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Flashes of common sense bring out contradictions in the ANC's policy documents

On 27 March 2017, IRR analysts released an assessment of nine new policy documents that were published by the African National Congress (ANC) ahead of its National Policy Conference currently underway.

The IRR assessment sought to identify the broad thrusts of current ANC policy thinking against a context of weak economic performance and rising political instability. The report was prepared in the main for investors who wanted a broad sense of current ANC thinking.

The report raised the intriguing possibility of informal ANC think tanks that were further down the reformist road than the government was.

However, the IRR found that the nine ANC documents were riddled with internal contradictions that reflected the deep ideological splits within the party.

Download the report [here](#).

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