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SALGA Urges Citizens, Especially the Youth, to Exercise Their Democratic Right: Register to Vote on 18 and 19 November 2023

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) calls on all eligible voters, particularly the youth of South Africa to make full use of this coming voter registration weekend in preparation for 2024 Provincial and National Elections..

Voter registration will take place on Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 5pm across the country's voting stations.

SALGA President Cllr Bheke Stofile says: "SALGA advocates for active citizenry, and this right starts by everyone having a say in how the country democracy is constituted. The democratic process is the cornerstone of our nation's progress, and voting is a fundamental right that shapes the future of our communities and our country as a whole."

SALGA is acutely aware of the challenges and uncertainties facing the nation and exercising the right to vote is an effective means for citizens to actively contribute to the positive transformation of our communities. By participating in the electoral process, individuals can help shape policies and programs that address local issues, promote inclusivity, and drive sustainable development.

"We call upon the youth to take an active role in the democratic process. By registering to vote, young South Africans can ensure that their concerns, aspirations, and visions for a better future are represented in the decision-making processes across all levels of government," says Cllr Stofile.

To register to vote, citizens are urged to visit their nearest registration stations on 18 and 19 November 2023. To register you need a South African identity document – either a green barcoded ID book, an ID smartcard, or a valid temporary ID certificate.

South Africa's 2024 elections must be held between May and August 2024. The exact date will be announced by the President of the Republic early in 2024.

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