

# SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTION REPORTS

On 20 February President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that South Africa would hold its general election on 29 May 2024. This election will include national and provincial elections and will see the introduction of the country's new electoral system. The upcoming election is expected to be the most competitive in South Africa's democratic era as several polls suggest that support for the ruling African National Congress (ANC) could fall well below the 50% mark and the party could even lose control of as many as three provinces. There is a strong possibility that economically vital provinces such as Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) could be governed by coalition governments in the wake of the elections, which is, itself cause for concern. Coalition governments have had a mixed record in South Africa at a municipal level and, accordingly, the possibility of coalition governments at a provincial or even national level does raise questions about the country's long-term stability. As such, it is essential to have a keen understanding of the country's political dynamics ahead of and following the 2024 general election. To address this need Executive Research Associates (ERA) is offering a package of two reports, focusing on the pre-and post-election scenarios respectively.

## SCOPING: PRE-ELECTION REPORT

May 2024

### ■ INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Outlining the current state of South Africa's political environment and highlighting the importance of the upcoming election.

### ■ POLITICAL PARTIES – Players and Disrupters

- ▶ A breakdown of the main political parties their ideological stances, main policy and political goals.
- ▶ A brief look at some of the newly formed parties which are expected to have an impact on the election.
- ▶ An assessment of the current state of the various inter-party alliances.

### ■ KEY ISSUES

- ▶ An analysis of the main issues that concern the electorate and how the various parties intend to campaign on them.

### ■ THE NINE PROVINCES

- ▶ A breakdown of each province, its respective importance to the overall election, and the issues that are expected to be of the most concern in each province.

### ■ THE NEW ELECTORAL SYSTEM

- ▶ An explanation of how the country's new mixed electoral system works and how it could impact voting patterns, vote counting, and the election result.

### ■ POLLS AND PROGNOSSES

- ▶ An assessment of the likely outcomes of the election utilising the latest polling, past election trends, and an analysis of the political environment.

## SCOPING: POST-ELECTION REPORT

June 2024

### ■ INTRODUCTION

- ▶ A synopsis of the election campaign and election day itself.

### ■ ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS

- ▶ A breakdown of the election results at a national and provincial level.
- ▶ How the results change the fundamental balance of power in the country's various legislative bodies.

### ■ COALITION COUNTRY

- ▶ An assessment of the likely coalitions including which parties will belong and a look at how stable these coalitions may be.
- ▶ An analysis of the likely policy positions of these coalitions.

### ■ A FORWARD VIEW

- ▶ A look at the trends that emerged out of the general election, what these trends mean for the country, the economy, and the various political parties.
- ▶ Expectations for the coming election cycle including the government's performance and the impact on the 2025 municipal elections.

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