** are respected; a **God-fearing** nation; a nation where the **Co-operative Movement** thrives and where **shelter** is recognized as a **basic human right**. These promises shall become DP’s twenty (20) covenants with the people of Kenya. Empower us by electing us into office and we promise you that we shall live up to your expectations. Our country’s future is in your hands. Cast your vote wisely... Elect a DP President, DP-MPs and DP - Councillors.

### **OUR PARTY:-**

The Democratic Party of Kenya is **ready**; now more than ever before, to face the challenges of the 21st Century. Since the 1992 General elections the Party has grown into a formidable force and has been able to stand the test of time albeit the departure of a few founder members. It is now a **strong national party** with national officials from all corners of the Republic. It has evolved its own mechanism of self rejuvenation; taken affirmative action in gender development - especially in Party leadership and continue to encourage and promote leadership succession by the **“Younger Political Generation”**. We believe in blending leadership in all spheres of life, with the young and old, men and women. Our unity in diversity is our strength.

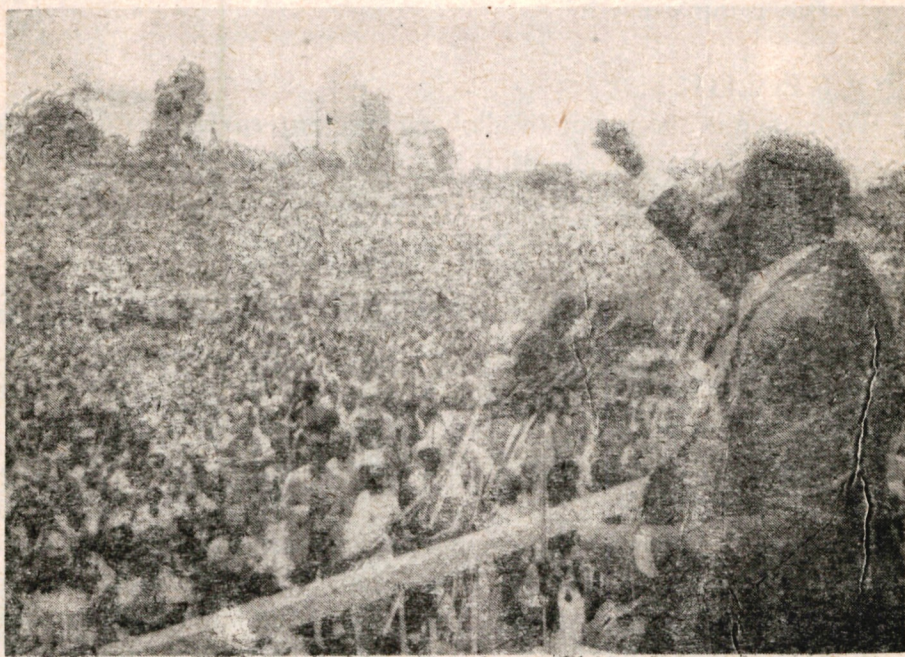
### **OUR POLITICS:-**

We believe in the policy of allowing **free enterprise** to thrive in an economy which responds positively to the **social obligations**. We view the free market economy as a **means** of fulfilling the **needs** of the **majority** and **not as an end** by itself.

We promise to work towards the realisation of maximum development of **human capital**. This way, no doubt, we shall achieve enhanced **social capital** and eventually build a very strong **financial capital base**. Our politics will, therefore, focus on the workers of Kenya and their rights; the farmers of Kenya and their rights; the unemployed citizens of this land; the self empowerment of women, youth and other individuals and a **sustainable economic growth** with a **“human face”**. These are achievable goals. Soon after independence we were able to put the machinery of fulfilling those dreams in motion successfully. But somewhere along the way, we were interrupted. Today; Kenyans are choked with lies and broken promises by "KADU - KANU". Let us emancipate ourselves. Choose the politics of self determination. Elect the Party with a vision for us all, irrespective of ones status in life. Choose DP.

**THE WAY FORWARD:-**

DP promises to form a Coalition Government of National Unity where all Parliamentary political parties will be proportionately represented. A Government which will immediately embark on the tasks **of national reconstruction and reconciliation**. A Government which will undertake and complete comprehensive political, legal, social and economic reforms and implement them within a period of five (5) years.



