



ACTIVE CITIZENRY

Participatory Democracy



Inclusive

Participatory democracy is a system of governance where citizens are actively involved in decision-making processes, going beyond traditional representative models.

- It emphasises direct citizen participation in shaping policies and holding elected officials accountable.
- This approach aims to foster a more engaged and informed citizenry, ensuring diverse voices are heard.

What?

What is active citizenry?

- Citizens engage in participatory democracy through various means, including assemblies, demonstrations, petitions, and through direct consultations.
- Elections are a key part of making decisions and choices in your society.
- Foster a culture of democracy, political tolerance, and active citizenship in your community.

How?

Become an **Active, Engaged and Responsible** member of South Africa's Democracy

- Engage in the political process by participating in public governance and policy discussions, including the National Development Plan (NDP) and the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).
- Contribute to our electoral democracy by registering to vote, considering candidacy in elections, and actively participating in voting whenever elections occur.
- Stay informed and engaged—read news articles, listen to the radio, read newspapers, attend community meetings, and verify information from unconventional sources.
- Take control of your future and become an agent of the change you wish to see within your community.
- Consistently exercise your civic and democratic rights and responsibilities by voting.

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