THE SOUTH AFRICAN 2019 NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS: A POST-ELECTION REVIEW

PROGRAMME

CROWNE PLAZA, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA
8-9 JULY 2019
About EISA

Since its inception in July 1996 EISA has established itself as a leading institution and influential player dealing with elections and democracy related issues in the African continent. The organisation’s Strategic Goals are:

• Electoral processes are inclusive, transparent, peaceful and well-managed;
• Citizens participate effectively in the democratic process;
• Political institutions and processes are democratic and function effectively.

The vision of EISA is “an African continent where democratic governance, human rights and citizen participation are upheld in a peaceful environment”. This vision is executed through the organisational mission of “striving for excellence in the promotion of credible elections, participatory democracy, a human rights culture, and the strengthening of governance institutions for the consolidation of democracy in Africa”.

Having supported and/or observed over 100 electoral processes in Africa, EISA has extensive experience in formulating, structuring and implementing democratic and electoral initiatives. It has built an internationally recognised centre for policy, research and information and provides this service to electoral management bodies, political parties, parliaments, national and local governments and civil society organisations in a variety of areas, such as voter and civic education and electoral assistance and observation. Besides its expanded geographical scope, the Institute has, for the past several years, been increasingly working in new in-between election areas along the electoral and parliamentary cycle, including constitution building processes, legislative strengthening, conflict management and transformation, political party development, the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and local governance and decentralisation.

EISA provides technical assistance to inter-governmental institutions, such as the African Union, the Pan-African Parliament and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), to reinforce their capacity in the elections and democracy field. The Institute has signed Memoranda of Understanding with the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of Central African States (CEEAC); the East African Community (EAC); the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA). EISA also regularly works with the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

EISA has current and former field offices in Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Institute is overseen by an international Board of Directors and has 70 full time staff.
Programme

Monday
8 JULY 2019

08:30-09:00 REGISTRATION

WELCOME, OFFICIAL OPENING

09:00-09:15 Welcome Remarks
  Mr. Denis Kadima, Executive Director, EISA

09:15-09:45 Keynote address
  Mr. Glen Mashinini, Chair, The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)

SESSION 1: FRAMING THE 2019 NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

Session chair: Ms. Cecile Bassomo, Programme Manager EPP, EISA

09:45-10:05 A review of South Africa’s previous EOM recommendations
  Ms. Olufunto Akinduro, Head of EPP, EISA

10:05-10:25 The management of the 2019 elections: challenges and successes
  Mr. Masego Sheburi, Deputy CEO, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)

10:25-10:45 Democracy and the electoral process: reforms and proposals
  Adv. Michelle M le Roux, Advocate, Johannesburg Bar

10:45-11:15 DISCUSSION SESSION

11:15-11:45 TEA BREAK
SESSION 2: POLITICAL PARTIES: THE VOTER’S CHOICE

Session chair: Mr. Grant Masterson, Senior Programme Manager GIPPs, EISA

11:45-12:05 Trouble in the centre and the strengthening of the left and the right
Prof. David Everatt, Head of School, WITS School of Governance

12:05-12:25 Factions, in-fighting and fractures: the rise of personality politics in South
Africa?
Mr. Aubrey Matshiqi, Independent Political Analyst

12:25-12:45 The proliferation of parties and limited voter choice in the 2019 elections
Prof. Susan Booysen, Director of Research, Mapungubwe Institute for
Strategic Reflection (Mistra)

12:45-13:15 DISCUSSION

13:15-14:15 LUNCH

SESSION 3: SOCIAL ISSUES, PARTY MANIFESTOS AND CAMPAIGNS

Session chair: Mr. Joel Bregman, Director, My Vote Counts

14:15-14:45 Campaigning: What were the priorities of the ANC, DA and EFF in 2019?
Ms. Carien du Plessis, Independent Analyst and Journalist

14:45-15:05 Old issues and the emergence of new narratives: smaller party campaigns
in 2019
Prof. Kealeboga Maphunye, Chair of the Department of Political Sciences,
College of Human Sciences, University of South Africa

15:05-15:25 Political Party Campaigns: How did parties spend their money during
campaigns in 2019?
Mr. Clayton Vhumbunu, Research Fellow, University of KwaZulu-Natal

