



LEX
LIBERTAS

THE FIRST 100 DAYS

A Report on the Activities of Lex Libertas
During the first Hundred Days since the Announcement

7 March 2025 - 15 June 2025

Introduction

On the afternoon of 7 March 2025, shortly before 17:00, a video was published on social media announcing the launch of the Pioneer Initiative. In the video, Ernst Roets explained that the crises typically discussed in relation to South Africa are not the true crises themselves, but symptoms of a deeper, underlying problem. “The fact that the ship is headed in the wrong direction has become less important than the fact that the ship is sinking,” he said. By this, he meant that while destructive policy ideas in South Africa are undoubtedly dangerous, they have become less alarming than the reality that the South African state is collapsing.

Within hours of the video’s release, hundreds of people had signed up as contributors to the Pioneer Initiative. During an online contributors’ meeting hosted on 16 April 2025, it was explained that the name Pioneer Initiative was a placeholder, and participants were invited to submit suggestions for both a new name and a policy framework.

On 15 May 2025, a more formalised version of the Pioneer Initiative was launched during an event in Pretoria. It was announced that the initiative would henceforth be known as **Lex Libertas**.

By 15 June 2025, one hundred days had passed since the initial announcement of what is now known as Lex Libertas (formerly the Pioneer Initiative).

The purpose of this report is to provide contributors to Lex Libertas with an overview of the organisation’s activities and milestones during its first hundred days, as well as to offer insight into the plans envisioned for the next one hundred days.

Please note that this report focuses primarily on matters relating to communications. Accordingly, the details of internal meetings, administrative tasks, and operational processes are largely excluded.

Day Zero

Thursday, 7 March 2025

The Pioneer Initiative was announced in the form of a video published on the social media platforms of Ernst Roets on 7 March 2025. Within 24 hours, the video had been viewed 100,000 times on YouTube alone. The response to the video was sufficient to announce the initiative in the public domain and obtain funding in order to start operational activities.



Day One

Saturday, 8 March 2025

By the morning of 8 March, slightly more than 12 hours after the announcement was published the night before, the Pioneer Initiative had received more than 100 donations. These donations took various forms, including once-off contributions and recurring monthly or annual donations.

Anyone who made a donation—whether once-off, monthly, or annually—was regarded as a contributor to the Pioneer Initiative. A person who made a once-off donation was considered a contributor for 12 months following the donation.

Day Two

Sunday, 9 March 2025

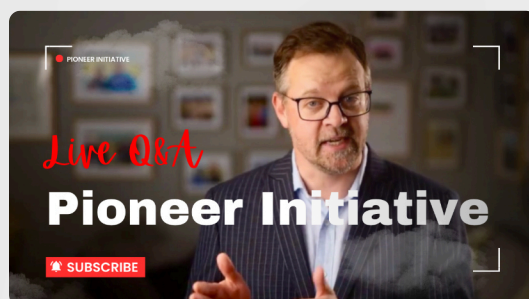
A live stream was hosted on YouTube, allowing contributors and supporters of the Pioneer Initiative to submit questions for a live Q&A session.

The discussion lasted about an hour and covered several aspects of the Pioneer Initiative, including:

- The nature of the Pioneer Initiative
- The plan & direction of the Initiative
- The distinction between the Pioneer Initiative and existing institutions
- Financial policy and funding model
- Approach to political parties and the South African government
- Upcoming activities

The answers provided during the session were supplemented by questions raised in the following weeks and were eventually published on the Lex Libertas website under the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section (Click [here](#) to view FAQ).

On the same day, Roets' YouTube channel surpassed 50,000 subscribers. Social media platforms were also created for the Pioneer Initiative (later renamed Lex Libertas).



Day Three

Monday, 10 March 2025

Roets met with a delegation from Orania on the morning of 10 March. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Orania delegation's upcoming trip to the United States, which was set to coincide with an upcoming visit by the Pioneer Initiative. Several meetings in Washington, D.C. were planned to be attended jointly.