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## **PRIORITY PROGRAMMES & POLICY REFORMS:-**

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The Democratic Party of Kenya promises to embark on and implement successfully the following priority programmes and policy reforms during the five (5) years tenure of office:-

### **1. GOVERNANCE:-**

During the last thirty four (34) years, the political landscape of our country has been evolving and has assumed various shapes and shades at its various stages of evolution. We in DP believe that time is now ripe to make various **radical changes** which will enable the people of Kenya prepare themselves for the politics of the third (3rd) millennium. We believe that **participative management** of the affairs of state produces the **greatest good** for the **largest number** of the citizens of Kenya. We therefore **propose and promise**:-

- (a) *To establish a Coalition Government of National Unity where all Parliamentary Political Parties - who agree to participate - are proportionately represented for a period of five (5) years.*
- (b) *To form a Government with: one (1) President, two (2) Vice Presidents, One (1) Prime Minister, four (4) Deputy Prime Ministers, twenty three (23) Ministers including the VPS and DPMS, and thirty seven (37) Deputy Ministers.*
- (c) *To ensure that Parliament is autonomous, establishes its own calendar of events and employs its own Civil Service and can impeach the President and Prime Minister.*
- (d) *To ensure that Mayors and Deputy Mayors are elected directly by the people and that Local Authorities regain the powers which over the years they have been losing to*

*Central Government. We shall restore full powers to Local Authorities so that they can manage their affairs without interference by the Minister of Local Government.*

- (e) *To ensure that appointments of Cabinet and all Constitutional Offices shall be subject to approval by Parliament or a Committee of Parliament.*

These reforms will ensure that power is **decentralised, shared** and that there are **enough checks and balances**.

### **2. SECURITY:-**

The primary duty of any legitimate Government is to provide security for its people and their property. The present Government has **lost all legitimacy** to be in power. We in DP value human life and respect private and public assets. Kenyans deserve a secure environment.

A DP Government **promises:-**

- (a) **To provide adequate security to all Kenyans and our visitors.**
- (b) **To fight crime by providing properly trained security personnel and adequate facilities.**
- (c) **To put an end to cattle rustling.**
- (d) **To put an end to banditry and thuggery.**
- (e) **To fight drug trafficking and money laundering and all other forms of crimes.**

### **3. CORRUPTION:-**

**Corruption** is a dangerous **cancer** that has devastated the economic, the social and the moral fabric of this Nation. The cancer ~~must~~ be fought with all our might. The **President** must, by example and actions **spearhead the fight against corruption.**

DP believes that if the institution of the Presidency and its environs are occupied by corrupt officials, it becomes impossible to fight the cancer

at the lower levels - even if an **anti-corruption commission and squads** are formed.

A DP Government therefore **promises:**

- (a) *That the institution of the Presidency, the Vice Presidency, the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister the Cabinet and the Permanent Secretaries as well as other senior positions in Government and quasi-government bodies, will be occupied by incorruptible officers.*
- (b) *That any person accused of corruption and corrupt practices will be tried in public and if found guilty will be punished severely. This rule will apply to all persons including the President.*
- (c) *That an anti-corruption squad will be formed within three (3) months of assuming office. The squad will comprise of officers of high integrity with powers and authority to act without interference.*
- (d) *That religious organizations and NGOs, as well as ordinary citizens of good moral standing will be involved in the fight against corruption.*

#### **4. EDUCATION:-**

The people of Kenya can and will become a “**reading nation**”. DP believes that there cannot be a better investment a nation can bequeath its people than **qualitative education**, especially to the youth. Ignorance is a disease. Education is a right not a privilege.

The Democratic Party of Kenya **Promises:-**

- (a) *To reduce the number of examinable subjects at the completion of Primary Education to a maximum of five (5) namely; Swahili, English, Mathematics, Sciences and Arts.*
- (b) *To ensure that the size of lower primary classes are equal to or less than thirty (30) pupils per class.*
- (c) *To ensure that adequate bursaries are availed by Government to all needy cases, especially in Arid and semi arid, and slum areas.*
- (d) *To build public libraries, social halls and seminar facilities at all Constituency Headquarters in collaboration with local and other communities within five years.*
- (e) *To promote entrepreneurship education at every level and as continuing adult education.*
- (f) *To strengthen the partnership between the Government, Religious Organisations, NGOS and local communities, in the management of and provision of qualitative education. We shall encourage religious people to be Headmasters and Headmistresses of as many Primary and Secondary Schools as possible.*

Education is the key to progress. We intend to **invest heavily** and **wisely** in this sector.