16:15-17:00 DISCUSSION SESSION

17:00-17:30 TEA AND END OF DAY ONE
Programme

Tuesday
9 JULY 2019

08:30-09:00  REGISTRATION

SESSION 4:  VOTING DAY, TABULATION AND RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Session chair: Mr. Terry Tselane, Executive Chairman, Institute of Election Management Services in Africa

09:00-09:20  Election day issues and their impact on the 2019 election outcome
  Dr. Douglas Dziva, Chief Executive Officer, The KwaZulu-Natal Christian Council (KZNCC)

09:20-09:40  EISA South Africa Election Observer Mission (EOM) findings 2019
  Ms. Noxolo Gwala, Senior Programme Assistant, EISA

09:40-10:00  The voter turnout on May 8, 2019: the loyal, the optimistic, the apathetic and angry
  Mr. Michael O’Donovan, Independent Analyst

10:00 – 10:40  DISCUSSION

10:40-11:00  TEA BREAK

Session chair: Ms. Elnari Potgieter, Senior Project Leader, South African Reconciliation Barometer

11:00-11:20 Polarization, rhetoric and tension in South Africa’s peaceful elections
Dr. Michelle Small, Lecturer, University of the Witwatersrand

11:20-11:40 Analyzing media coverage of the South African 2019 general elections
Ms. Thandi Smith, Head of Policy Programme, Media Monitoring Africa

11:40-12:00 Access to information in the South African election space: Moving forward
Ms. Hlengiwe Dube, Project Coordinator: Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

12:00-12:20 The South African 2019 election results and parties: Winners, losers and protesters
Mr. Ebrahim Fakir, Researcher, Auwal Socio-Economic Research Institute (ASRI)

12:20-13:00 DISCUSSION

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

END OF DAY TWO
Mr. Denis Kadima is the Executive Director of the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA). He has participated in over 100 electoral and political processes worldwide in different capacities. In July 2010 he worked for the United Nations as the Director of the United Nations Referendum and Electoral Division supporting the self-determination referendum of South Sudan. In 2011 he was deployed as the Elections Chief Technical Advisor of UNDP in Tunisia and helped to kick-start preparations for the first post-Arab spring elections. Mr. Kadima has published extensively on electoral processes and party systems. In 2000 he founded the accredited Journal of African Elections and is presently the editor of this journal. Mr. Kadima is a board member of the Open Society Foundation’s Africa Regional Advisory Committee, member of the Board of Trustees of the Oslo Center and a board member of the Geneva-based Peace Nexus Foundation.

Mr. Glen Mashinini, the Chair of the Electoral Commission (IEC), has been in executive management in general and electoral management in particular for the better part of his working career spanning some 30 years. Driven by the passion for service excellence and an unshakeable commitment to his country, Mr. Mashinini’s electoral management experience started when he became part of the founding Executive Management team that was pivotal in establishing the IEC in 1998. He was specifically responsible for conceptualisation, business processes and organisational design as well as institutional building with intricate human resources recruitment, programme management, management systems for the delivery of elections, which have received international acclaim.

Having established the Electoral Commission, Mr. Mashinini spread his wings to the rest of the continent, jointly establishing a highly-respected consultancy which provided electoral advisory and management services across the continent including in Nigeria, Mozambique and Angola. In 2012, having served as the Deputy Chairperson of the Presidential Review Committee on State-Owned Entities tasked with a review of these organisations, Mr. Mashinini was appointed as a Special Projects Advisor to the President of the Republic of South Africa to help implement the recommendations.
Mr. Masego Sheburi, Deputy CEO, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)

Mr. Masego Sheburi is the Deputy CEO of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC). Masego Sheburi is an experienced elections manager, having been in the service of the Electoral Commission since 2018. In which period he has been involved in the administration five elections, two of which were in the capacity of Provincial Electoral Officer for Gauteng, South Africa’s most populous province. He heads the Electoral Operations Programme dealing with voting district delimitation, registration and deregistration of political parties, registration of voters, the compilation and administration of the voters’ roll, political party liaison, candidate nomination and management of proportional representation lists, election day operation and results compilation. This department determines the electoral bill of materials for all electoral events, specifications, procurement and disposal of items approved in terms of the bill of materials, warehousing and distribution of electoral materials and equipment, and voting station and local office infrastructure. The department is also responsible for the delimitation of voting districts, registration of political parties, management of proportional representation vacancies, registration of political parties, and the declaration of results.

