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Government sets May 18 as a date for Local Government Elections

Acting President Kgalema Motlanthe has announced that the Local Government Elections will be held on Wednesday, 18 May.

Speaking during the sitting of National Council of Provinces today, Mr Motlanthe said: "After consultation with the Electoral Commission, government has set the date for the Local Government Elections as 18 May 2011.

Mr Motlanthe said the Minister for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Sicelo Shiceka will in the next week in terms of section 24(2) of the Act, formally proclaim the election date by publishing a notice in the Government Gazette.

"Once the election date is gazetted next week, the municipal segment of the voters roll will close," he said.

The Deputy President called on all South Africans to make full use of the last voter registration weekend of 5 and 6 March 2011, set by the IEC, to ensure that their names appear correctly on the voters roll.

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