



2nd Annual National Postgraduate Student Conference on Local Government & Urban Governance

**Law and Governance in a Pandemic:
Towards Safe, Resilient,
Inclusive and Sustainable
Towns and Cities**

VIRTUAL

30 November - 2 December 2021

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DAY 1: TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2021

09:00

Words of Welcome

Dr Neo Morei

(Dean: Faculty of Law, North-West University)

Prof Anél du Plessis

South African Research Chair: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES, NWU)

Mr Rio Nolutshungu

Chief Officer: Municipal Capabilities & Governance

South African Local Government Association (SALGA)

09:20

Keynote Address

Ms Nomfundo Dlamini

Former Hub Manager: DDM eThekwin Development Bank South Africa

SESSION I

Theme: Imperatives for improved local governance in South Africa

Chair: Dr Felix Dube (CLES, NWU)





10:00 – 10:15

Better Regulation in Multilevel Government Systems: A South African Case Study

*Curtly Keagan Stevens,
University of the Western Cape*

10:15 – 10:30

History and Development of the Local Government System in South Africa: Towards Public Value

*Lungelwa Kaywood,
North-West University*

10:30 – 10:45

Covid-19 Impediments on a Thriving Informal Economy: Means of Achieving LED as a Legal Imperative in South Africa

*Nonhlanhla Ngcobo,
North-West University*

10:45 – 11:00 DISCUSSION & BREAK

SESSION II

Theme: Perspectives on participatory local democracy

Chair: Ms Rebecca Matsie (SALGA)

12:00 – 12:15

An Arendtian perspective on safer and more inclusive public participation during a pandemic





*Gisela Diedericks,
North-West University*

12:15 – 12:30

One Step Forward, Two Steps Back? An Analysis of the City of Johannesburg's Consultive and Participatory Processes with Regards to the Current Review of Its Informal Trading Policy and Bylaw

*Patrick Lukusa Kadima,
University of the Witwatersrand*

12:30 – 12:45

Putting Power Back in the Hands of the Community: Public Participation to Promote Accountability in Local Government

*Johandri Wright,
North-West University*

12:45 – 13:00 DISCUSSION

END OF DAY 1





DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2021

SESSION I

Theme: Covid-19 and other health risks facing local communities and local government

Chair: Dr Nicolene Steyn (CLES, NWU)

14:00 – 14:15

Developmental Screening in the Primary Health Care Setting: The Importance of Accessibility of Healthcare Services in Local Government

*Boledi Karabo Maleka,
University of Pretoria*

14:15 – 14:30

Municipal obligations to the homeless and indigent during COVID-19

*Felix Dube,
North-West University*

14:30 – 14:45

The Risks of Communicable and Vector-borne Diseases in Cities: How Does South African Law Respond?

*Meeshka Diedericks,
North-West University*

14:45 – 15:00 DISCUSSION & BREAK





SESSION II

Theme: Localising the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement in South African cities

Chair: Ms Telly Chauke (SALGA)

15:30 – 15:45

Municipalities and climate governance in South Africa: An Assessment of Recent Legal Developments

*Melandri Steenkamp,
North-West University*

15:45 – 16:00

A Legal Perspective on Environmentally Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Cities – What Can Municipalities Do?

*Maricélie Botes,
North-West University*

16:00 – 16:15

Localising the Sustainable Development Goals in Rural Municipalities through multi-party partnerships: A Case Study of Nkandla Local Municipality

*Mphathesithe Mkhize,
University of Kwazulu-Natal*

16:15 – 16:30 DISCUSSION

END OF DAY 2





DAY 3: THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2021

SESSION I

Theme: Environmentally relevant challenges facing South African cities' resilience

Chair: Ms Johandri Wright (CLES, NWU)

09:00 – 09:15 **Strained Relations in the Provision of Electricity Services: An Analysis of the City of Cape Town v National Energy Regulator of South Africa and Minister of Energy**

*Chantelle Moyo,
North-West University*

09:15 – 09:30 **The Control and Eradication of Invasive Species in Urban Areas in Terms of South African Law**

*Marcelle Samons,
North-West University*

09:30 – 09:45 **The Legal Relevance of Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Urban Development in South African Secondary Cities**

*Heloïze Hattingh,
North-West University*

09:45 – 10:00 **DISCUSSION & BREAK**





SESSION II

Theme: Inclusive and sustainable urban perspectives on municipalities

Chair: Mr Seana Nkhahle (SALGA)

10:30– 10:45 **Municipal Planning Law for Climate Change Mitigation in South African Cities**

*Onkarabile Osiele
North-West University*

10:45 – 11:00 **The Hidden Costs of Free Parking: SPLUMA's Development Principle Analysed Against eThekweni Municipality's Minimum Parking Requirements**

*Muhammed Lokhat,
University of Stellenbosch*

11:00 – 11:15 **Challenges facing postgraduate law students in research**

*Prof Anél du Plessis
North-West University*

11:15 – 11:30 **DISCUSSION**

11:30 **Word of thanks**

Prof Anél du Plessis





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