

# Editorial note

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The Africa's Public Service Delivery and Performance Review (APSDPR) journal has become a frontline player in promoting Africa's development cooperation through local and international network of individuals and institutional subject experts alike, with outstanding contributions in their chosen careers.

As you are most likely aware, the University of Fort Hare 2016 Centenary celebrations took place on the 20th of May 2016 wherein President Jacob Zuma of the Republic of South Africa was a guest speaker and President Robert Mugabe of the Republic of Zimbabwe was the special guest of honour. The epic event provided an opportunity for the two leaders to share a stage on issues around Africa's developmental issues, ranging from poverty, unemployment, inequality and other myriads of development and governance challenges facing South Africa, Zimbabwe and other African Union (AU) countries. A number of other high profile political and community leaders including foreign diplomats, business leaders, youth formations, students and organised labour were represented in the well-attended centenary celebrations of one of Africa's frontline universities.

In this edition, an opinion paper titled, *South Africa's Democratic Transformational Agenda: A personal Encounter*, by De Wee K of the Fort Hare Solutions, University of Fort Hare, x-rays the authors personal encounter on challenges, dilemmas and prospects that engulf a typical South African public servant, especially during the transformational years.

*Folklorisation and Reoralisation in Context: Some Narratives on the Current Challenges Facing South African Migrant Labourers*" by Masoga MA of the University of Venda is the second opinion paper, based on personal readings and subsequent undiluted analysis of respondents' experiences and the author's viewpoints within the context of the investigation. These viewpoints herald five other research articles aimed at ensuring high scholarly contributions within several categories of subject matter experts.

The first research article in this edition, *"A Review of Perspectives for Ethical Theories in Public Service Life"* by Sing D of the University of KwaZulu-Natal provides perspectives on frameworks for ethical theories in Public Service life, while the second article co-authored by Merickova BM, Svidronova MM and Nemeč J of Matej Bel University,

Slovakia titled, *"Innovation in Public Service Delivery: Civic participation in Slovakia"* describes "Participation and active citizenship as having the right, the means, the space and the opportunity to participate, influence decisions and engage in actions and activities as well as contribute to building a better society."

Kiggundu M of Carleton University, Ontario Canada, in the third article titled, *"Alternative Service Delivery in Africa: The Case for International Regional Organisations,"* extends the conceptualization of alternative service delivery beyond the institutional arrangements of the nation state by focusing on services provided by International Regional Organizations (IROs).

The fourth article titled, *"Transformative Empowerment in the Lagos State Civil Service: A Gender Policy Discourse"* authored by Oyekanmi FAD and Majekodunmi A of the University of Lagos, Nigeria, asserts that it is typical of modern states that the centres of power – the top decision-making units – are dominated by men and that discrimination against women shall mean distinction, exclusion or restrictions made on the bases of gender. The article strongly condemns such practices anywhere in the world.

The last article titled, *"Treasury Single Accounts, Transparency and Accountability in Public Financial Management in Nigeria: The Journey So Far,"* evaluates and critique the policy of Treasury Single Account (TSA) adopted by the Nigerian government as an essential tool for enhancing transparency and accountability in public sector financial management. The article authored by four scholars drawn from various faculties, Universities and disciplines in Nigeria, provides good concluding chapter and policy lessons towards better financial discipline in the public sector work environment. The authors are Igbokwe-Ibeto CJ of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nkomah BB of Lagos State University, Osakade KO of Babcock University and Kinge RF of Gombe State University.

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