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South Africa's 2026 Local Government Elections

What the Elections Mean for Municipal Governance and South Africa's Developmental State

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2026 • 14:00-18:00 • HYBRID

Venue: Regenesys Education Campus, Sandton

Programme Director: Ms. Brenda Mothogoane: Regenesys

TIME	SESSION	CONTRIBUTOR
14:00-14:10	Welcome and Opening	Dr. William Vivian: Regenesys Founding Director Mr. Thembinkosi Gcoyi: Managing Director, Frontline Africa Advisory
14:10-14:25	Opening Address: Local Government, Infrastructure and South Africa's Development Imperative	Mr. Gcinumzi Qotywa: Chairperson, Rand Water
14:25-14:45	Keynote Address: The State of Municipal Performance Monitoring and Evaluation: A Blueprint for Effective Local Governance	Hon. Maropene Ramokgopa: Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
14:45-15:00	Address: Putting Communities at the Centre of Local Government: From Municipal Performance to Public Trust	Hon. Richard Mkhungo: Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans and President of SANCO
15:00-15:15	Public-Private Water Partnership	Ms. Preola Adam: Senior Director- Sustainability for Africa, Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa
PANEL SESSIONS		
	Session 1: Municipal Governance, Service Delivery and the Business Operating Environment Panel Facilitator: Mr. Sifiso Skenjana: Managing Director, ESG Analytics	
15:15-15:55	*What will change in municipal leadership and governance mean for businesses operating on the ground?*	Dr. Godfrey Kgosinyane: Political Analyst and Academic, Regenesys Mr. Khulekani Mathe: Chief Executive Officer, Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) Ms. Zoleka Lisa: Vice President of Corporate Affairs, South African Breweries (SAB)
	Session 2: Local Government, Economic Growth, Investment and Community Confidence Panel Facilitator: Ms. Brenda Mothogoane: Regenesys, Facilitator	
15:55-16:35	*What conditions are required for municipalities to support investment, enterprise development and inclusive local economic growth?*	Mr. Kamohelo Mothibedi: Principal Investment Officer: Municipal and Waterboards Finance, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) Mr. Siyabulela Jentile: Founder, Civic Root Advocacy Adv. Marna Dunkle-Kock: Chief Director Municipal Governance, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA)
SYNTHESIS		
16:35-16:50	Strategic Synthesis: Reading the Post-Election Landscape - Five Signals to Watch	Mr. Zamokwakhe Somhlaba: Research and Political Risk Advisory Manager, Frontline Africa Advisory
16:50-17:00	Closing Reflections: Leadership, Institutional Capability and the Future of Municipal Governance	Dr. Thabo Bob: Facilitator and Researcher, Regenesys
17:00-17:10	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Sibongiseni Kumalo: Rector, Regenesys
17:10–18:00	Post-Event Networking Cocktail	All speakers, invited guests and participants

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