

Media Advisory

Unisa experts available for commentary on the 2024 General Elections.

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The President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa has, in accordance with section 49(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, read with section 17 of the Electoral Act of 1998, announced 29 May 2024, as the date for the 2024 General National and Provincial elections.

The 2024 general elections will take place against the backdrop of a very significant moment in the history of South Africa, when the entire nation is in the middle of celebrating 30 years of democracy.

These elections are also expected to be the most hotly contested since the advent of democracy in 1994, with the emergence of a multitude of political parties and independent candidates on three ballot papers, also a first for South Africa.

As several of the political parties are launching their election manifestos and going around the country to engage with the electorate, many political commentators and pundits are also projecting hung results nationally and in some provinces, thus precipitating possible coalition governments.

The following academics from Unisa are available to provide commentary and expert opinion on the elections pre-, during- and post the election day.

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