On the evening of 10 March, Roets was interviewed by Lourensa Eckard on **KykNET: In Gesprek** regarding his recent interview with Tucker Carlson and the future prospects of the Pioneer Initiative.



Day Four

Tuesday, 11 March 2025

A video was published on social media explaining the difference between the Pioneer Initiative and other existing institutions.

On the same day, an opinion piece by Roets was published in the left-leaning Afrikaans news outlet **Die Vrye Weekblad**, titled *Suid-Afrika werk nie, maar Ernst is optimisties* ("South Africa isn't working, but Ernst is optimistic").

That evening, Roets departed for the United States on the first international liaison tour of the Pioneer Initiative - a tour that would later be named *The Abolition of Distance Tour*. While at the airport, he was interviewed by Chris Wyatt about the announcement and plans for the Pioneer Initiative.

Day Seven

Friday, 14 March 2025

Roets was interviewed by **Jordan Peterson** for **The Daily Wire**. Two interviews were conducted, totalling approximately two and a half hours.

The first interview was intended for publication on YouTube, with a particular focus on the history of South Africa and understanding the current crisis in the country.

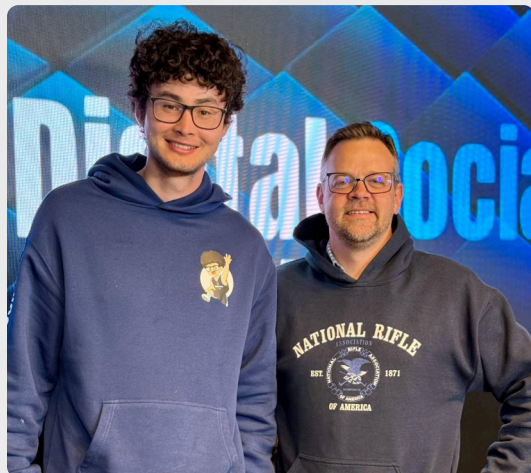
The second was recorded exclusively for **The Daily Wire**, focusing on what the Western world could do in response to the crisis in South Africa.



Day Ten

Monday, 17 March 2025

On the morning of 17 March, Roets was interviewed in Las Vegas by Sean Michael Kelly about the crisis in South Africa, with a particular focus on farm attacks, threats to property rights, and state failure.



Day Twelve

Wednesday, 19 March 2025

Roets was interviewed in Washington, D.C. by **Jack Posobiec** of **Human Events** about recent developments in South Africa and the need for self-governance for the communities living within the country.



Day Thirteen & Fourteen

Friday, 14 March 2025

The Pioneer Initiative participated several meetings with representatives in Washington, D.C., including officials from the U.S. government, think tanks, authors, and other key stakeholders.



Day Fifteen

Saturday, 22 March 2025

The Pioneer Initiative and representatives from Orania traveled from Washington, D.C. to New York City, with a stop in Baltimore, where they met with **Col. Chris Wyatt**. Roets (of the Pioneer Initiative) and **Joost Strydom** of the Orania Movement were both interviewed by Wyatt on the same day.



Day Sixteen

Sunday, 23 March 2025

Representatives from the Pioneer Initiative and Orania were hosted by the leadership of the **New York Young Republican Club** on a trip to Long Island. The visit included a stop at the home of former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill, as well as a meeting to discuss the situation in South Africa and the strengthening ties between Afrikaners and Americans.

Day Seventeen

Monday, 24 March 2025

Roets and Strydom were jointly interviewed by **Cyan Quinn** from the **White Papers Policy Institute** in New York City. The interview focused primarily on the situation in South Africa, the Afrikaner people's pursuit of self-governance, and lessons the Western world could learn from the Afrikaner experience.



