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The Road to 2024: Is a Stable National Coalition Government Possible in South Africa?

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Abstract

In 2024 South Africa will have their seventh national general elections since the end of apartheid in 1994 and there are questions surrounding the outcomes of the elections. These questions are underscored by the 2016 local government election outcomes which saw the ruling party, African National Congress (ANC) lose its majority in metropolitan municipalities, which resulted in the formation of a coalition government in key municipalities. This paper will discuss what South Africa needs to prepare for the possibility of a coalition government at national government level.

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