

**MY TOMORROW  
IS IN MY  
HANDS**

# Preparations for the 2016 Municipal Elections



**MUNICIPAL  
ELECTIONS  
2016**



**SOUTH AFRICA**

# Outline

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# DEMARCATIION PROCESSES

- **The MDB handed over the final wards in tranches to IEC**
- **The last tranche was on 15 Dec 2015**
- **Ordinarily 18 months lead time is required from hand-over to Election Day**
- **The final wards split .....voting districts**
- **Targeted registration in the split voting districts was done incrementally (Nov 2015-February 2016)**

# VOTING DISTRICT

Election Year	Total Voting Districts
1999	14 650
2000	14 988
2004	16 966
2006	18 873
2011	20 859
2014	22 263
2016	22 617

54% growth in number of Voting Districts

# REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

- Targeted and communication registration initiatives were undertaken between Nov 2015 and February 2016
- Two registration weekends successfully concluded in the Republic (5 and 6 March 2016) and (8 and 9 April 2016);
- The Voters' Roll is currently at **26.29 million**, a growth of 44.6% since 1999

# VOTERS' ROLL

as at 12 April 2016

Election Year	Total Voters' Roll
1999	18.17 million
2000	18.47 million
2004	20.67 million
2006	21.05 million
2009	23.18 million
2014	25.39 million
2016	26.29 million

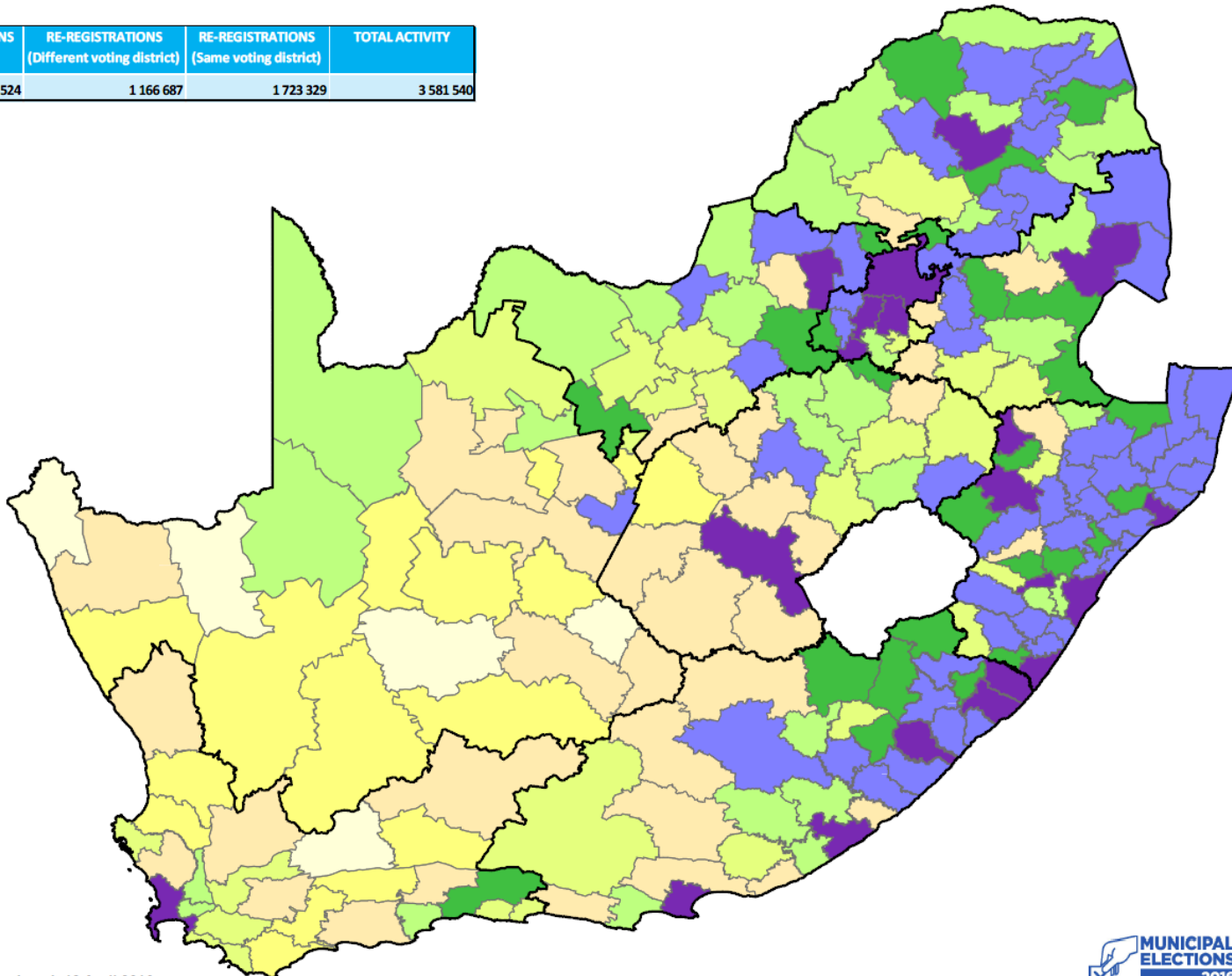
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# VOTERS' ROLL