A Q&A video was published on YouTube. In this video, the following matters were discussed, among others:

- How people can contribute
- How much funding is needed for the Pioneer Initiative to function independently

- The Pioneer Initiative's position regarding Afrikaners and non-Afrikaners
- The end goal of the Pioneer Initiative
- Whether people need to be in South Africa to help
- Whether there will be physical meetings
- How the movement plans to achieve its objectives

These topics were also included in the FAQ section eventually published on the Lex Libertas website. ([Click here](#) to view FAQ).

Day Nineteen

Wednesday, 26 March 2025

During the morning of 26 March, Roets was interviewed by **Ben Shapiro** at The Daily Wire Studios in Florida.



After the interview, Roets flew back to New York City, where he spoke at a conference hosted by the **New York Young Republican Club** in Manhattan.

The conference focused on strengthening ties between Afrikaners and Americans, and provided an opportunity for the **NYYRC** to express their support for the Afrikaner pursuit of self-governance.



Day Twenty Three

Sunday, 30 March 2025

A sensational story was published in a leading Afrikaans newspaper, in which Roets - and by implication, the Pioneer Initiative - was accused by a self-proclaimed Satanist affiliated with the Faculty of Theology at the **University of Pretoria** of spreading "toxic ideologies."

The article sparked significant public response, prompting the Dutch Reformed Church to issue a press statement clarifying that the individual in question is not involved in formal lectures. It was, however, revealed that he had participated in extracurricular activities at the Faculty, including delivering some lectures.

Day Twenty Four

Monday, 31 March 2025

The interviews with **Ben Shapiro** and **Sean Kelly** were published.

Day Twenty Five

Tuesday, 1 April 2025

The entire day was spent in meetings and workshops, during which the following matters were discussed:

- The progress of the Pioneer Initiative since its announcement on 7 March
- Administrative matters and improvements to internal systems
- Responses to questions from contributors
- Planning toward a more finalised organisational structure

Day Twenty Six

Wednesday, 2 April 2025

Roets was interviewed by **Annika Larsen** of **eNCA** for a documentary film about South Africa and the United States.

Day Thirty One

Monday, 7 April 2025

Several episodes of the Pioneer Podcast were recorded, including interviews with **Willem Gravett**, **David Ansara**, **Mark Oppenheimer**, and **Ernst van Zyl**.



Day Thirty Four

Thursday, 10 April 2025

The Pioneer Podcast was reactivated with the release of episode 39, titled *We Are Back!*

Day Thirty Five

Friday, 11 April 2025

Roets was interviewed by **Roman Cabanac**, and several meetings were held with contributors to the Pioneer Initiative.



Day Thirty Eight

Monday, 14 April 2025

The interview with **Jordan Peterson** was published.

Day Forty

Wednesday, 16 April 2025

The first online contributors' meeting of the Pioneer Initiative was held. During this meeting, progress since the initial announcement was discussed.

It was also explained that a finalized version of the initiative would be announced on 15 May.

Contributors were encouraged to submit research, policy suggestions, and name proposals.



Day Forty One

Thursday, 17 April 2025

Pioneer Podcast episode 40 (*"Kill the Boer" is not hate speech?* | **Mark Oppenheimer**) was published.

Day Forty Seven

Wednesday, 23 April 2025

A video was published discussing the failure of the Government of National Unity (GNU) in South Africa, outlining ten possible outcomes if the GNU collapses.

Roets was also interviewed by **Johan Allers** for the YouTube channel **Alles Afrikaans**.

Day Forty Eight

Thursday, 24 April 2025

Pioneer Podcast #42, titled *Azania Critical Theory* | **Willem Gravett**, was published.

The interview with **Johan Allers** on **Alles Afrikaans** was also published.

Day Forty Nine

Friday, 25 April 2025

Roets addressed the *Orania Sakekamer* in Orania with a speech entitled *Die Afrikanerdroom Leef, en dit is binne ons bereik* (The Afrikaner dream is alive, and it is within our reach).

Day Fifty Two

Monday, 28 April 2025

Roets participated in a recording of the television program **Laataand met Rian**, where he was interviewed by **Rian van Heerden**. Political analyst **Piet Croucamp** also made a guest appearance during the episode.



