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# Who Will Become the Next President of South Africa?

By Stacy M. Brown  
(NNPA Newswire)

The African National Congress (ANC), South Africa's governing social democratic political party once led by the late Nelson Mandela, faces perhaps its most contentious and controversial election yet.

On Dec. 18, the party will vote for its next president, a contest that puts former health minister Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma against Deputy Prime Minister Cyril Ramaphosa and three others including Lindiwe Sisulu, the nation's minister of Defense and Military Veterans.

"South Africa is governed by the Tripartite Alliance of the ANC, South African Communist Party and Congress of South African Trade Unions and this ANC alliance has fractured into multiple competing groups each headed by a sort of warlord," said Eric Louw, an associate professor at the University of Queensland in Australia. "Each warlord runs a patronage network which dispenses wealth and jobs within a government system that has become highly corrupt."

Louw has worked at several South African universities; his research includes the role of Pax Americana on South African transformation.

The ANC is wrestling with serious fractures in the party and has been for at least a decade, said Nicholas Rush Smith, an assistant professor of Political Science at the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at The City College of New York.

Smith's main research focuses particularly on South Africa and he's working on a book titled, "Resisting Rights: Vigilantism and the



Lindiwe Sisulu, the nation's minister of Defense and Military Veterans, is among the candidates for the ANC's next president. In this photo, Lindiwe Sisulu, participates in a ceremony, during a visit to Brazil.

Contradictions of Democratic State Formation in Post-Apartheid South Africa.

"The ANC will choose a party president in December who will likely stand for South Africa's presidency in national elections in 2019," said Smith. "The two leading candidates for the ANC presidency represent factions of the party that are either support or oppose current President Jacob Zuma."

Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, the former chairperson of the African Union Commission and Zuma's ex-wife, is viewed as supportive of Zuma, while Ramaphosa, the current Deputy President, represents a faction opposed to Zuma. "Regardless of who wins, the factionalism within the ANC will likely continue to deepen, particularly if the party continues to lose vote-share at the 2019 election to opposition parties," Smith said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA, said South Africa needs leaders who will care about the people they'll lead.

"I endorse, support and salute the effective leadership of H.E. Lindiwe Sisulu to be president of South Africa," Chavis said.

Regardless of who becomes South Africa's next president, the candidate faces serious chal-

lenges, Smith said.

"Unemployment is rife and inequality is deepening. The next president will face major questions about how to alleviate these problems; problems that have bedeviled every post-apartheid president, suggesting that there are no easy answers," he said.

An early September poll showed Sisulu emerging as the leading female candidate to lead the ANC and the country.

South Africa's Times Live has Sisulu with a 29-percentage point lead over her closest rival, Dlamini-Zuma.

Dlamini-Zuma's support dropped from 28 percent on July 12 to 23 percent by August 11 while Sisulu, whose support had already seen significant gains, saw her lead stretch from 45 per-

cent to 52 percent in the same period.

"Comrade Lindiwe Sisulu believes now is the time to elect a female president. She is of the view that the more female candidates there are, the better," Sisulu spokesman Makhosini Nkosi said. "As far as we are concerned, we are trying to get Lindiwe Sisulu elected president. That is the mandate of the branches that nominated her."

Nkosi added that the campaign was focused solely on getting Sisulu elected ANC president in December.

A recent analysis revealed that residents of South Africa remain concerned with the practice of funneling state expenditure to suit the business agenda of the elite.

However, Dlamini-Zuma said in a recent radio interview that it wouldn't matter if she focused on state capture and that there was nothing she could do about it beyond recommendations already made.

"The issue of state capture, you know I'm not in government, I can't do much about it myself," Dlamini-Zuma was quoted as saying in the interview published by The Citizen in South Africa.

Earlier, she said, "once state capture was dealt

with, the country could then focus on the most important things, such as poverty and unemployment."

Roger Southall, a politics and sociology professor at Wits University in South Africa, said he thinks the battle for the succession within the ANC will ultimately be a fight between Dlamini-Zuma and Cyril Ramaphosa, the ex-unionist turned businessman and millionaire who has been accused of fomenting the Marikana massacre, a 2012 incident that occurred during a strike at the Marikana mine in South Africa.

The strike ended when police opened fire, killing 34 miners.

"The odds now seem against Dlamini-Zuma while Ramaphosa seems to be picking up not just his own genuine support, but people bailing out of the Zuma faction," Southall said. "Whatever the result, it's war within the ANC and there could be a split. The opposition could pull off the need for a coalition government, as the ANC is so obviously at war with itself."

Southall continued: "Many hope this will happen as the ANC is not merely now corrupt, but devoid of ideas."



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A complete copy of the RFP can be obtained by emailing Robert Means at [Robert.Means@jedunn.com](mailto:Robert.Means@jedunn.com).

Proposals must be delivered to JE Dunn Construction, Attn: Robert Means, 424 NW 14th Ave, Portland, OR 97209.



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He proceeds to publish the novella on Dec. 19, and the first edition sells out before Christmas. More importantly, the manuscript's moving message about catching the spirit of the season made a lasting impact that still shapes the way we observe the holiday.

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Very Good ★★★

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