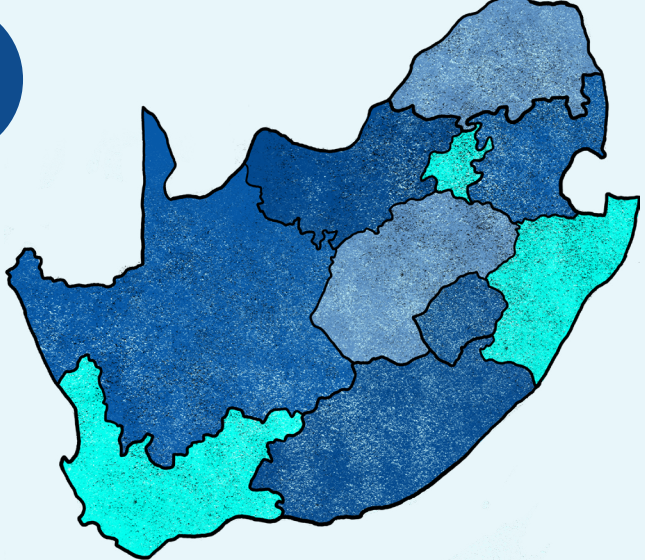


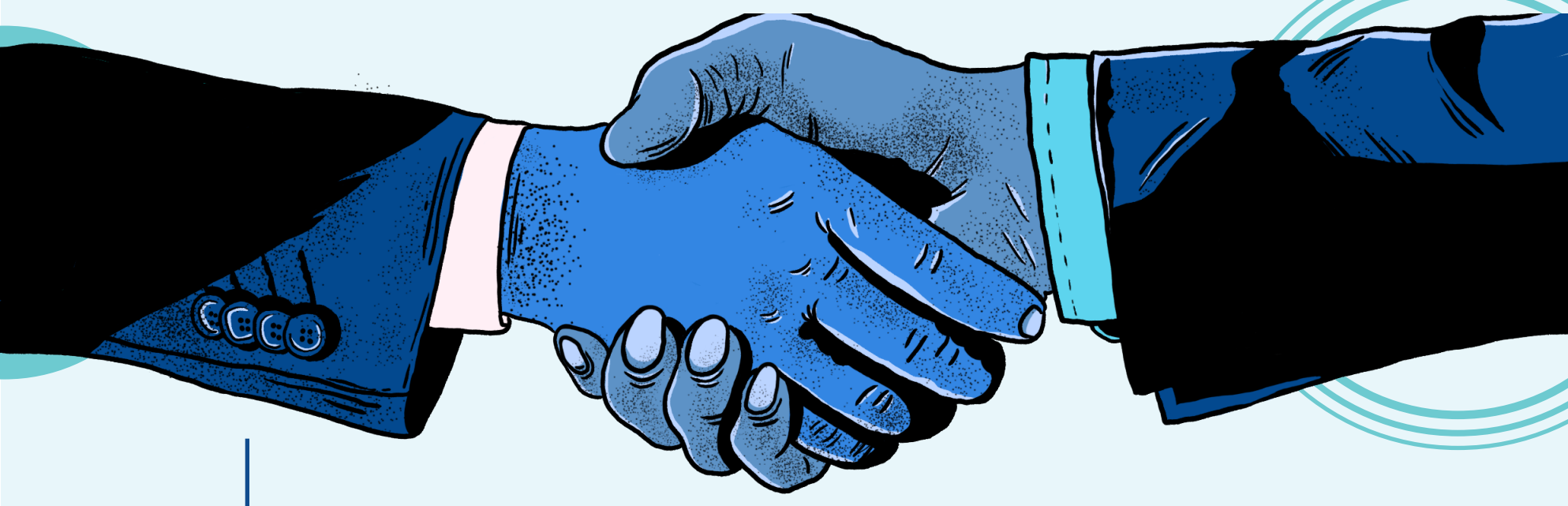
# WHAT IS THE STATE OF COALITION GOVERNMENTS IN THE 70 MUNICIPALITIES WHERE THERE WAS NO CLEAR WINNER IN THE 2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS?

## AND THE WINNER IS...

**1** OVER HALF (36) OF THE 70 COALITION GOVTS FORMED HAVE BEEN STABLE.

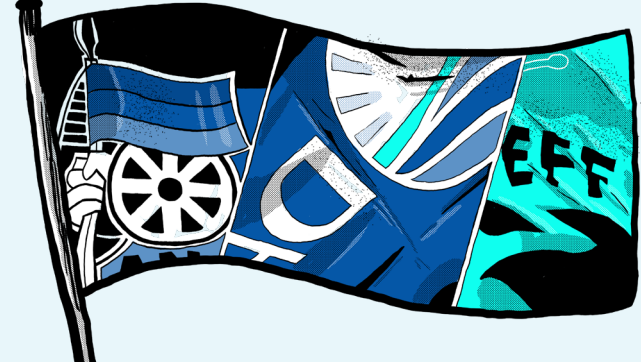


**2** STABILITY DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN GOOD PERFORMANCE OR FULFILLING SERVICE MANDATES. BUT COALITION TRICKS OFTEN WORSEN EXISTING CHALLENGES.