Day Fifty Five

Thursday, 1 May 2025

Roets was interviewed by **Bart Beyers** on **Radio Orania**, followed by an interview with **Dia van Staden** for the local newspaper **Koerania**. He also participated in a podcast conversation with **Joost Strydom** of the **Orania Movement**.



Pioneer Podcast episode 42, *A Sustainable Economic Framework for South Africa* (feat. **David Ansara**), was published.

Day Fifty Nine

Monday, 5 May 2025

Roets was interviewed by British podcaster **Elliot Bewick** about the history of South Africa, the country's current crisis, and the pursuit of decentralisation as a solution.



Day Sixty One

Wednesday, 7 May 2025

Roets was interviewed by **Byron Shepherd** on *The Morning Shot* podcast.

Day Sixty Two

Thursday, 8 May 2025

Pioneer Podcast, episode 43 — *The Rise of Transformationism | Professor Koos Malan (Part One)* — was published.

Day Sixty Six to Sixty Seven

Monday-Tuesday, 12-13 May 2025

The first bosberaad of the Pioneer Initiative took place to discuss the strategic direction of the institution.

The first group of Afrikaner refugees arrived in the United States. A video titled *Afrikaners, Americans, Refugees, and the Need for Systemic Reform* was published on YouTube, discussing this development.

On 13 May, Roets was interviewed by **Ben Shapiro** in a follow-up discussion on *The Daily Wire* about recent developments in South Africa.

Day Sixty Eight

Wednesday, 14 May 2025

Roets was interviewed by **Charlie Kirk** to discuss recent developments in South Africa.



Day Sixty Nine

Thursday, 15 May 2025

The Pioneer Podcast, episode 44 - *The Impact of Constitutional Changes on Society | Professor Koos Malan (Part Two)* — was published.

On the same day, the Pioneer Initiative was formally launched at an event in Pretoria, where it was announced that the institution would henceforth be known as Lex Libertas.





Day Seventy

Friday, 16 May 2025

Roets was interviewed in studio at **Pretoria FM**, followed by interviews with **RSG** and **Izak du Plessis** for **Nuuspod**, focusing on the announcement of Lex Libertas.

Roets departed for Hungary to participate in **CPAC Hungary**, scheduled for 29 and 30 May.

NOTE: ROETS TRAVELLED TO CENTRAL EUROPE A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE AND TOOK PERSONAL LEAVE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CONFERENCE.

Day Seventy One

Saturday, 17 May 2025

Roets hosted a livestream from Budapest, during which he reflected on the launch of Lex Libertas and the recent development of Afrikaners being accepted as refugees in the United States.

Day Seventy Three

Monday, 19 May 2025

Roets hosted a livestream from Vienna, in which he discussed the name Lex Libertas, the logo, and what lies ahead for the institution.

Day Seventy Five

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

A meeting took place at the White

House between delegations from the South African and United States governments. In response, a video entitled *Donald Trump Made History Today* was published on YouTube.

Day Seventy Six

Thursday, 22 May 2025

Pioneer Podcast episode 45, titled *The Rise of a Multiple Constitutional Order (Part three of the series with Professor Koos Malan)*, was published.

Day Seventy Eight

Saturday, 24 May 2025

The interview with **Byron Shepherd** was published on The Morning Shot.

Day Eighty

Monday, 26 May 2025

A preliminary framework was developed for a structure through which contributors to Lex Libertas could become more actively involved in the work of the institution. Roets participated in a panel discussion on **Piers Morgan Uncensored** about the situation in South Africa and how it should be understood.



Day Eighty One

Tuesday, 27 May 2025

The first campaign of Lex Libertas, titled the *Truth Be Told* campaign, was launched. Through this initiative, members of the public were invited to share their personal stories with Lex Libertas, enabling the organisation to present an accurate picture of developments in South Africa to the rest of the world. Participants were specifically encouraged to submit accounts related to the following themes:

- Farm Attacks
- Racial Exclusion
- Threats to Property Rights
- General Indicators of Governmental Collapse

Within just a few days, more than one hundred stories were received.