Ms. Olufunto Akinduro, Head of EPP, EISA

Ms. Olufunto Akinduro is the Head of Elections and Political Processes at the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA). Prior to joining EISA she worked for over five years in the field of democracy and elections in Nigeria. She holds a Masters in Democracy and Governance from the Institute for Social Studies, The Hague and a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Ms. Cecile Bassomo, Programme Manager EPP, EISA

Cecile Bassomo is Programme Manager in the Department of Elections and Political Processes (EPP) at the Head Office of the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA). She has been with EISA since 2010. She is involved in the conceptualisation, management, coordination and implementation of specialised technical assistance to the African Union (AU) and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in several African countries. She has been involved in the coordination of EISA Election Observation Missions (EOMs), including an integrated EISA-The Carter Center EOM. She is equally involved in the conceptualisation and delivery of technical support to civil society organisations as well as capacity strengthening programmes for political parties in Francophone Africa. She previously worked as a consultant for the Africa Voter Registration Project jointly implemented by EISA and the UN Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD), researching on voter registration in Africa and assisting in the development of EISA’s online database on voter registration in Africa. She previously worked for the Africa Programme of the Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), providing research support for various projects in Chad, Côte d’Ivoire and the DRC. She is holder of a Masters in International Relations.

Ms. Olufunto Akinduro, Head of EPP, EISA

Ms. Olufunto Akinduro is the Head of Elections and Political Processes at the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA). Prior to joining EISA she worked for over five years in the field of democracy and elections in Nigeria. She holds a Masters in Democracy and Governance from the Institute for Social Studies, The Hague and a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Ms. Cecile Bassomo, Programme Manager EPP, EISA

Cecile Bassomo is Programme Manager in the Department of Elections and Political Processes (EPP) at the Head Office of the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA). She has been with EISA since 2010. She is involved in the conceptualisation, management, coordination and implementation of specialised technical assistance to the African Union (AU) and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in several African countries. She has been involved in the coordination of EISA Election Observation Missions (EOMs), including an integrated EISA-The Carter Center EOM. She is equally involved in the conceptualisation and delivery of technical support to civil society organisations as well as capacity strengthening programmes for political parties in Francophone Africa. She previously worked as a consultant for the Africa Voter Registration Project jointly implemented by EISA and the UN Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD), researching on voter registration in Africa and assisting in the development of EISA’s online database on voter registration in Africa. She previously worked for the Africa Programme of the Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), providing research support for various projects in Chad, Côte d’Ivoire and the DRC. She is holder of a Masters in International Relations.

Mr. Masego Sheburi, Deputy CEO, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)

Mr. Masego Sheburi is the Deputy CEO of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC). Masego Sheburi is an experienced elections manager, having been in the service of the Electoral Commission since 2018. In which period he has been involved in the administration five elections, two of which were in the capacity of Provincial Electoral Officer for Gauteng, South Africa’s most populous province. He heads the Electoral Operations Programme dealing with voting district delimitation, registration and deregistration of political parties, registration of voters, the compilation and administration of the voters’ roll, political party liaison, candidate nomination and management of proportional representation lists, election day operation and results compilation. This department determines the electoral bill of materials for all electoral events, specifications, procurement and disposal of items approved in terms of the bill of materials, warehousing and distribution of electoral materials and equipment, and voting station and local office infrastructure. The department is also responsible for the delimitation of voting districts, registration of political parties, management of proportional representation vacancies, registration of political parties, and the declaration of results.
Adv. Michelle M le Roux, Advocate, Johannesburg Bar

Michelle holds degrees from UCT (BA LLB) and New York University (LLM), and practices in the areas of general commercial and regulatory law, competition law, class action litigation and public/administrative law, including before commissions of inquiry. Michelle is an Adjunct Professor at the Law School of the University of Cape Town where she lectures in competition law. She was Chair of the Expert Advisory Panel on the recent amendments to the Competition Act, a member of the Expert Panel on Institutional Requirements, as well as of the Competition Stakeholders’ User Forum. Michelle has been recognised in Who’s Who: Legal and 40 in their 40s: Notable Women Competition Professionals in Europe, the Americas and Africa, and won GCR’s Litigation of the Year: Non-cartel. She is the co-author of ‘Precedent and Possibility: the (ab)use of law in South Africa’ (2008) and several published articles and opinion pieces, as well as the forthcoming “Lawfare: Judging Politics in South Africa” (2019). Michelle is also a member of the Johannesburg and New York Bars.

