

NPE 2024 WC Election Readiness

Standing Committee on Premier & Constitutional Matters
WC Provincial Parliament

18 March 2024

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Items:

- 1. Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement
- 2. Voter Registration
- 3. Election Timetable
- 4. Staff Recruitment and Training
- 5. Material and logistics
- 6. Council Vacancies PR replacements and By-elections
- 7. Challenges



Communications

- An important element of the mandate of the IEC is to encourage voter registration, voter participation and enhance voter turnout through Civic and Democracy Education (CDE) and outreach programmes.
- In the run-up to elections, multiplatform 360-degree CDE programmes are utilised on a range of different platforms, such as
 - television,
 - radio and other digital platforms,
 - a wide range of print material and web-based content, as well as
 - stakeholder engagement,
 - Community Mobilisation Approach (Face-2-Face Interventions)
 - Media Statements

all of which complement the community mobilisation programmes on the ground.





Community Radio Campaign

- To ensure that the elections messages and information reach all sectors of the community, various campaigns was run on community radios as follows:
 - Phase 1: 14 22 September 2023 What has changed for elections 2024 (selected 3 to 5 radio stations per province).
 - Phase 2: 23 October to 30 November 2023 NPE2024 Election launch and promotion of voter registration weekend (All community radio stations, nationwide).
 - Phase 3: Election date based period Candidate Nomination in NPE2024; How to vote in NPE2024; NPE2024 Special Votes & Section 24A Notification; and Seat Allocation (To be broadcast on all community radio stations).
- Radio interviews by IEC regional officers, which enables immediate intervention where there might be issues.
- Scheduled Radio and TV interviews by Provincial Electoral Officer





Stakeholder Engagements

- ✓ Schools Democracy Programme

 Launch the programme on 12 April 2024
- ✓ Tertiary Institutions Campaign
 University & TVET Colleges Campus activities
- ✓ Multi-Stakeholder Engagements
 28 February 2024
 Follow-up April 2024
- ✓ Code of Conduct Pledge Signing

 10 April 2024
- ✓ Media Training Workshop
 15 April 2024





NPE 2024 Community Mobilisation Approach

The Commission's permanent educational capacity has been boosted by the engagement of CDE officials called

- Municipal Outreach Coordinators (MOCs) and
- Democracy Education Fieldworkers (DFEs).

Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of
Municipalities	wards	MOCs	DEFs
25	402	42	207





Event Status Report

Overall Target for the year 2023/2024 = **8 480**

- Approved and Finalized events until 22 February 2024
 16328
- Percentage completed = 192%





Balloting Education in Communities

- NPE 2024 General Information and Ballot Paper/s
- Three Ballots explained and Colours
- Section 24A and Special Votes
- Special Vote and Voting where registered (Section 24A)
- Overview on Voting Day Information (Where/When/How/ Times, requirements and expectations (process flow)
- UBT
- Marking the Ballot Papers
- Campaign Season and Code of Conduct
- Encouraging Voter Turnout





NPE2024 Factsheets

- The NPE2024 factsheets will include the following:
 - For Elections campaign the following Factsheets are available:
 - ✓ NPE2024 Candidate Nomination;
 - ✓ How to Vote in NPE2024:
 - ✓ NPE2024 Special Votes; Section 24A Notifications; and
 - ✓ NPE2024 Seat Allocation.



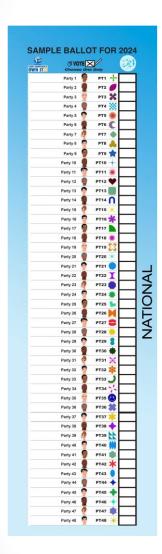


















Voter Registration Events for NPE 2024

Targeted Communication and Registration

- All voting districts affected by re-delimitation (84)
- August 2023 October 2023