During this time, Roets also met with representatives of the **Hungarian Southern African Friendship Association (HSAFA)** in Budapest.

entitled *The Beginning of Lex Libertas and the Way Forward*, was published.

On the first day of CPAC Hungary in Budapest, Roets delivered a speech and participated in several interviews, including:

- A conversation with **Dave Rubin**
- A panel discussion with **Hidvéghi Balázs** and **Dávid Bencsik** on the parallels between Afrikaners and Hungarians
- An interview with **Gavin Duncan** for **Pesti Srácok**

That evening, Roets was invited to a private networking event hosted by the **Prime Minister of Hungary**, along with other CPAC speakers.



Day Eighty Two

Wednesday, 28 May 2025

Roets attended the welcoming reception of **CPAC Hungary 2025**, engaging with international delegates and leaders from across the conservative movement.

Day Eighty Three

Thursday, 29 May 2025

The Pioneer Podcast, episode 46,





Day Eighty Four

Friday, 30 May 2025

On the second day of CPAC Hungary, Roets continued his participation in the conference and engaged in further networking and media activities. Several podcast episodes were recorded in Budapest during the course of the day, most of which are still to be published.

Day Eighty Eight

Tuesday, 3 June 2025

Roets recorded a livestream from the airport in Budapest, providing reflections and feedback on his participation in CPAC Hungary. He shared highlights from the conference, key discussions, and the significance of building international alliances for the future of Lex Libertas.

Day Eighty Nine

Wednesday, 5 June 2025

Pioneer Podcast, episode 46 - *Afrikaners and the Preservation of Western Civilization in Africa* feat. **Ernst van Zyl** - was published.

On the same day, Roets sat down for an interview with **Derek van Buskirk** of **The Daily Caller** to discuss developments in South Africa, the aims of Lex Libertas, and the broader significance of preserving Western values on the African continent.

Day Ninety One

Friday, 6 June 2025

A full day of meetings was dedicated to discussing the future activities and operational effectiveness of Lex Libertas. Particular emphasis was placed on strengthening the institution's communications output and finalising the structure through which contributors could become more actively involved in its work.

Day Ninety Four to Ninety Eight

Tuesday, 3 June 2025

Most of this week was dedicated to preparing a comprehensive report on the crisis in South Africa, the pursuit of self-governance, and the practical steps through which such a vision could be realised. The report is being prepared for publication both within South Africa and in the United States.

On Thursday, 12 June, episode 48 of The Pioneer Podcast was published, titled *Flemish MP takes a stand for the Afrikaners* | **Kristof Slagmulder**.

Day One Hundred

Sunday, 15 June 2025

Roets was interviewed by Nigerian podcaster Kwazemy, focusing on the situation in South Africa and the broader theme of community self-governance in Africa.

Concluding Remarks & Way Forward

The first one hundred days of Lex Libertas have been counted from the announcement of the Pioneer Initiative on 7 March 2025. These 100 days have been exceptionally active, as outlined in this report.

The primary goal during this period was to establish the institution in the public domain. Accordingly, the focus was placed on participating in speaking events, conducting interviews, and engaging in networking. While these activities will remain important in the next phase, the primary focus over the following 100 days will shift toward strengthening the institution structurally and broadening its impact.

The following goals will therefore be pursued in the next 100 days:

1. Achieving financial sustainability for the institution
2. Improving operational and administrative systems
3. Publishing research in the form of written reports and statements
4. Activating the Lex Libertas Club (working title) to facilitate more active involvement from contributors
5. Developing a framework to train and activate additional spokespeople for the institution
6. Returning to the United States to follow up on meetings with institutions in Washington, D.C. among others
7. Strengthening the Lex Libertas brand

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