as at 12 April 2016

Female	Age Group	Male
303,447	18 - 19	250,599
3,152,648	20 - 29	2,680,910
3,351,624	30 - 39	3,049,502
2,787,046	40 - 49	2,448,463
2,232,641	50 - 59	1,770,968
1,410,834	60 - 69	1,039,098
762,815	70 - 79	443,010
443,929	80 +	169,067
	Totals	
14,444,984		11,851,617
	26,296,601	

NEW REGISTRATIONS	RE-REGISTRATIONS (Different voting district)	RE-REGISTRATIONS (Same voting district)	TOTAL ACTIVITY
691 524	1 166 687	1 723 329	3 581 540



**LEGEND**

Provincial boundary  
 Municipal boundary

**Activity count**

- 0
- 0 - 1 000
- 1 000 - 2 000
- 2 000 - 4 000
- 4 000 - 6 000
- 6 000 - 10 000
- 10 000 - 15 000
- 15 000 - 30 000
- > 30 000



Map produced: 12 April 2016





# FACTS FROM VOTER REGISTRATION

- 1.3 million new registration were added to the voters roll out of 6.6 million registration activity
- In both registration weekends, close to 80% of new voters are below 29 years
- Registration activity for this election has almost tripled compared with a same election in 2011
- There are more women registered than man in all age categories

# ELECTION TIMETABLE

The Commission has maintained consultation with the Minister (CoGTA) as required in law;

- The Minister will proclaim Election Day on or about 23 May 2016
- IEC requires a minimum of 72 days for election timetable activities

## ELECTION TIMETABLE (ET) – Schedule 3 to LG:MEA

- An Election Timetable (ET) will be drafted by the EC and consultations will take place on same with political parties represented in the NPLC on the day following the date of proclamation;
- An ET will be gazetted and will set dates, amongst others for:
  - Opening of nomination of candidates and consultations concluded with parties in the NPLC;
  - Submission of the lists of candidates together with the requisite election deposits;

## ELECTION TIMETABLE (ET) – Schedule 3 to LG:MEA

- Notification of Party / Independent Nominator of non-compliance regarding outstanding documents
- Compilation of lists of parties contesting the election, certification of party lists and making available those lists;
- Opening of special vote applications;
- Conducting of special votes at home as well as at the office of the Presiding Officer;
- Election Day.

# CONSTITUTION OF COUNCILS

- The EC will have to declare the results with 7 days
- Elected candidates on multiple lists
- The names of the elected councilors will be published in the relevant provincial gazettes
- Municipal Mangers will convene the first meeting of councils
- In local councils, amongst the first business will be the election of 60% portion of the district councils. The EC will be responsible for this election
- DC will need to convene 14 days after the election

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# CHALLENGES/RISKS

- The Constitutional Court matter relating to the addresses of voters
  - Appeal of the Electoral Court decision
  - Application for direct access to the Concourt
  - Appeal appear to be set for dismissed
  - Direct access likely to be granted
  - Currently seeking to agree a settlement with other parties in the litigation



# CHALLENGES/RISKS

- There are pockets of instability in various areas across the country
  - Vuwani in Limpopo
  - Kapok and Hopefield in Gauteng
  - De Doorns and Khayelitsha in the Western Cape
  - Elliotdale, Keilands, Ntabankulu in the Eastern Cape

# CHALLENGES/RISKS

- Issues raised by political parties
  - The employment of teachers (SADTU)
  - Coverage of political parties on the national broadcaster
  - The equitable nature of public party funding
  - The abuse of state resources
  - Enforcement of the electoral code of conduct

# CHALLENGES/RISKS

- Voting Hours (7am to 7pm)
  - Creation of more voting centres
  - Need to get voters to vote early
  - More ballots to count in local councils

- **Thank you**