Registration Weekend #1

18 & 19 November 2023

Out of Country Registration weekend

January 2024

Prison Registration 34 Correctional Facilities

- Voter education for Registration January 2024
- Registration 30 Jan 1 Feb 2024

Registration Weekend #2*

03 & 04 February 2024

Online Registration @ www.elections.org.za

Voters Roll as of 14 March 2024

Current Registration per municipality

	registration	Grand Total		
Municipality	Gende F	er M	Grand Total	
CPT - City of Cape Town	1 177 198	923 207	2 100 405	
WC011 - Matzikama	17 933	15 518	33 451	
WC012 - Cederberg	14 910	13 420	28 330	
WC013 - Bergrivier	16 209	13 613	29 822	
WC014 - Saldanha Bay	37 050	32 196	69 246	
WC015 - Swartland	29 639	24 704	54 343	
WC022 - Witzenberg	26 477	23 937	50 414	
WC023 - Drakenstein	76 893	61 307	138 200	
WC024 - Stellenbosch	55 031	45 814	100 845	
WC025 - Breede Valley	44 705	35 735	80 440	
WC026 - Langeberg	25 513	20 462	45 975	
WC031 - Theewaterskloof	32 307	30 085	62 392	
WC032 - Overstrand	35 759	29 998	65 757	
WC033 - Cape Agulhas	11 966	10 186	22 152	
WC034 - Swellendam	11 527	10 295	21 822	
WC041 - Kannaland	8 360	6 927	15 287	
WC042 - Hessequa	19 366	16 121	35 487	
WC043 - Mossel Bay	39 839	33 818	73 657	
WC044 - George	63 330	52 698	116 028	
WC045 - Oudtshoorn	29 477	24 152	53 629	
WC047 - Bitou	17 792	15 035	32 827	
WC048 - Knysna	24 655	20 987	45 642	
WC051 - Laingsburg	2 628	2 374	5 002	
WC052 - Prince Albert	4 358	4 051	8 409	
WC053 - Beaufort West	15 132	12 378	27 510	
Grand Total	1 838 054	1 479 018	3 317 072	

Voters Roll as of 14 March 2024

Current Registration per age breakdown

Current Registration @ 14 March 2024											
Row Labels	18-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Grand Total		
CPT - City of Cape Town	35 079	277 956	469 325	486 152	395 096	257 714	125 952	53 131	2 100 405		
WC011 - Matzikama	793	5 440	7 657	6 872	6 123	4 054	1 794	719	33 451		
WC012 - Cederberg	451	4 913	6 621	5 682	5 212	3 439	1 396	616	28 330		
WC013 - Bergrivier	549	3 641	5 481	5 809	6 166	4 806	2 449	921	29 822		
WC014 - Saldanha Bay	1 172	10 480	15 840	13 885	12 571	9 571	4 366	1 361	69 246		
WC015 - Swartland	1 002	6 619	11 235	11 336	11 470	7 456	3 798	1 397	54 343		
WC022 - Witzenberg	794	6 454	11 286	12 083	10 634	5 895	2 363	905	50 414		
WC023 - Drakenstein	2 179	18 029	28 828	30 199	29 298	18 538	80 162	2 967	138 200		
WC024 - Stellenbosch	4 044	21 948	21 743	20 407	16 305	9 887	4 629	1 882	100 845		
WC025 - Breede Valley	962	10 616	16 495	18 084	16 746	10 860	4 845	1 832	80 440		
WC026 - Langeberg	647	6 180	9 170	9 602	9 663	6 356	3 053	1 304	45 975		
WC031 - Theewaterskloof	733	9 178	15 476	13 904	11 695	7 182	3 058	116	62 392		
WC032 - Overstrand	709	7 315	12 486	12 868	10 651	10 257	7 875	3 596	65 757		
WC033 - Cape Agulhas	314	3 222	4 400	3 923	4 167	3 401	1 875	850	22 152		
WC034 - Swellendam	390	3 992	4 934	4 176	3 745	2 713	1 289	583	21 822		
WC041 - Kannaland	322	2 445	3 332	2 778	2 950	2 096	968	396	15 287		
WC042 - Hessequa	696	5 185	6 377	5 917	6 519	5 601	3 586	1 606	35 487		
WC043 - Mossel Bay	895	7 485	13 230	13 829	13 641	12 844	8 362	3 371	73 657		
WC044 - George	1 943	15 300	24 530	24 980	22 579	15 017	8 236	3 443	116 028		
WC045 - Oudtshoorn	859	8 213	12 479	10 437	10 035	6 705	3 411	1 490	53 629		
WC047 - Bitou	736	4 671	7 009	7 550	5 784	3 793	2 254	1030	32 827		
WC048 - Knysna	687	5 643	9 129	9 810	8 651	6 226	3 825	1 671	45 642		
WC051 - Laingsburg	133	995	1 093	962	922	544	264	82	5 002		
WC052 - Prince Albert	262	1 916	1 924	1 427	1 394	901	416	169	8 409		
WC053 - Beaufort West	841	4 984	6 222	5 566	4 830	3 112	1 423	532	27 510		
Grand Total	57 192	452 820	726 302	738 238	626 847	418 968	281 649	85 970	3 317 072		

NPE 2024 Election Timetable

Applications for special

votes to the CEO

[s33(1)(a)(b)(c), s33(2)

s33A(1)(a)(b)(c)

Cut-off date

Notifications to CEO of

intention to vote outside

of the Republic

(s33 [3])