**5. ECONOMIC REFORMS :-**

We in DP recognise that globalisation of the economic management of the wealth of nations is a reality, especially more so as we enter into the 21st century. We, however, believe that ultimately **the forces of global**

**economics** can and must be **domesticated**. We must develop our own **homegrown solutions** to the various economic challenges which we find ourselves in. We believe that DP has the capacity, the capability, and the determination to face these **challenges** and convert them **into opportunities**. In this field of economic management, **we promise:-**

- (a) *That we shall manage the economic affairs of our country with a balanced budget, reduce government borrowing to the minimum and move towards achieving a budget which will be only twenty (20) per cent of Gross Domestic Product.*
- (b) *To promote an export-driven-economy and upgrade our Embassies and High Commissions abroad into "Export-Business Promotion Centres"; centres which serve Kenyan exporters diligently besides other national duties and appoint business minded Commercial Attaches.*
- (c) *To promote off-shore borrowing which will attract an interest rate of not more than ten (10) percent per annum.*
- (d) *To promote people driven- industrialization by creating an appropriate environment for local and foreign investors to invest.*
- (e) *To promote development in partnership with the seven hundred and sixty (760) active Non-Governmental organisations and the forty thousand (40,000) registered and active self-help groups in the country and use them as vehicles of development.*
- (f) *To promote at least one medium size industry at each District Headquarters every two (2) years; especially agro-based industries with "back-ward" integration in agriculture.*

- (g) *To promote economic development with a human face, in the context of a welfare state and root-out corruption and corrupt practices in the public and private sector.*

We believe that economic management requires morals, foresight, hard work and determination. We possess and cherish these virtues.

## **6. TAXATION:-**

Kenyan are amongst the **most heavily taxed** people in the world, yet over the last fifteen (15) years, goods and services provided by the Government have continued to diminish. When any Government translates the taxes it has collected into tangible goods and services, which benefit the citizens, then, the burden of taxation is less painful. In Kenya, however, the Government cannot account for the approximately **Kshs 900,000,000,000** (900 billion) it has collected in way of taxes from the people in the last five (5) years! Kenyans have been suffering without bitterness hoping that one day the corrupt leadership of the “**KADU - KANU**” government will change. However, it is now very clear that they are **incapable of changing**.

DP believes that the Kenyans will this time round elect leaders who have the determination and commitment to reduce that tax burden and increase goods and services to the people of Kenya.

### **DP Promises:**

- (a) *To reduce the rate of Corporate Tax from thirty-five (35) per cent to twenty-five (25) percent in two (2) years.*
- (b) *That the government will not raise taxes for the next three-(3) years.*
- (c) *That those companies which will build homes will enjoy tax-free benefits for ten(10) years.*
- (d) *That the Government will increase its revenue through more efficient methods of collection of taxes.*

7. **AGRICULTURE:-**

The vagaries of nature and self-inflicted calamities continue to take their toll in this land or ours. We can and must do something to reverse the pendulum. We must promote **profitable** and **booming agriculture** which guarantees **food security** and improves the standard of living of the people of Kenya. In order to achieve this, the **DP promises:-**

- (a) *To make budget provisions to ensure that the farmers who engage in subsistence farming have credit/loans available to them at an interest rate of five(5) percent per annum; farmers who engage in commercial farming in arid and semi arid areas of Kenya have credit/loans available to them at an interest rate of seven and a half (7.5) per cent per annum and farmers who engage in commercial farming generally have credit/loans available to them at a maximum interest rate of ten (10) per cent per annum.*
- (b) *To promote exports of non-traditional agricultural produce by way of availing pre-shipment financing, at reasonable interest rates through Commercial Banks. Budget provisions will also be made for this purpose.*
- (c) *To ensure that A.F.C. Bank and the Co-operative Bank open Branches at all appropriate District Headquarters and commercial centers and that the Government injects Kenya shillings fifty (50) million deposit at each Branch of the two Banks to enable them to finance export oriented agriculture.*
- (d) *To ensure that a programme of converting thirty five (35) per cent of Kenya's land mass into forest is started.*

- (e) *To increase strategic food reserves from two (2) million bags to five (5) million bags.*
- (f) *To promote agro-forestry on all privately owned land at all corners of the Republic with the participation of the people, local administrators and school children.*

These measures will, no **doubt**, revitalize our economy since it is **heavily agriculture- driven**. Kenyan farmers will be able to smile again.

