



## **Political parties must reveal private funding**

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The Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa) says the regulation of political party funding is crucial to prevent corruption. Shameela Seedat, an Idasa representative, has told a seminar on the funding of political parties that such funding should be made transparent.

The seminar, which was organised by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and Idasa, believes that there is a huge gap between public financing and no regulation of private money. Seedat says corruption is bound to occur where there are no rules.

The institute says further considerations is to put a limit on private funders to political parties, because that could serve to level the playing fields to ensure that all parties have a better chance at competing at election time, and lessen reliance on private funding