Mr. Grant Masterson, Senior Programme Manager GIPPs, EISA

Grant Masterson, Senior Programme Manager of EISA’s Governance Institutions and Political Processes Programme, is a political governance specialist with 15 years of experience in African governance, international development, politics, capacity building and training and election observation. He has had extensive experience working with pan-African and regional organisations such as the African Union and the Southern African Development Community. He is experienced in data collection methods that enable analysis and comparisons between countries. He has an MA in International Relations from the University of Witwatersrand and, in 2011, 2013 and 2015, assisted the International Relations Department at that university as a sessional lecturer in International Political Economy and International Political Organisations. He has observed elections on 20 occasions since 2004 in 14 East and Southern African states. Grant has published in several volumes including “Peering the peers: Civil Society and the African Peer Review Mechanism”; “Checks and Balances: African Constitutions and Democracy in the 21st Century” and “State Capture in Africa: Old Threats, New Packaging”.

Prof. David Everatt, Head of School, WITS School of Governance

Professor David Everatt, Head of the Wits School of Governance, has over 25 years of experience in applied socio-economic and development research, political and governance reform, designing and implementing monitoring systems, and programme evaluation, across sub-Saharan Africa. He is the former Executive Director of CASE, founding partner of Strategy & Tactics (winner of two Impumulelo Black Empowerment awards), and founding Director of the Gauteng City-Region Observatory. David was responsible for path-breaking research into youth marginalisation in South Africa in the early 1990s; his research into political violence was quoted at length by Nelson Mandela at the UN; he was the chief evaluator of the South African Constitutional Assembly between 1995 and 1997; and has researched issues from poverty and inequality to urbanism to class formation and voting behaviour.

He was Vice-President (sub-Saharan Africa) for the ‘Sociology of Youth’ committee of the International Sociological Association for 14 years, and now sits on their Advisory Board, and serves on the Board of the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation and the National Statistics Council.
Mr. Joel Bregman
Director of My Vote Counts
Joel Bregman is the Director of My Vote Counts. He brings civil-society expertise and knowledge around policy and research. Most recently he worked as a Co-Ordinator for #UniteBehind’s Eskom Monitoring Project. He previously held various positions at SJC including Political Education & Communication coordinator; Policy, Communication & Research manager and Researcher.

Prof. Susan Booysen
Director of Research, Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (Mistra)

Professor Susan Booysen is the Director of Research at MISTRA and a Visiting Professor at the Wits School of Governance in University of the Witwatersrand. Booysen is the author of research-intensive books on the African National Congress of South Africa and editor of several other books on South and Southern African politics. Her two major books on the ANC, to date, are The African National Congress and the Regeneration of Political Power (2011) and Dominance and Decline: The ANC in the Time of Zuma (2015), both published by Wits University Press. Her 2012 e-book, The ANC’s Battle of Mangaung, focused on a particular turning point in the ANC trajectory. Her two main edited books are FeesMustFall: Student Revolt, Decolonisation and Governance in South Africa (2016) and Local Elections in South Africa: People, Parties, Politics (2012). She also co-edited Democracy and Elections in Southern Africa (2009) with Denis Kadima.

Booysen is a political analyst and media commentator, both in the print and electronic media. She currently contributes regular columns to Daily Maverick. She holds a D.Litt. et Phil. from the University of Johannesburg (1988). Her areas of specialisation are South African and Southern African politics, policy, governance, elections, comparative politics of Southern Africa, political sociology and research methodology. Her research fellowships include a post-doctoral fellowship at the Southern African Research Program (SARP) at Yale University, USA. She is past president of the South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) and is on the editorial board of the South African Journal of Political Studies, Politikon.