### **8. ROADS:-**

Once upon a time we, in Kenya, used to boast that we had one of the best networks of tarmac and all weather roads in Africa, south of the Sahara and above the river Limpopo. Today most of **our roads** “- in both rural areas and urban centers -” are in a **pathetic condition**; yet millions of shillings are voted in the National Budget by Parliament every year for road maintenance and construction. It is now very clear that this is one area where officials and politicians in the KANU government have been looting millions, without remorse or shame. This trend must be stopped.

### **DP Promises:-**

- (a) *That all “Tea-Roads” will be rehabilitated within three (3) years.*
- (b) *That repair, maintenance and construction of roads will be given priority by the Government in the rural areas and urban centres.*
- (c) *The Agricultural Sector will be encouraged and permitted to utilize the cess collection to maintain roads in those areas where the cess is collected. The local people will elect Management Boards to oversee proper utilisation of the cess money.*

- (d) *That private investors will be encouraged to build the main trunk roads and bridges to acceptable specifications and then permitted to charge reasonable toll for a period of ten (10) years in order to recover their investment and make a profit.*

## 9. WATER:-

**“Water is life”**. We believe that our country can become “the granary of Eastern & Central Africa”. The key lies in our ability to harness the gift of God-water-adequately. We can and will convert our arid and semi arid land into “green acres”. **We promise** the people of Kenya:-

- (a) *That we shall embark on a programme of building ten (10) small and medium size dams per constituency every year. This measure will ensure that water for domestic use, fish farming, irrigation and power generation (for local use) is harnessed country wide.*
- (b) *To provide adequate and clean water for use in urban centres.*

## 10. CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT:-

We sincerely believe that.... **“Umoja ni nguvu, na utangano ni Udhaifu”**. Since independence the Co-operative movement in Kenya has been a formidable engine for physical and human development. During the last ten years, however, the movement's growth has been stifled by undue government interference. We in DP intend to **streamline** and **strengthen** the operations and the management of the movements.

**We promise:-**

- (a) *To re-define the role of the Ministry and the office of the Commissioner of Co-operatives in order to make them play a more positive and complementary role in the development of the movement.*
- (b) *To support and promote Savings and Credit Co-operative Societies and assist them with managerial capacities and capabilities;*
- (c) *To encourage and promote income generating activities of co-operative societies and support their marketing efforts.*

### **11 HOUSING:-**

DP believes that every human being has a right to some form of decent shelter, whether one lives in the rural area or in an urban centre. Indeed, the DP Government will treat shelter as a **basic human right**. Bearing this in mind, **we undertake:-**

- (a) *To ensure that organizations which invest in dwelling units are given special tax holidays.*
- (b) *To ensure that mortgage rates for loans given by Government Institutions are pegged at ten (10) percent for rural housing and fifteen (15) percent for low income dwelling units in urban areas.*
- (c) *To ensure that building standards are domesticated and the use of local building materials is promoted.*

### **12. UNEMPLOYMENT:-**

It is now common knowledge that the bulk of our able bodied men and women are not involved in any gainful employment. Indeed, out of a

population of **fourteen (14) million** Kenyans who are ready, willing and able to work, only **four (4) million** are employed (**1.6 million** in formal sector and **2.4 million** in the informal sector). The rest, **ten (10) million** Kenyans have to eke their living in other miscellaneous ways. In order to arrest this situation, we as a country must devise **labor intensive** economic programmes and invest in areas which have the highest job creation rates and return on investment.

A DP Government **proposes and promises** :-

- (a) *To create 500,000 jobs per year by promoting the labor intensive sectors of our economy and by encouraging Kenyans to export their skills and services.*
- (b) *To promote "the missing middle "type" of ventures in the "formal" and "informal" sectors - those which employ ten (10) to forty nine (49) people - by way of tax incentives and availing credit/loans at an interest rate of less than fifteen (15) percent. These types of ventures have been proven to have the highest propensity to create jobs.*
- (c) *To promote labour intensive public and private infrastructure construction e.g.. roads, houses , dams etc.*
- (d) *To promote afforestation and agro-forestry programmes country-wide.*
- (e) *To encourage the use of: "piece rates", "unit rates", "merits of work-done", "quality", "performance rate"; methods of rewarding and remunerating labour, as a basis of encouraging productivity and rewarding effort. This in effect will have a growth multiplier effect.*

Indeed, with the measures described above in place, unemployment can and will be reduced to a manageable level.

