



# South African politics during transition

Government and civil society

# Structure of civil society

- NGO political pressure groups
- CBOs (community based organisations)
- NGO service/development organisations
- Think tanks
- Lobbyists
- Trade unions
- MONGOs (my own NGO)

# Developments in NGO sector

- From struggle to assistance
- New balance between delegation of responsibility and control
- From non-profit idealism to career, professionalism and influence
- From local attachment to visibility

# Rules for the NGO sector

- Non-profit Organisations Bill
- NGO Tax rules, bureaucratisation
- National Development Agency
- Competitive tendering
- Nedlac (labour council)
- Sangoco (NGO association)

# Debates on the NGO issue

- Definition: between private and public
- Professionalism versus idealism
- civil society romanticists - global civil society of peoples
- Independence versus efficiency
- Activist versus representative democracy
- Elite membership and issues

# The new left challenge I

- Social Movements Indaba
- Anti-Privatization Forum
- eThekweni Social Forum
- WC Anti-Evictions Campaign
- Education Rights Project
- Environmental Justice Networking Forum
- Keep-Left

# The new left challenge II

- Jubilee SA
- Khulumani (apartheid victims support group)
- Landless Peoples Movement
- Soweto Electricity Crisis Committee
- Treatment Action Campaign
- Youth for Work
- Trotskyist labour party tendencies

# The new left challenge III

- Alternative Information and Development Centre
- Khanya College
- Ground Work
- International Labour Research and Information Group
- University of Natal Centre for Civil Society





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