

Political parties in South Africa's election

The ruling African National Congress is set to win South Africa's general election with party leader Jacob Zuma becoming the next president. However, opposition parties have joined hands to stop the ANC securing the two-thirds majority which gives it the power to amend the constitution



African National Congress (ANC)

Led by **Jacob Zuma** who has recently and controversially had corruption charges against him dropped. South Africa's ruling party holds 297 seats in current parliament



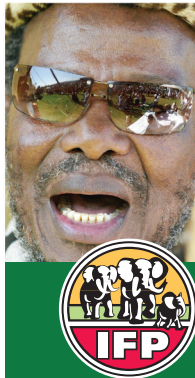
Congress of the People (COPE)

New party set up by ANC rebels after ousting of **President Thabo Mbeki** last September. Led by **Rev. Mvume Dandala**, COPE is first serious black-led challenger to ANC



Democratic Alliance (DA)

Led by **Helen Zille** – popular mayor of Cape Town and former anti-apartheid campaigner. DA is tipped to snatch Western Cape. Strongest opposition party with 47 seats



Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP)

Mangosuthu Buthe holds 23 seats in parliament. Tensions between ANC and IFP go back to apartheid era when both fought over control of KwaZulu-Natal, Zulu homeland

South Africa has a national assembly of 400 seats and national council of 90 seats. Election to the national assembly is based on proportional representation. The leader of the party with the most seats becomes president