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We announce the formation of the National Convention of South Africa, **#ConveningSA**, convened by the South African Council of Churches, in collaboration with a number of civil society organizations. This is a process to Reimagine, Redesign and Reorganize the future of our South Africa, a country currently in crisis.

The primary vision of the National Convention process is to enable South African citizens to work on and offer the country a firm foundation of public values and minimum standards – the basis for a common, reconciled understanding of South African citizenship – that should inform the governmental environment and service for the common good, regardless of who is in government.

As part of our Anchoring Democracy work, the SACC created the Unburdening Panel in April 2016, a special panel that I chaired, of persons of integrity, as a safe space for citizens to report corruption. This is still open for people.

The National Convention has a broadly inclusive Oversight Plenary including religious leaders of diverse traditions, representatives of structures of civil society that are seized with the urgency of the moment, such as FutureSA and #Unitedbehind, OUTA; representatives of extra-parliamentary organizations, the various labour federations - Cosatu, SAFTU, NACTU, FEDUSA etc., and structures of organized business. This is for civil society organizations and faith communities to, together reimagine a different experience of South Africa: the post apartheid promise of a free, just, reconciled and peaceful South Africa; free of racism, tribalism, xenophobia, and gender prejudices, free of corruption and the poverty it causes.