

**PROGRAM OF ACTION TO REVIVE AND STRENGTHEN THE HLUBI NATION
IN SOUTH AFRICA (FIRST DRAFT)**

Introduction

The Hlubi nation is said to be amongst the biggest tribes in South Africa, yet its one of the most disorganized and scattered throughout the country. In some instances, some have lost their true identity, yokuba ngamaHlubi, for the convenience of their survival, especially during the years of apartheid.

The dawn of the new dispensation and freedom in our country resulted in the State President calling for the "African Renaissance", the revival of Africa and its entire heritage.

The struggle for the revival of AmaHlubi has been a long one by different individuals and groupings in different areas for one common cause, **the recognition of one united Hlubi Nation in South Africa under one King.**

To achieve this noble ideal, Ingonyama Mziwenkosi Langalibalele II Radebe from undlunkulu wamaHlubi Emtshezi (Escourt) has established a National Coordinating Committee to focus on the under specified terms of reference;

- ❖ Reconstruction of the history of amaHlubi nation
- ❖ Development of amaHlubi nation
- ❖ Recognition of AmaHlubi King by both government and all the structures of Traditional Leadership hierarchy in the country
- ❖ Research and consolidate all available data related to the Hlubi nation
- ❖ Revival of traditions, customs and the heritage of the Hlubi nation
- ❖ Restitution as a result of loss suffered by Hlubi's under British rule, including land, imixhaka, iminweba yamaHlubi, etc.
- ❖ Re-write the history of amaHlubi
- ❖ Position amaHlubi amongst other nations in the country and in Africa.

To achieve these terms of reference a consolidated draft programme of action has been developed for amaHlubi throughout the country to comment and submit their input to;

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Hereunder is the list of the AmaHlubi National Coordinating Committee

Temba (B.A.) Langalibalele -	Chairperson
Mr Mhle Mehlomakhulu –	Vice Chairperson
Chauke (M.M) Ngoma -	Secretary
Mr Mzondeki Mehlomakhulu-	Vice Secretary
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Mr Manzolwandle Hadebe -	Publicity Officer
Mr Saba Mbixane –	Assistant Publicity Officer

PROGRAM OF ACTION

Item	Action	Indicator	Time	Responsible
Collection of documented & oral history of amaHlubi	Consolidate and submit claim for recognition to government	Submission date and a copy of submitted document available	Aug 2004	Themba Langelibalele Assisted by all who has information
Establish AmaHlubi Community Trust account	Open bank account	Account number available	Sep 2004	Themba Langelibalele
Fund-raising				
Recognition of amaHlubi heritage	Identification of all historic sites and dates of amaHlubi	List of historic sites and dates available	Oct 2004	Z.J. Radebe Assisted by all who has information
Revival of Hlubi language (uLwimi lamaHlubi)	Investigate the Hlubi language and develop strategies for its revival	Availability of written progress report	Nov 2004 & ongoing	Mzondeki Mehlophahlele Assisted by all who has information
AmaHlubi annual pilgrimage (Umgubho weNgonyama uLangelibalele)	Preparations for the annual pilgrimage of the Hlubi nation at Escourt	Availability of detailed preparatory plan	24 Sep 2004	Themba Langelibalele
Marketing AmaHlubi program of action	Develop a marketing strategy and plan for the AmaHlubi Program of Action	Availability of a marketing strategy and a detailed marketing plan.	End Sep 2004	Manzowandle Hadebe & Saba Mbixane assisted by Chauke Ngoma

It is important to note that for this process to succeed, the office of Ingonyama must be strengthened with the required resources, hence the need for a dedicated account for fund-raising purposes. It must be independent and self-sustainable and that will ensure that our programme is not dependent and subjected to manipulation of whatever kind by forces oppose to this process.

Ma-Hlubi, Ingonyama/ Ikumkani, uLangelibalele II, call on the entire Hlubi nation to stand-up and unite in the struggle for the revival of our nation, the struggle for identity amongst the tribes of the nation. All your initiatives throughout the country are acknowledged and appreciated. It is critical to coordinate our efforts, as unity is strength. Through unity, we will be able to advance our cause. We owe it to our forebears and the future of our children to succeed in this noble call.

Ingonyama/Ikumkani salutes all those who have taken initiative in their respective places to advance the cause of unity amongst the Hlubis. It is

important to note that this process is non-partisan; all Hlubis are discouraged to use this process to advance their party political agendas.

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