Mr. Aubrey Matshiqi
Independent Political Analyst

Aubrey Matshiqi is a political Author Speaker. He is a former Mathematics, Science and English teacher, strategist at the Premier’s Office in Gauteng, as well as, spokesperson for the MEC for education in Gauteng. He holds a degree in History and English Literature. He is also a former member of the United Democratic Front, African National Congress, Umkhonto we Sizwe (the military wing of the ANC) and the South African Communist Party. He was a Senior Research Associate at the Centre for Policy studies (CPS) in Johannesburg until March 2011, and was a research fellow at the Helen Suzman Foundation until December 2016.

In 2010, he was invited to take up a research fellowship at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies (Stias). At CPS he specialised in South African Politics with a special focus on the ANC and the Alliance, re-alignment of opposition politics, electoral system reform and the state of democracy in South Africa.
Mr. Clayton Vhumbunu, Research Fellow, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Dr. Clayton Hazvinei Vhumbunu is a Research Fellow in International Relations within the School of Social Sciences at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), Durban, South Africa. He researches on the thematic areas of International Relations, Regional Integration, Politics, Public Governance and Public Policy.

Prof. Kealeboga Maphunye, Chair of the Department of Political Sciences, College of Human Sciences, University of South Africa

Kealeboga J. Maphunye is Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Sciences, and former WIPHOLD-Brigalia Bam Research Chair in Electoral Democracy in Africa at Unisa. He holds a Doctoral Degree in Government from the University of Essex (UK), Master of Public Administration (MPA) (UB, Botswana) and Bachelor of Science in Sociology (Hons.) (UZ, Zimbabwe). He has worked for the School of Government, University of the Western Cape as an academic; and has conducted commissioned research for South Africa’s national government departments. Further, he has conducted election related research at South Africa’s Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). Prof Maphunye has also worked for the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) and the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC). Currently, his research focuses on elections, governance and democracy in South Africa and the African continent, especially election management bodies and electoral processes. A regular participant in African Election Observer Missions, his broader research interests include development and underdevelopment; post-independence administrative/bureaucratic reform in developing countries; comparative politics and public administration; and gender and human rights issues in public sector organisations. His latest publication is: “Straining without Training? Capacity-related Problems facing African Election Executives and Officials”, International Journal of African Renaissance Studies, 2017, Vol. 12 (1), pp. 55-75, ISSN 1753-7274 (Online), ISSN 1818-6874 (Print).

Ms. Carien du Plessis, Independent Analyst and Journalist

Carien is a freelance journalist who has reported extensively on elections and summits in various parts of the world, especially in Africa. After spending her student days at political rallies in South Africa right through the country’s first democratic elections in 1994, and after an extended working holiday in London, Carien started working for newspapers full-time in 2003. She’s had her share of reporting on South African politics, attending gatherings and attracting trolls, but still finds herself attracted to it like a moth to a veld fire.
Mr. Terry Tselane, Executive Chairman, Institute of Election Management Services in Africa

Mr. Terry Tselane established Institute of Election Management Services in Africa in 2018. Terry has served for just under 20 years in the leadership of the Electoral Commission of South Africa. He has served for two terms of 7 years each as a Commissioner and also as the Vice-Chairperson of the Electoral Commission of South Africa where he also acted as the Chairperson for over a year. Prior to being appointed as a Commissioner he had served for Four years as both the Municipal Electoral Officer of Pretoria (Tshwane Municipality) as well as the Provincial Electoral Officer for Gauteng.

During his career at the Electoral Commission of South Africa Terry oversaw 4 National and Provincial Elections, 4 Municipal Elections and hundreds of by-elections making him one of the most experienced election officials in the world. This record remains unmatched not only in South Africa but in many parts of the world.

Ms. Noxolo Gwala, Senior Programme Assistant, EISA

Noxolo Gwala is the Senior Programme Assistant in the Elections and Political Processes Programme at EISA’s Head Office. Noxolo provides admin and academic writing support to the EPP department. She is instrumental in coordinating Election Observer Missions across the continent as well as writing election observation reports. Noxolo has also co-facilitating workshops on youth sensitive budgeting for political parties in Lesotho; organized stakeholder briefings in Egypt and Lesotho; and was part of the team drafting the concept note on the electoral integrity in Africa project. Noxolo holds a Masters degree in International Relations from the University of the Witwatersrand.