### **13. POVERTY:-**

At independence, Kenya's economy was **double** the size of the economy of South Korea. Thirty four (34) years after independence, fourteen million (**14,000,000**) Kenyans live below the poverty line! This is inexcusable! Indeed, the present Government has **lost all moral right to lead** the people of Kenya.

In order to alleviate poverty, the economy of Kenya should and can grow at the rate of **eight (8) per cent** of Gross Domestic Product. In the 70's and early 80's we had laid a foundation which would have ensured this kind of growth, if it were not messed up by the present Government. A DP Government **promises** to tackle poverty with all the human, monetary, and physical resources which will be available to it.

- (a) *We propose to settle landless Kenyans on any idle and arable Government land within the period of five (5) years of our tenure of office,*
- (b) *We shall ensure that taxation oscillates around twenty (20) percent of Gross Domestic Product.*
- (c) *We shall legislate laws to ensure that Kenyans can use "share Certificates" of land and buildings owned by group companies, to serve as securities to secure loans from banking institutions.*
- (d) *We shall ensure that mortgage interest rates for houses below Kshs 500,000/= are reduced to below fifteen (15) percent.*
- (e) *We shall ensure that employees of companies which opt to go public get interest free loans to enable them buy shares of the companies which they work for.*

- (f) *We promise an economy which will grow at a minimum rate of eight (8) percent of GDP per annum.*

The land of plenty and opportunities for individuals will have been created. Kenyans deserve it.

#### **14. HEALTH:-**

An unhealthy society is an unproductive society. The **human resource** is the **most important factor of production**, yet it is the one which is more often taken for granted. Since a healthy nation is a wealthy nation, **DP proposes and promises:-**

- (a) *To promote preventative health and traditional medicine.*
- (b) *To ensure that all Health facilities have a management board elected by the local people and the Boards have adequate authority to manage their affairs as well as the facilities in liaison with the Ministry of Health, relevant religious organizations and NGOs.*
- (c) *To ensure that private-wings are established at every provincial, district and divisional hospitals as a measure of cost sharing.*
- (d) *To facilitate promotion and establishment of Provincial and District Health Insurance Schemes as public and private companies.*
- (e) *To promote properly managed family health and family planning programmes.*

We believe in the saying "a sound mind lives in a sound body".

**15. GENDER & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:-**

The DP believes that in order for our country to accelerate **political, social and economic development**, it must utilise to the fullest potential the enormous human resources of women and youth. The "**brain**" and "**brawn**" power of women and youth forms the backbone of economic development of our country. When those resources are properly harnessed and developed, sustainable development will be achieved. We in DP recognise this and promise:-

- (a) To ensure that there will be one (1) woman Member of Parliament per District, (now sixty four), elected by the women within each District within the first (1) year of our assuming office.*
- (b) To ensure that one third (1/3) of all nominated councillors in all local authorities shall be women (young and old).*
- (c) To ensure that at least one (1) Vice-President, one (1) Deputy Prime Minister, five(5) Ministers, and ten (10) Deputy Ministers shall be women.*
- (d) To increase the lending ability and capacity of institutions such as Kenya Women Finance Trust (KWFT) and other credit organisations, by way of assisting the institutions open Branches at every District Headquarters (within five years) and by injecting Kshs 50 million deposit at each Branch which will be well managed.*
- (e) To promote the establishment of a Finance Trust Fund for the Youth, with branches at every District Headquarters (within five years) and inject a deposit of Kshs 50 million at each branch.*

- (f) *To ensure that women and youth organizations and self-help groups continue to be encouraged and promoted at every corner of Kenya. The success of such groups will form part of the human and physical development envisaged.*
- (g) *To promote programmes which will take care of street children and refugees, as well as the disadvantaged women and youth, especially in slums and marginalised areas.*

Nations of the world which have in the past mobilised the human resources of women and youth have prospered. The standards of living of their citizens remains high all the time. We must aim there. We must aim to belong to the "NICs" - **Newly Industrialized Countries - of the world.**

#### **16. RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS:-**

Any society which does not **cherish** and **practice genuine** and **sincere morality** is doomed. We must build a nation of genuine **God Fearing people**... not hypocrites! Social and economic morality will be part and parcel of our national agenda. DP believes that **prayers, discipline, and hardwork** form the pillars of sustainable and lasting economic and social development.