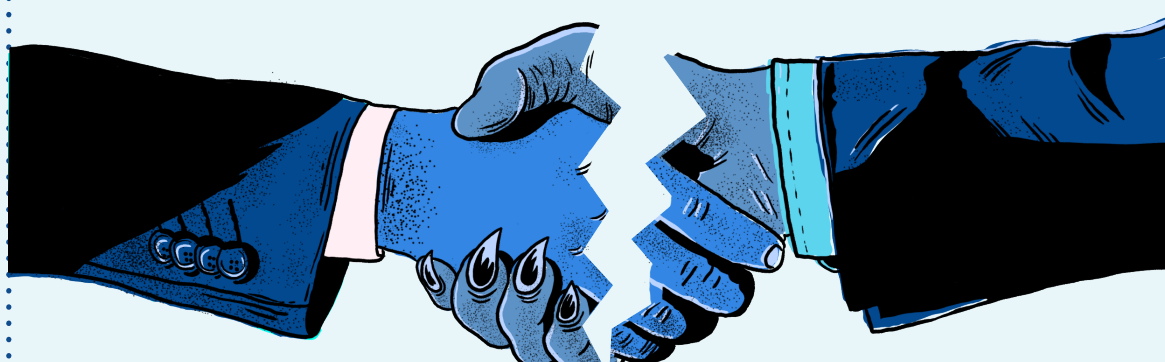


**3** FORMAL COALITION AGREEMENTS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN AND MOST ARE ABOUT POSITIONS AND PORTFOLIOS, NOT POLICY. AGREEMENTS ARE ALSO ABOUT HOW TO VOTE IN COUNCILS AND APPLYING TACTICS LIKE WALK-OUTS.

**4** FLUID AND INFORMAL COALITION AGREEMENTS HAVE TURNED MUNICIPAL COUNCILS INTO 'SITES OF TURMOIL'.



**5** PARTIES CAN SWITCH ALLEGIANCE AND CHANGE COALITION PARTNERS AT A WHIM. THIS IS BAD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY TO THEIR CONSTITUENCIES AND THE ELECTORATE.



**6** SOME PARTIES HAVE LEARNED TO PLAY THE GAME AND STRIKE AGREEMENTS WITH ONE BLOC, ONLY TO SWITCH TO ANOTHER COALITION LATER.



**7** MOTIONS OF NO-CONFIDENCE ARE USED AS INSTRUMENTS TO TAKE POWER, NOT TO FIX GOVERNANCE FAILURES. THESE ARE OFTEN TABLED ON FRIVOLOUS GROUNDS. JUST ABOUT ANYTHING REASON CAN BE FOUND TO TRIGGER A MOTION-OF-NO-CONFIDENCE.



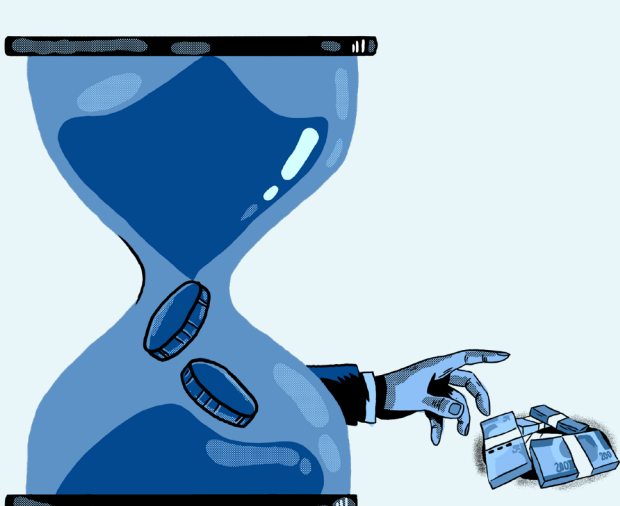
**8** IN THE METROS, PROXY MAYORS FROM MICRO-PARTIES HELP SUSTAIN BIG PARTIES IN POWER.



**9** SOME CLLRS HAVE MASTERED THE COALITIONS GAME. THEY BREAK RANKS WITH THEIR PARTIES IN COUNCIL VOTES, DEFECT, FORCE BY-ELECTIONS AND SOMETIMES WIN FOR A NEW PARTY.



**10** CHALLENGES FACING COALITION GOVERNMENTS ALSO HAUNT MAJORITY COUNCILS – DEBT, LIMITED RESOURCES, LOW INCOME BASE, SKILLS AND CAPACITY ISSUES AS WELL AS POOR AND DECLINING INFRASTRUCTURE.



**11** SERVICE DELIVERY IS OFTEN COMPROMISED BY PARTIES FIXATED ON ATTAINING POLITICAL POWER.

