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ANC holds land summit on expropriation without compensation Author:

Stefan Mack UPDATED: A DAY AGO VIEWS: 22 Category: Politics, News - The ANC is holding a summit to try and reach an agreement within the party on land expropriation without compensation - There are members who want to push hard for the Constitution to be amended - A growing view within the party is to avoid amending the Constitution and find other solutions to the land issue PAY ATTENTION: Click "See First" under the "Following" tab to see Briefly.co.za News on your News Feed! This weekend the ANC is holding a land summit to try and reach a consensus within the party on the way forward on the contentious issue. Senior members within the party have not seen eye to eye on, particularly on section 25 of the Constitution which a recent motion in the National Assmebly resolved to amend it to allow for expropriation without compensation. During the December conference last year expropriation without compensation was debated over at length with supporters of Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma winning the day over Cyril Ramaphosa. READ ALSO: Kope Mokgae takes his duties as a dad seriously The party adopted the stance that land should be expropriated without compensation, however the party has remained divided over the policy. The land summit will attempt to iron out these differences and forge a way forward. The constitutional review committee us in the process of working with the public after the recent motion to change the Constitution. The EFF has been spearheading the drive for land expropriation without compensation, they were the ones who brought the motion to the National Assembly. Julius Malema's party want all land to belong to the state but Deputy Public Works Minister Jeremy Cronin said that this model was not practical. "In some utopia that might be a desirable direction to travel but we are dealing with a hugely complex situation and also with a state that lacks a lot of institutional capacity," Cronin said. He said that the government was already struggling to keep track of the property it currently owns. An emerging view within in the party is against amending the constitution and looking at other solutions to the land issue. READ ALSO: Minister for Women Bathabile Dlamini: 'Female journalists are siding with men' However, there are those within the party who are going to push hard to amend the constitution, among them is national executive committee member David Maseondo. "All land except residential land should be publicly owned and the state should serve as a custodian. In other words we should abolish private ownership of land and replace it with public ownership," Maseondo said. AfriForum are dead set against this model and have cautioned the ANC that whenever property rights have been threatened economies have been devastated, Kallie Kriel citing countries such as Zimbabwe and

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