



1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
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Student Conference on  
Local Government & Urban  
Governance

*Recent Developments in Local  
Government Law, Policy and  
Practice Towards Implementation  
of the UN Sustainable Development  
Goals*

27-28 November 2019

Potchefstroom, South Africa

## DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2019

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**10:00**            **Registration**

**11:00**            **Words of Welcome**

*Prof Marita Carnelley  
Research Director, Faculty of Law, North-West University*

*Prof Oliver Fuo  
South African Research Chair: Cities, Law and Environmental  
Sustainability (CLES)*

*Mr Rio Nolutshungu  
Executive Director: South African Local Government Association  
(SALGA)*

**11:15**            **Keynote Address**

*Chair: Dr Ifeoma Owosuyi, CLES, NWU*

*Adv Fanyana Mdumbe  
South African Law Reform Commission*

**12:00**            **LUNCH**

**12:45**            **Session 1 (Municipal Finance and Economic Development)**

*Chair: Prof Oliver Fuo*

### **PART 1**

**12:45 – 13:00**    **Policy intervention in the informal economy in South Africa: parting ways with the desire to formalise the informal economy**

*(Ms Nonhlanhla Ngcobo, CLES, North-West University)*

**13:00 – 13:15**    **Civic crowdfunding for community infrastructure rehabilitation: the case of the City of Harare**

*(Mr Lewis E Chigova, North-West University)*

- 13:15-13:30 **Business tax for metropolitan cities in South Africa: principles and prospects**  
*(Mr Curtly Stevens, University of the Western Cape)*
- 13:30-13:45 **DISCUSSION**
- \*\* LEG STRETCH \*\* for 10 mins**
- PART 2**
- 13:55-14:10 **A South African law and policy perspective on the role of the banking sector in pursuance of sustainable cities**  
*(Ms Mathuto Mofokeng, CLES, North-West University)*
- 14:10-14:25 **South African municipalities in financial crisis: What can be done?**  
*(Ms Johandri Wright, CLES, North-West University)*
- 14:25-14:40 **The location and the nature of Airbnb listings in Johannesburg and their impact on property prices and the availability of long-term rental stock**  
*(Ms Tehilah Niselow, University of the Witwatersrand)*
- 14:40-14:55 **DISCUSSION**
- 14:55 – 15:25 **COMFORT BREAK**
- 15:25 **Session 2 (Service Delivery)**  
*Chair: Mr James Maitse (SALGA)*
- 15:25-15:40 **Municipal service partnerships as a legal mechanism for realising the right to have access to sufficient water in South Africa**  
*(Mr Beng Simon Keluh, North-West University)*
- 15:40-15:55 **Realising the constitutional water right in South African cities: Water service delivery challenges and intelligent water management technologies**  
*(Ms Nicolene Steyn, CLES, North-West University)*

- 15:55-16:10**      **A preliminary legal review of the implementation of air quality offsets in South Africa**  
*(Mr Crucial Bondamakara, CLES, North-West University)*
- 16:10-16:25**      **Legal perspectives on the protection of "microclimate regulation" as an urban ecosystem service in South Africa**  
*(Ms Maricélie Botes, CLES, North-West University)*
- 16:25-16:55**      **DISCUSSION**
- 17:00**              **End of Day**
- 19:00**              **South African "Braai" NWU Sports Village**

## DAY 2: Thursday, 28 NOVEMBER 2019

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08:00 – 08:30 Coffee

08:30 **Session 3 (Planning and Geography)**

*Chair: Ms Intelligent Chauke (SALGA)*

### PART 1

08:30-08:45 ***The integration of green infrastructure in planning policies towards achieving sustainability***

*(Ms Ifeoma Ukonze, North-West University)*

08:45-09:00 **The instrumentality of planning intervention in the formalisation of informal settlements within the Gauteng City Region**

*(Ms Takudzwa Charisse Taruza, North-West University)*

09:00-09:15 **Making cities 'resilient': An overview of local climate change governance in SA**

*(Ms Melandri Steenkamp, CLES, North-West University)*

09:15-09:35 **DISCUSSION**

### PART 2

09:35-09:50 **Exploring the relationship between geographies of cultural participation and sense of belonging in Parkmore, Johannesburg**

*(Ms Jessica Glendinning, University of the Witwatersrand)*

09:50-10:05 **Normative urban policymaking and analysis in postcolonial cities**

*(Ms Carmel Rawhani, Wits School of Governance, Wits City Institute)*

10:05-10:15 **DISCUSSION**

10:15-10:30 **COMFORT BREAK**

## 10:30 Session 4 (Politics and Local Government)

*Chair: Ms Melandri Steenkamp*

### PART 1

10:30-10:45 **One size does not fit all: An examination of the legal and policy framework for differentiated powers and functions of municipalities in South Africa**

*(Ms Thabile Chonco, Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape)*

10:45-11:00 **The impact of misogyny on women's leadership in the local sphere of government: the case of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality**

*(Ms Josephine Ahiante, North-West University)*

11:00-11:15 **"Inclusive cities" as an international policy ideal and the legal mandate of spatial equality in South African municipalities**

*(Mr Onkarabile Osiele, CLES, North-West University)*

11:15-11:30 **DISCUSSION**

### PART 2

11:30-11:45 **Municipal courts and environmental justice in South African local government**

*(Mr Andrew Molaiwa, CLES, North-West University)*

11:45-12:00 **Child-friendly city governance in South Africa: A legal perspective**

*(Mr Rongedzayi Fambasayi, CLES, North-West University)*

12:00-12:15 **DISCUSSION**

12:15-12:30 **\*\* LEG STRETCH \*\* for 15 mins**

12:45 **Award presentation**

*CLES/SALGA Award for Best Student Presenter*

*Presented by Ms Lungelwa Kaywood (SALGA)*

12:45 **CLOSURE** – *Prof Oliver Fuo*

13:00 **LUNCH-ON-THE-GO**