



FW de Klerk
FOUNDATION
Upholding South Africa's
National Accord

**“The FW de Klerk
Foundation’s
mission
is to promote and defend
the Constitution.”**

FW de Klerk's heritage

During his presidency from 20 September 1989 until 10 May 1994 FW de Klerk:

- **initiated the negotiations** that enabled South Africans to resolve the historic issues and conflicts that had divided them for centuries;
- **worked tirelessly** for the adoption of South Africa's first non-racial democratic Constitution; its first Bill of Rights and for the Rule of Law;
- **abolished the last vestiges of apartheid** and opened the way to reconciliation based on respect for diversity and commitment to national unity.

On 10 December 1993, FW de Klerk was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize together with former President Nelson Mandela. In 1999 he established the FW de Klerk Foundation to promote and preserve the heritage of his presidency.



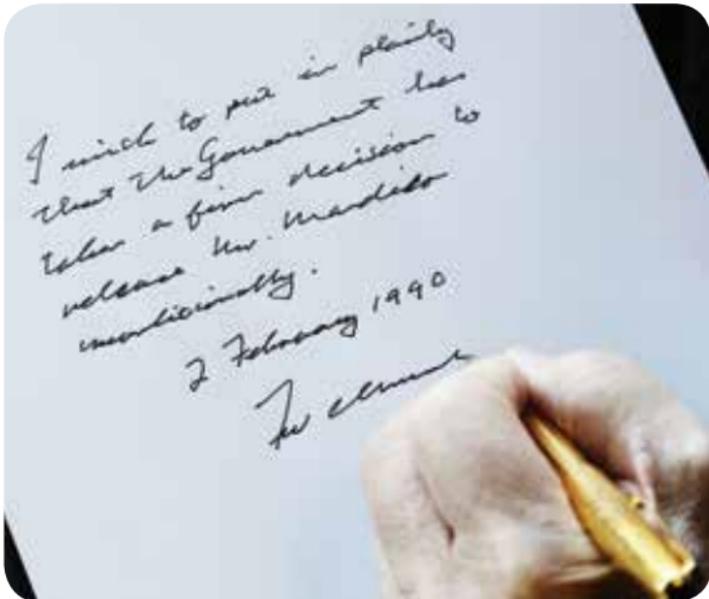
“The Constitution is the foundation of our national unity and the guarantor of our fundamental rights.”

FW DE KLERK, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS
OF THE FW DE KLERK FOUNDATION

The FW de Klerk Foundation's mission

The Foundation promotes and preserves FW de Klerk's presidential heritage by supporting the causes for which he worked during his presidency:

- it supports and promotes the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the rule of law through the activities of the Centre for Constitutional Rights;
- it promotes unity in diversity by working for cordial inter-community relations and national unity through the activities of its Centre for Unity in Diversity;
- it supports charities that care for children with disabilities and disadvantaged children;
- it provides information on FW de Klerk's presidency and the factors that led to South Africa's transition to non-racial constitutional democracy.



Challenges

Although South Africa has made progress since 1994, there are still many challenges:

■ **Constitutional transformation has not yet improved the lives of a majority of the population.** South Africa is one of the most unequal societies in the world; the education system has failed the great majority of our children; and more than 40% of people between the ages of 16 and 65 are unemployed.

■ **The Constitution is under pressure.** Key provisions that protect the independence of the judiciary, property rights, language rights and the Rule of Law are under threat.

■ **There is little consensus on economic and social transformation.** South Africa's constitutional transformation worked well because it was the result of inclusive negotiations. However, there has been little negotiation or consultation on far-reaching social and economic transformation. As a result:

■ **Race relations remain fragile and sensitive.** South Africans from different racial groups hold widely diverging views on the past and on solutions to the problems of the country. Many white, brown and Indian South Africans feel alienated and experience affirmative action as a new form of racial discrimination. Many black South Africans feel that too little has changed.

What must be done?

- **We must support the Constitution.** South Africa's future freedom, political stability and economic prosperity depend directly on our ability to uphold our carefully negotiated Constitution.
- **We must nurture relationships between our communities.** We must maintain inter-community harmony by promoting mutual respect for our diverse cultures; by combating racism from any quarter; and by working for national unity.
- **There must be ongoing communication** between communities, business, labour and government to reach consensus on solutions to national problems.
- **We must work together to address the problems of our society** including inequality, poor education, unemployment, crime and corruption.

Why the FW de Klerk Foundation?

- **FW de Klerk is one of the founding fathers of the Constitution.** He believes that he has a continuing duty to defend and promote the Constitution that he helped to negotiate.
- **FW de Klerk has unparalleled experience** in conflict resolution and the management of complex negotiations.
- **FW de Klerk is well-positioned** to play a positive role. He has no party-political profile. He has considerable influence with minorities and with a broad spectrum of political and business leaders in South Africa.
- **FW de Klerk is recognised internationally** as a Nobel Peace Laureate, as Chairman of the Global Leadership Foundation and as a participant in numerous international forums.
- **The Foundation is a small, professional and cost-effective organisation.**

What does the FW de Klerk Foundation do?

The Foundation implements the following programmes:

Promotion and defence of the Constitution

The Foundation has created the Centre for Constitutional Rights to:

- **promote** the values, rights and principles in the Constitution;
- **monitor** developments that might affect the Constitution;
- **participate** in the national debate on constitutional issues;
- **assist** people to claim their constitutional rights;
- **make submissions** to Parliament and Chapter 9 bodies; and to
- **defend the Constitution** in the courts.

Promotion of unity in diversity

The Foundation has created the Centre for Unity in Diversity to:

- **monitor** developments that might affect inter-community relations;
- **oppose** discrimination from any quarter;
- **support** cultural, religious and linguistic rights and work for national unity;
- **participate** in the national debate on inter-community relations and the rights of cultural, religious and linguistic communities;
- **promote communication** by holding conferences and workshops.

Supports charities

The Foundation:

- **supports selected charities.** It has distributed more than four million rand to organisations that assist children with disabilities and disadvantaged children;
- **has a Donor Support Programme** to raise funds for charities.

Provides information on FW de Klerk's presidency

The Foundation:

- **provides information of FW de Klerk's presidency** and the factors that led to South Africa's transition to non-racial constitutional democracy; and
- **works** for a balanced understanding of South African history.

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