

Editorial note

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This edition of the Public Service Delivery and Performance Review (APSDPR) journal heralds the centenary celebrations of the University of Fort Hare and the long awaited launch of the Institute for Development Assistance Management (IDAM) on the Bisho Campus of the University of Fort Hare. The official launch of IDAM was performed by the Honourable Minister for the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Mr. Sansane Zokwane, on the 22nd of March 2016. The IDAM as an initiative of the University of Fort Hare and DAFF has the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations as its technical partner. FAO Representative in South Africa, Dr. Tobias Takavarasha, also attended the IDAM launch, while Dr. Mvuyo Tom, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Fort Hare was the host.

The APSDPR, as an IDAM research, scholarly and advisory platform, is in its fourth year of shaping the African and global policy concerns. The journal will be dedicating all its publications in the fourth volume towards the University of Fort Hare centenary celebrations and will solicit papers on the IDAM trans-disciplinary research areas and other related empirical works.

The first article in this edition titled, "The Potential Value of Evaluation as a Budgeting Tool for South African Municipalities," by Mofolo MA of Walter Sisulu University investigates the concept of expenditure prioritization as a principle to be espoused by Municipalities and recommends, among others, the use of on-going or process evaluation as a useful tool for public budget decision-making.

The second article authored by Botlhale EK of the University of Botswana focuses on "Financing Development through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Botswana" with a view to bringing its benefits towards micro and macro socio-economic dividends in general and Botswana in particular. Similarly, the third article by Mpabanga D also from the University of Botswana looks at the achievements and challenges of "Performance Monitoring and Evaluation in Botswana's Public Service." The article generally asserts that performance monitoring and evaluation, though has its challenges, but when properly applied will undoubtedly improve performance and ensure much needed accountability in the public sector.

The fourth co-authored article by Lubinga SN of the Independent Institute of Education, Wierda Valley and du Plessis LM of University of the Free State is titled, "Exercising Democratic Rights and Obligations as Mechanism for Improved Service Delivery: The case of Kampala city, Uganda." The article carefully articulates some major fundamentals catchphrases that reinforce the imperatives of exercising democratic rights and obligations of citizens, but also recognizes some four basic fields of rights that is of great concern within the constitutional democratic state.

The fifth article in this edition, "New Global Financial Order and Promotion of Asian Infrastructure Investments Bank (AIIB): Opportunities and Challenges for Africa," by Fatile JO, Afegbua IS and Ejalonibu GL of the Lagos State University, does not only recognize China as an emerging underwriter of the new global order but also recommends that the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) needs to work with already existing multinational financial institutions such as the World Bank, IMF and others, in developing a better and healthier global economic order.

The sixth article, "Critique of Public Administrative Reform System Post-independence in Nigeria," is co-authored by Aladegbola IA of Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria and Jaiyeola F of the Washington State University, USA. The article introduces public service as a "big business" in most African countries rather than a "big service" to the people. Apart from the chronicle stages of developing public service in Nigeria and elsewhere in the world, the article looks at what will catalyze and sustain socio-political and economic development in Nigeria.

The seventh and the last article in this edition by Afegbua SI of the Lagos State University is titled, "Politics-Administration Interface and Sustenance of Public Service Ethos in South-West Nigeria." The article took a critical background look with some outstanding empirical evidence that emanated from the findings of the literature with a view to recommending how the two public sector domains of Political leaders and technocrats need to develop a structure for service delivery model in their regular interface without compromising the needs of the people.

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