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Abbreviations and Glossary

AIC  African Independent Churches
Amakhosi  Chiefs, also Magoshi
AME  American Methodist Episcopal church
ANC  African National Congress
ATR  African Traditional Religion
baruti  A minister of religion
BBA  Black or Bantu Authorities Act of 1927
BC  Black Consciousness movement
Bogadi  See entry for lobola
CA  Constitutional Assembly
CGE  Commission on Gender Equality
CLARA  Communal Land Rights Act
CODESA  Congress for a Democratic South Africa
Contralesa  Congress of Traditional Leaders of Southern Africa
COPE  Congress of the People
COSAG  Concerned South Africans Group
COSATU  Congress of South African Trade Unions
CP  Conservative Party
DA  Democratic Alliance
DRC  Dutch Reformed Church. See NGK
EFSA  Ecumenical Foundation of South Africa
GEAR  Growth, Employment and Redistribution
GNU  Government of National Unity
IEC  Independent Electoral Commission
IFP  Inkatha Freedom Party
imbizo  A traditional council meeting, now a designation for conferences of all sorts
Imbongi  Praise singer
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<td>Jacob Zuma</td>
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<td>Khosi</td>
<td>Chief, also written as Hosi.</td>
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<td>KZN</td>
<td>KwaZulu Natal</td>
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<td>The payment made from a groom to a bride’s family. Also known as bogadi.</td>
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<td>Legal Resources Centre</td>
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<td>Millennium Development Goals</td>
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<td>MK</td>
<td>Mkhonto weSizwe, Spear of the Nation. The ANC’s armed wing</td>
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<td>Muslim Personal Law</td>
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<td>Multi Party Negotiations Process</td>
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<td>Title of an MK song which can be translated as “bring me my machine gun.” Zuma adopted the song as his campaign slogan</td>
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<td>NILC</td>
<td>National Interfaith Leadership Council</td>
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<td>Nkosi Sikelel’ iAfrika</td>
<td>South Africa’s national anthem, God Bless Africa.</td>
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RENAMO  *Resistência Nacional Moçambicana* or Mozambican National Resistance, anti-communist party supported by Ian Smith and the apartheid government.

SACBC  South African Catholic Bishops Conference

SACC  South African Council of Churches

SACP  South African Communist Party

SADF  South African Defence Force (apartheid era)

SALC  South African Law Commission

SAHA  South African History Archives

*sangoma*  Traditional healer, particularly a diviner or herbalist

SANNC  South African Native National Congress (precursor to the ANC)

*sjambok*  A leather whip

*Swart gevaar*  Afrikaans for “black danger”

TEC  Transitional Executive Committee

TIC  Transvaal Indian Congress

TRC  Truth and Reconciliation Commission

TVBC  Transkei, Venda, Bophuthatswana and Ciskei

*Ubuntu*  From a phrase common to the Nguni languages of South Africa which translates as a human is only human because of other human beings. It has become short-hand for a philosophy of African humanism that stresses interdependence.

*Ulama*  Muslim legal scholars

*Volkekunde*  Folk-studies; apartheid’s state sponsored ethnography

*Volkstaat*  Independent Afrikaner state or homeland

WCC  World Council of Churches

WCPCC  Western Cape Provincial Council of Churches

WCRP  World Conference on Religion and Peace (SA Chapter)

ZCC  Zion Christian Church