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# HISTORIC ELECTION DEBATE

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**Date:** 14 April 2011

**Time:** 10h00-13h00

**Venue:** Southern Sun,  
Elangeni, Durban

**Theme:** Peace in KZN for  
2011 Local Government  
Elections

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## PROGRAMME

### 10h00:

Opening Remarks by Avusa Media - Ms. Mary Papayya

### 10h05:

IEC - Mr. Mawethu Mosery

### 10h10:

DDP - Dr. Rama Naidu

### 10h15:

ACCORD - Mr. Jerome Sachane

### 10h20:

Debate/Discussion with speakers: ANC KwaZulu-Natal Chairperson and Premier **Dr. Zweli Mkhize**, DA MP **Ms. Lindiwe Mazibuko** and IFP MP **Mr. Narend Singh**

Facilitated by Gagasi 99.5 FM's 'Viewpoint', Ms. Bukiwe Cimela.

Closing Remarks

Gagasi 99.5 FM - Mr. Alex Mthiyane

## SPEAKERS

ANC



**Dr. Mkhize** was inaugurated as Premier of KwaZulu-Natal Province on 11 May 2009, having previously served as MEC for Finance and Economic Development, and Leader of Government Business in the Provincial Executive Council. Current Positions include: Premier of KwaZulu-Natal; Chairperson of the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal; Member of the ANC National Executive Committee; Chairperson of the ANC's National Education and Health sub-committee & Chairperson: KZN 2010 World Cup Political Oversight Committee.

DA



**Ms. Lindiwe Mazibuko MP** is the DA's National Spokesperson, and Shadow Minister of Rural Development, Land Reform and Poverty Alleviation. A graduate of the University of Cape Town, she previously served as media officer for the party's parliamentary caucus. She was elected to Parliament in 2009.

IFP



**Mr. Narend Singh** has been a member of the IFP since 1993. He is currently the Treasurer General and a Member of the National Executive Committee. Mr. Singh has been an MP since 1994 and has held a Provincial Ministerial portfolio. He is also currently a member of the National Assembly.

## MESSAGE FROM PARTNERS

### Avusa Media / Sowetan

**Ms. Mary Papayya** Avusa Media Regional General Manager and Sowetan Custodian

The media occupies a space that helps shape the thinking of our readers. It plays a valuable role in setting the election content agenda by making sure that the public has access to accurate information during an election which is a highly contested event in democracy. As an important media decision maker we want to play our part in this election.

### DDP

**Dr. Rama Naidu** DDP Executive Director

The initiative is yet another important platform to develop our democracy and civil society thinking. DDP continues to capacitate and empower members of civil society and organizations in order for them to fulfill their roles of representing the interests of their respective communities. The local government election is at the heart of our democracy.

### ACCORD

**Mr. Vasu Gounden** Founder and Executive Director / **Mr. Jerome Sachane** Deputy Director

ACCORD is proud to be associated with an event that is aimed at promoting non-violent, free and fair elections. The United Nations has recognised ACCORD's approach of intervention, research, training and early warning as a viable model for conflict prevention and conflict transformation on the continent. Democracy begins within parties and continues in platforms such as this.

### IEC

**Mr. Mawethu Mosery** IEC Provincial Electoral Officer

Democracy in its nature expects things to follow routine, be transparent and consultative. There are no blockages and surprises in democracy. Role players have basic freedom that they enjoy and exercise and therefore it is extremely abnormal that the exercise of democracy has acts of blockages, intimidations and so called "no go" areas. It also defeats the intent of democracy that people would damage campaign property of political parties. Therefore, creating a peaceful climate for elections is a must do.

### GAGASI 99.5 FM

**Mr. Alex Mthiyane** News Manager

The station has a mandate to inform and educate its growing listenership. Our listeners need information that is credible, news that is fair and content that allows for them to make the right voting decision. Our plan for this election is to take the debates and discussions to every part of our province so that the real winners are our listeners – the people who vote.

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