Mr. Michael O’Donovan, Independent Analyst

Michael O’Donovan is an experienced applied social science researcher who has decades of experience applying standard and innovative statistical methods to the analysis of large datasets (like censi and detailed election results). Central to much of his work is the incorporation of spatial analysis (GIS) in understanding political and socio-economic conditions and trends. He has conducted extensive work on the impact of socio-economic contexts on political and social behaviour. This work has included identifying the socio-economic correlates of crime, predicting election results and the impact of social, economic and political factors on local governance. He has worked with a wide range of clients including UN Women (Rwanda), the World Bank, SABC, HSRC, DBSA, SA cabinets’ Social Cluster and Wits and UWC Universities.
Ms. Thandi Smith, Head of Policy Programme, Media Monitoring Africa

Thandi Smith has worked for Media Monitoring Africa for about nine years and has headed the Policy & Quality Programme for the last four years. The programme focuses on a range of issues including media policy, regulation and quality journalism. She holds a Masters degree in Media Studies, obtained from the University of the Witswatersrand. Her dissertation examined issues of universal access in South Africa’s digital migration. She also obtained an Honours degree in Media Studies from the same institution. Thandi has a keen interest in research around new media, internet governance and media law.

Dr. Michelle Small, Lecturer, University of the Witwatersrand

Dr. Michelle Small is a Lecturer in International Relations at the University of the Witwatersrand. Her PhD entitled, Power, Politics, and Violence in Post-Colonial Africa. A Comparative Study of Electoral Violence in Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe 1960-2008, was a study that employed archival process tracing and primary interviews to examine the historical and contemporaneous conditions and causes of election violence in Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe from Independence to 2008, a coinciding and ascendant violent election year. Her general areas of research interest are on democracy and elections in Africa, electoral violence, and the security and conflict dynamics on the African continent. She is currently working on a grant funded ‘City Diplomacy’ project with the African Centre for the Study of the United States (ACSUS), and a book project on ‘Teaching International Relations in the Global South.’ She teaches a range of courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate level, including a postgraduate course she co-designed with Prof. John Stremlau, former Vice President of the Carter Centre, entitled ‘The International Dimensions of Elections in Sub-Saharan Africa.’

Ms. Elnari Potgieter, Senior Project Leader, South African Reconciliation Barometer

Elnari currently manages the IJR’s South African Reconciliation Barometer (SARB) project. Previously, Elnari worked in a South African election analysis space, which included research and training work pertaining to democratic political culture, facilitated cross-cultural and boundary leadership development programmes for students; and, coordinated policy related stakeholder engagements.

Elnari completed a research masters in Political Science from Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes scholar. She also holds an Honours degree in Political Science, and a bachelor’s degree in Value and Policy Studies. She has furthermore pursued additional courses in conflict resolution, survey methodology, data analysis and dialogue facilitation.
Ms. Hlengiwe Dube, Project Coordinator: Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Hlengiwe Dube is a Project Coordinator with the Centre For Human Rights’ Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit where she coordinates projects on freedom of expression, access to information, digital rights and other issues that fall within the democracy purview. She holds a Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratization in Africa from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and is currently studying towards a PhD at the same institution. Her previous appointments include consultant at the Centre’s Women’s Rights Unit where she worked on a state reporting project on compliance with the Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol); Legal Assistant with the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights in The Gambia; Researcher with the Media Monitoring Project Zimbabwe and High School teacher.

Mr. Ebrahim Fakir, Researcher, Auwal Socio-Economic Research Institute (ASRI)

Awarded the Ruth First Fellowship for 2014 at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg – Ebrahim Fakir until recently headed the Political Parties and Parliamentary Programme at EISA [2010-2016]. He was formerly Senior Researcher and Analyst at the Centre for Policy Studies in Johannesburg (2003-2009), he worked at the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA) [1998-2003] at both IDASA’s Pretoria and Cape Town offices and he also worked at the first democratic Parliament of the Republic of South Africa (1996-1998) in the Legislation and Oversight Division. Before that, he was junior lecturer in English Literature at the then University of Durban-Westville (1994-1996) and continues to teach as a sessional lecturer in contemporary political economy at the Sustainability Institute at Stellenbosch University. He writes in the popular press as well as academic and policy journals on politics, development, and the state. He is used as a commentator and facilitator by the domestic and international