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A look into the future of Coalition Government in Gauteng

On Thursday, 20 July 2023, Chairperson Fasiha Hassan will lead the roundtable discussion by the Portfolio Committee on Cogta, e-Government, Research & Development on the Future of Coalition Government in the Gauteng Province at Pretoria's Fire & Ice Hotel.

In the 2021 local government polls, 70 hung councils led to the formation of coalition governments at Gauteng's metropolitan municipalities, including City of Joburg, City of Tshwane and the City of Ekurhuleni, which continue to face challenges. Category B & C district municipalities, namely: Mogale City and West Rand were also not spared from coalition politics.

This has sparked political contestations amongst parties, which often results in failure by municipal councils to pass budgets and implement integrated development plans (IDPs). Thus, in turn, communities experience municipal inefficiencies and slow service delivery; and the current conflict and instability among coalition governments is a threat to future coalitions.

Driven by the above, the Committee has invited the National Department of Cogta, SALGA, AfriForum, Socio Economic Rights Institute (SERI), Cosatu, SAMWU, City of Tshwane, City of Ekurhuleni, Pretoria University and UNISA to a roundtable to probe the future prospects and challenges that lie ahead due to coalition governments.

Members of the Media are invited to cover the event planned as follows:

Date: Thursday, 20 July 2023

Venue: City of Tshwane (Fire & Ice Hotel in Menlyn)

Time: 10am to 1:30pm

YouTube live stream link: <https://youtube.com/live/oqZIV5yCCEk?feature=share> or

Facebook live stream link: <https://fb.me/e/2ZKI3laO6>

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