

## Eradicating poverty by 2014 – learning from the first ten years of democracy

Our society has taken many significant steps to eradicate poverty in our first decade of democracy. But we still face many challenges. It is from this perspective that the People's Budget Campaign approaches fiscal policy – as one of the most important tools in the struggle to uplift our people.

Fiscal policy is never neutral. It is a site of political struggle, where different interests compete for public resources. As a result, policy decisions and spending priorities have real and immediate effects on the lives of our people.

In this fourth annual People's Budget, COSATU, SANGOCO and the SACC propose:

- The adoption of an integrated strategy for poverty eradication;
- A more expansionary budget that can improve incomes, build capabilities and redistribute assets through reallocation of resources to land reform, housing, free basic service delivery and comprehensive social security coverage;
- Mechanisms to harness additional resources in the fight against poverty and joblessness; and
- Reforms to the budgeting process that can enhance opportunities for popular participation at national and local levels.

The People's Budget is intended to be a tool for advocacy, education and mobilisation around a developmental agenda that ensures that all in South Africa can share the fruits of democracy.

The People's Budget Campaign invites comments on the proposals contained in this year's document. Comments may be sent by e-mail to [peoplesbudget@naledi.org.za](mailto:peoplesbudget@naledi.org.za) or by fax to (011) 403 1948.



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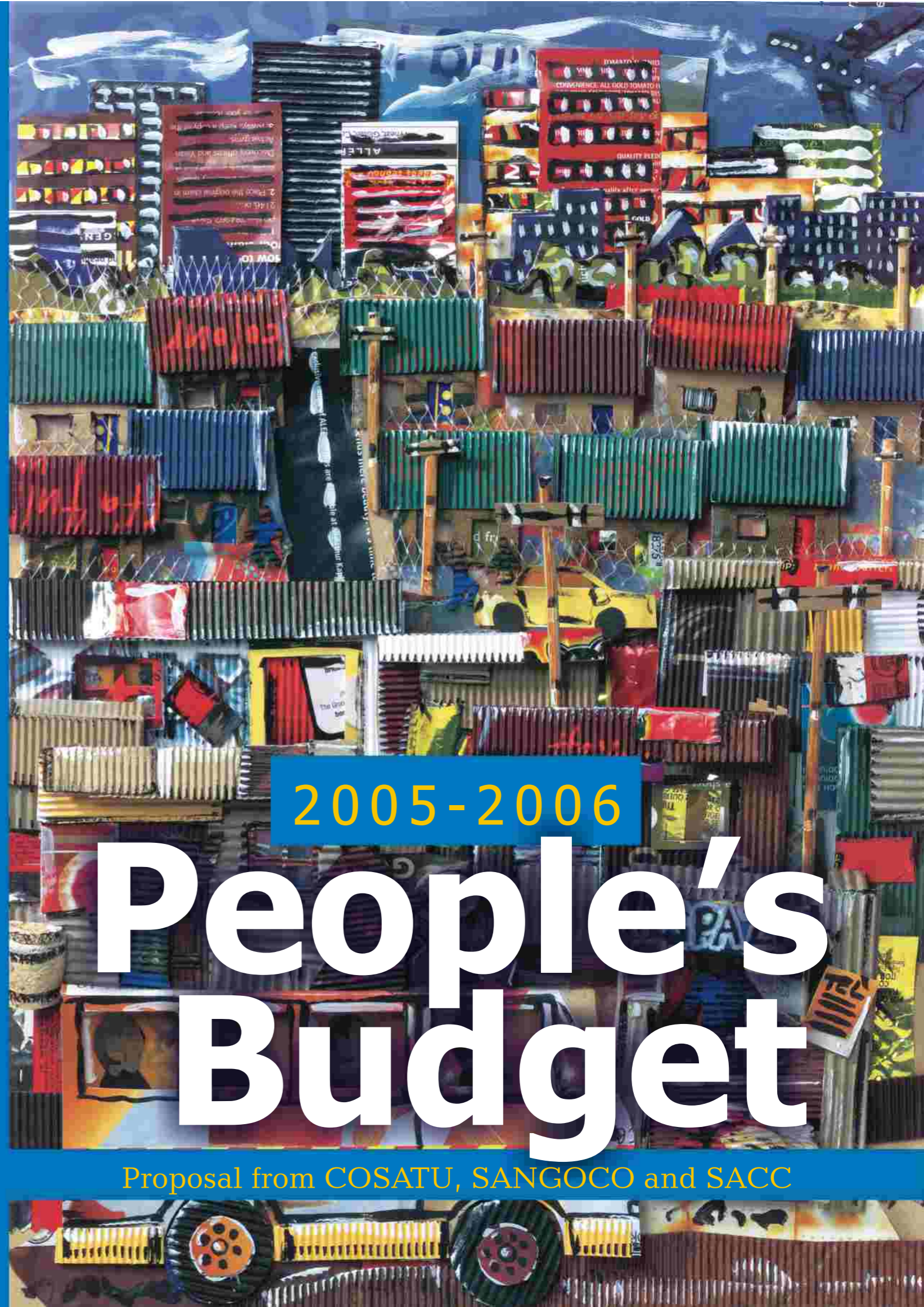
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