

# SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Dear Mr. Matthews,

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You are no doubt aware of the demand throughout the country for holding of a Convention, representing all the people of South Africa, to draft a new constitution incorporating a Bill of Rights.

This organisation is one of those pledged to work for the calling of a sovereign National Convention and is anxious to co-operate with all organisations and individuals with similar aims.

We realise that there may be many different views as to how we may secure a Convention but we address this to you because you will agree that:

1. A New South African Constitution can only succeed if it guarantees to every citizen of our country certain fundamental rights beyond the passing whim of a parliamentary majority, and protected by courts beyond political control.
2. That no one shall be excluded from the Convention by reason of race.
3. That the aim of the movement working for the Convention should be the creation of a non-racial democratic government in South Africa.

If we share these objectives then we have good reason to come together to devise ways of achieving them, and my committee has the honour of inviting you and your organisation to attend a Preliminary Provincial Consultative Conference to be held on the 12th, 14th and 15th October, 1961, in the Claremont Civic Centre.

It may of course not be possible for you to attend all the Sessions and in order to assist you, we will send you an agenda well before the abovementioned dates so that you can decide which Sessions you will attend.

We feel sure that in these historic tasks you will be only too willing and anxious to play your part. Your presence will be appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you.

Yours very truly,

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