



THE CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON OFFICE
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cordially invite you to participate in a Roundtable Discussion on

The 2019 General Election: The Most Crucial Contest Yet?

Many South Africans feel that the nation's future is balanced on a knife edge. Can we emerge successfully from the political corruption and economic mismanagement of the Zuma years, and rebuild our country? Some claim that this can only be achieved if the new leadership of the ANC is given a strong mandate; others argue the opposite: that the ANC is part of the problem, not the solution, and that it is time for change. The opposition parties, too, face their own challenges: the DA has been shaken by internal rivalries, especially in its Western Cape stronghold, and the EFF stands accused of involvement in the VBS Bank scandal. Can these parties, and the myriad smaller ones, mount a convincing challenge to the ANC? Equally important is the actual conduct of the elections, which will hopefully be – for the sixth time – free, fair and efficiently run. This is the responsibility of the IEC, but it in turn needs the support of various state departments and agencies.

Speakers: **Dr Shingai Mutizwa-Mangiza** (Post-Doctoral Fellow, Political Science Department, University of the Western Cape)

Dr Jakkie Cilliers (Head of African Futures and Innovation, Institute for Security Studies)

Mr Andries Nel (Deputy Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs) [Mr Nel will speak in his executive capacity on the role the government plays in assisting the IEC to conduct the elections.]

Date: Friday 12th April, 2019

Time: 09h30 for 10h00 – 13h00, followed by lunch.

Venue: The Sun Square Hotel
10 Mill St, Gardens, Cape Town ([map](#) attached)
Parking at the hotel is free, subject to availability.

RSVP before Tuesday 9th April
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