Cut-off date

Notice of non-compliance

by contestants in respect

of lists of candidates or

candidates

(s28 & 31C)

Cut-off date

Contestants to comply

in respect of candidates

lists and candidates

(s28 & 31C)

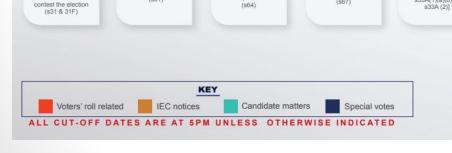


Notice

Routes of mobile voting

stations

(s67)



Issue of certificates

to candidates

Notice

List of addresses of

voting stations open for

inspection

Cut-off date

Compilation of lists of

parties and final lists of

candidates who will



Cut-off date

Notification to CEO of

intention to vote in voting

district where not

registered to vote

(s24A)

17 18 May Casting of special

votes at foreign Missions [s33 (3), s33 (4)] (07h00 to 19h00) Visitation for purposes of casting special vote [s33 (1)(a) s33A (1)(a)] (09h00 to 17h00)

Mon & Tues

27 & 28 May



ELECTION (07h00 to 21h00)

Mon & Tues 28 27 & 28 May

Casting of special votes at office of presiding officer [s33(1)(b)(c) s33 (2) s33A (1)(b)(c)] (09h00 to 17h00)

Staff Recruitment



19 621 electoral staff positions are available

Recruitment Progress

- Presiding Officers, Deputy POs and Voters Roll officers recruited
- □ Recruitment of the rest of the VS staff underway, advertisement open on e-recruitment until 19 March 2024
- □ 515 Area Manager contracts to be renewed from 1 April 30 June 2024

Other fixed term contract positions filled

- Assistant Project Coordinators 51
- ☐ Municipal Outreach Coordinators 42
- □ Democracy Education Facilitators 207

PO & DPO vetted at MPLC

Training



- WC Provincial Training Bootcamp for lead-trainers held 8-11 January 2024
- Training of Registration Staff ongoing commenced 01 March 2024
- Additional training day incorporated for Counting & Results process
- Workshops with Unrepresented Parties and aspirant Independents 27 Feb
 2024
- Extended PLCs from 12 April 2024
- Training for Agents (Party and Independents) after 12 April 2024
- Independent Results Auditors also from April 2024
- Training for accredited observer organisations to commence after closing date of 01 May 2024

Material and Logistics



- 98% of the bulk material received by the Provincial Warehouse
- Roll out and Roll back plans being finalized in line with BOM
- Delivery to local storage sites scheduled to commence mid-April
- A Service Provider to handle the Security Items has been appointed via a tender process
- Arrangements are in place for storage of security items and overnight storage of Special Vote Ballot boxes
- All VMDs (voter management devices) were rolled back to the Provincial Warehouse after REG2 for maintenance and App updates
- 6 Printers (x2 in the WC) identified for the printing of Ballot Papers after tender process
- In additional to regular monitoring and intervention on implementation of operational plans, Regional Readiness workshops planned from 15 April to 3 May 2024

Material and Logistics



- VOTING STATION NETWORK
- 406 Wards
- 1572 Voting Districts
- 1546 Permanent: 26 Temp
- 502 Voting Centres: 1145 Sub-Stations
- CONTRACTING PROGRESS
- 1260 lease agreements are signed (D/D 29 March 2024)
- Procurement processes are currently underway for Voting Station Infrastructure for Temp VSs [includes generators and fencing]
- Additional sites to serve as sub-depots and results capturing sites



Conflict Management and Mediation Programme

To ensure an environment conducive to free and fair elections a team of experienced Mediators is in place and comprises of

- Provincial Conflict Coordinator
- 5 Regional Conflict Coordinators
- 20 Conflict Panelists have been identified for each Municipality and will be appointed on the 01 April 2024.
- Training on panelists has been planned as soon as they are appointed



Municipal PR & Ward Vacancies

Upcoming By-Elections

- 24 April 2024 WC015 Swartland Ward 11
 - WC012 Cederberg Ward 3
 - WC045 Oudtshoorn Ward 9

PR Vacancies

Local Council and District Council as and when



Challenges

- Loadshedding
- Finalisation of Court Challenges and Legislation
- Disinformation and Misinformation with reckless statements
- High expectations, Levels of contestation & Code of Conduct breaches
- Service delivery and other protests
- Criminal activity (Gangsterism)
- Temporary VS structures especially in inclement Weather
- Venues for Voting Stations and Local Storage Sites not always available
- Ward By Elections no provision in law for moratorium on By-Elections before the NPE



Thank You

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