

Editorial note

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The APSDPR is established at a time when South Africa has recorded growing increases in service delivery protest. Its establishment is also at a time when public sector monitoring and evaluation has been recognised and established as a relevant tool for management practice in government. It ranges from establishment of the department of performance monitoring and evaluation headed by a minister in the presidency to the development and adoption of the national and provincial public sector monitoring and evaluation framework.

This edition of Africa's Public Service Delivery and Performance Review (APSDPR) reflects on the African National Congress centenary. In celebrating a hundred years the ANC has achieved many milestones both as an important actor in South Africa's political landscape and as the ruling party. However there are still challenges. In this edition of the journal, the articles review critical aspects of governance and government in South Africa, with the aim of providing perspectives for the articulation of government programmes, policies and strategies going forward.

The first article written by Dintwe of UNISA reviews programmes employed by the African National Congress led government aimed at turning the tide against corruption. This includes establishing whether these programmes employed by the government encapsulate the internationally accepted elements reminiscent of anti-corruption programmes worldwide. Mofolo of Walter Sisulu University of Technology through a review of the Local Government Turnaround Strategy (2009) (LGTAS) develops a model for achieving effective organisational change as the basis for improving the performance of municipal administrative functions and the reinforcement of the turnaround strategy.

The third article titled "Effective Communication as catalyst of Developmental Local Government and Rural Development amid threats of overpopulation" presents findings from a qualitative study on effectiveness of communication in

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Mutale local municipality on the enhancement of Developmental Local government and rural development. The study by Rasila and Mudau of the University of Venda indicates weaknesses and suggestions for the development of a new model of communication in local government governance. Basdeo of UNISA provides a credible analysis of the impact and dilemma of unfunded mandates confronting Local Government in South Africa. Basdeo's work critically examines the constitutionality of unfunded mandates given that they also represent the systemic weaknesses of decentralised or federal allocation of powers and functions. The fifth article by Matsiliza of the Tshwane University of Technology argues for an inclusive approach in South Africa's government wide monitoring and evaluation (GWM&E) policy. The focus is mainly on the practicality of using participatory methods as part of the agenda to cascade the implementation of GWM&E. It is hoped that the reviews and debates in this issue, will create a platform for informed policy by government, especially in the provision of performance monitoring and evaluation tools for better public service delivery and good government.

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