

## **General Elections are Happening in 2024**

Voters have the power to determine the future of South Africa.

South Africans are called upon to vote with their conscience for candidates and political parties who embrace and advance *socio-economic justice*.

It is important for the electorate, *especially Youth and Women*, to VOTE.

Voters can be the driving force to ensure that **selfless**, **helpful**, **honest and capable** people who serve are elected that can represent them well, and can ensure that **Women and Young People** especially are protected and have better opportunities and a better future to look forward to in South Africa.

- In order to Vote you have to be registered.
- If you have registered previously check that your registration is still active.
- If you have not registered before you must register with the independent Electoral Commission (IEC).
- Register on-line or check your registration status by visiting the IEC Voter Portal: www.elections.org.za
- The 2024 election date will be announced by the state President. Further information on the elections to be provided by the IEC.









## SA Elections 2024 REGISTER TO VOTE

## Why Vote?

- 1. Keep our constitutional democracy that protects rights and freedoms alive.
- 2. Each vote can contribute to determining the balance of power in the country.
- 3. A higher voter turnout can make the political landscape more competitive.
- 4. A low voter turnout may entrench the status quo by not signalling strongly enough to political parties the desire that citizens have for accountable governance and radically improved service delivery.
- 5. The youth constitutes almost a third of the population of South Africa, that is, almost 20 million people are aged 18-34 years. Young people are a significant force that can shape the future of South Africa. But they have to vote in order to do so.
- 6. There are potentially over 1 million citizens alone that will be turning 18 years before the next elections.
- 7. These young citizens together with many others that turned 18 in the last few years are eligible to vote for the first time in national and provincial elections. Their number could be as high as 4 million which makes up a significant proportion of the total votes that will be cast.
- 8. Be a socially conscious citizen. Voting is a key aspect of being socially conscious and taking an interest in the well-being of the country.
- 9. If you do not vote, then decisions and running of the state will be determined by those that vote and your voice will be marginalised.

## Make Your Vote Count!!!

The Movement for a United South Africa (MUSA) is a Transformative Civil Society Movement uniting South Africans in Advancing Socio-Economic Justice and New Socio-Economic Models