A DP Government **promises**

- (a) *That we shall involve religious organizations in the management and promotion of economic and social activities intended to benefit the people of Kenya.*
- (b) *That we shall encourage and promote moral teaching in all spheres of life.*

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- (c) *That we shall appoint a Cabinet Minister who shall also be a Deputy Prime Minister and two (2) Deputy Ministers to look after the Ministry of Religion, Disadvantaged, Children and Family Affairs.*
- (d) *That we shall appoint "God-fearing" officials to manage the affairs of state.*
- (e) *That we shall encourage and support economic and social programmes initiated and managed by religious organisations.*

Kenyans shall become a people of **integrity and high morals.**

### **17. LEGAL REFORMS:-**

In our Statute Books, there are very many **repugnant**, and **outdated** laws which require to be replaced and /or reformed. Most of them will be part of the envisaged comprehensive reform programmes which will be undertaken immediately the DP assumes leadership.

#### **We promise:-**

- (a) *To establish a Supreme Court.*
- (b) *To establish three(3) Appeal Courts to deal with: criminal cases, civil cases and family plus juvenile cases. The latter will be closed to the public.*
- (c) *That issuance of National Identity Cards and registration of voters shall be a continuous process.*
- (d) *An independent Electoral Commission.*
- (e) *To revise the terms and conditions of service of the Chief Justice and appointment. The chief justice shall serve for one (1) term of seven (7) years and the appointment shall be subject to approval by Parliament.*

- (f) *To revise the Law so that appointment of Judges shall be by the Chief Justice with the approval of the conference of Supreme Court Justices.*
- (g) *To ensure that the Law of "Doctrine of Tracing" is put in place within ninety (90) days upon assuming leadership.*
- (h) *To ensure that comprehensive Legal Reforms are carried out and tested before the expiry of the five (5) years term. DP believes that the Judiciary should and indeed should be seen to be truly independent.*
- (i) *The Chief Kadhi shall be given a rank equivalent to the Chief Magistrate and Kadhi's Courts shall be established at every District as necessary.*

#### **18. HUMAN RIGHTS:-**

Kenya's human rights record leaves a lot to be desired. Oppression, lack of transparency and accountability, abuse of fundamental rights and freedom and lies have been the order of the day.

A DP government **promises:-**

- (a) *To domesticate all international human rights conventions.*
- (b) *To establish an office of the ombudsman and create open courts to deal with all crimes committed against society.*

It is our believe that in a civilized society, the rights of an individual forms the sum-total of the rights of all and should be in harmony. We can achieve this objective.

**19. REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVES:-**

Whereas DP believes that Kenya should ensure that it domesticates globalisation, we also believe that Kenya should emerge as a leader at the regional and international levels. In this respect we shall continue to play a leading role in:

- (a) *The East African Community*
- (b) *The COMESA, IGAD, and OAU*
- (c) *The UN and other World bodies*

We believe in the community of nations of the world; for the world is, today, one global village. However when the 'chips are down', it is our country and our people who matter. We promise to do and promote all those aspects which enhance the well being and standard of living of the people of Kenya. A DP government will ensure that we shall start cementing our relationship with our immediate neighbours and then work towards the rest of the world.

**20. COMPREHENSIVE REFORMS:-**

Reforms in a dynamic society should be a continuous process and not a sacred static event to be carried out only once in a lifetime. Laws, rules and procedures must evolve to keep pace with the changing world. DP believes that "**Laws are made for man**" and not the other way round.

A DP government therefore **promises:-**

- (a) *To carry out comprehensive constitutional, legal, and administrative reforms, after consulting the citizenry - within a period of four (4) years and administer full application of the reforms during the last one (1) year of the five (5) years tenure of office.*
- (b) *That Kenyans will have new and tested constitution, reformed laws and reformed administrative rules before the next General Elections.*

The comprehensive reforms will be discussed at **workshops, seminars,** and at **national and local conventions.** At the conclusion of it all, the people of Kenya will have spoken.

## CONCLUSION

This 'MANIFESTO 97' outlines the most **salient** aspects of the plans of rebuilding our country. We have enumerated the promises - the **twenty (20) covenants** - which we commit ourselves to fulfil. We shall pursue policies that promote **social justice** and **human welfare** within the context of a free **market economy.** We call upon you, individually and collectively, to join us in building a better tomorrow.

### We promise

1. *A coalition Government of National Unity.*
2. *Security for all persons and their property.*
3. *To fight corruption and graft with all our might.*
4. *Bursaries and free Primary Education for the poor.*
5. *A GDP growth rate of eight (8) percent per year and an economy free of corruption.*
6. *To reduce corporation tax to twenty five (25) percent and give Kenyans a tax holiday at the present level for three (3) years.*
7. *Booming agriculture and ten (10) per cent interest rate on credit/loans to farmers.*
8. *To rehabilitate existing roads and build new ones in partnership with the private sector.*
9. *A Nation with adequate water.*
10. *A reformed and rejuvenated Co-operative movement.*

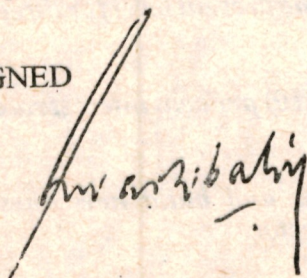
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11. *Shelter as a basic human right.*
12. *500,000 new jobs every year.*
13. *To settle land-less people .... no more squatters.*
14. *Health Management Board and free health care for the poor.*
15. *At least a woman Vice President, a woman Deputy Prime Minister, five (5) women Cabinet Ministers, ten (10) Deputy Ministers, and sixty four (64) MPs (Minimum).*
16. *To enter into partnership with religious organisations in uplifting the moral, social and economic well-being of the people of Kenya.*
17. *Comprehensive legal reforms and a Supreme Court.*
18. *The office of Ombudsman.*
19. *Leadership at Regional and International levels.*
20. *Comprehensive Constitutional, Legal and Administrative Reforms within four (4) years.*

We promise a land of plenty for us all.

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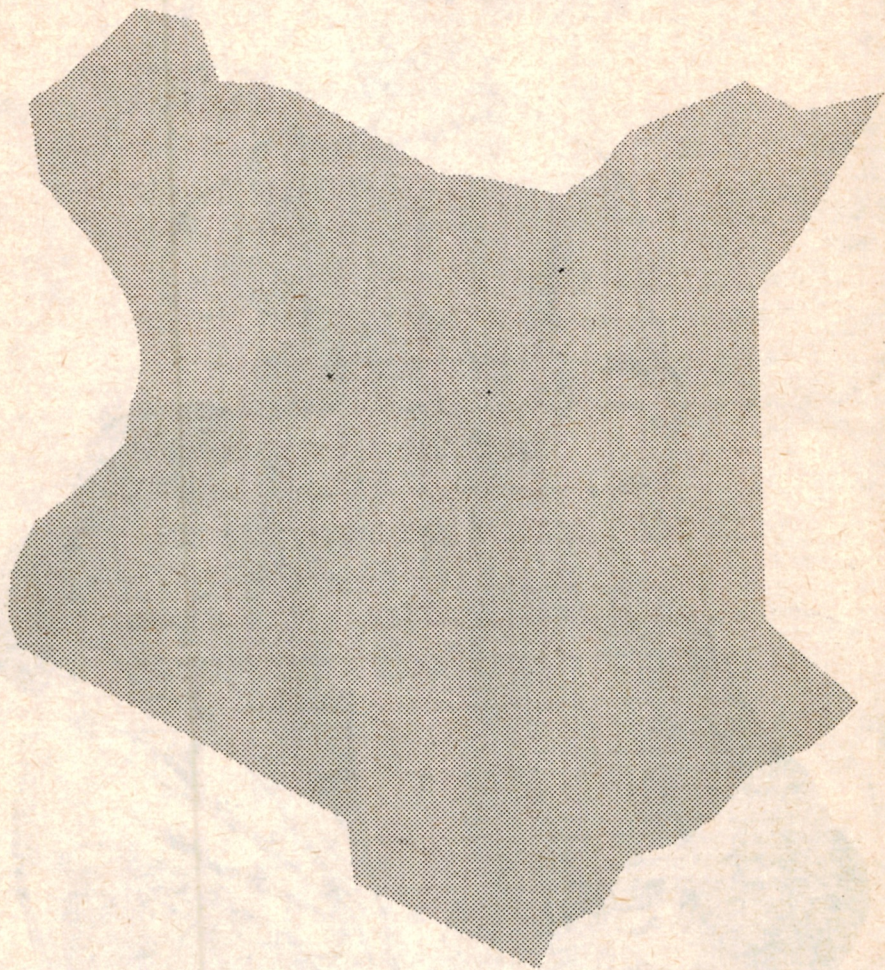
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*We all need a better Tomorrow, don't we?*

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