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# OUR Mandates

Transforming local government to fulfil its developmental mandate



## LOBBY, ADVOCATE & REPRESENT

Lobby, advocate protect and represent the interest of Local Government at relevant structures and platforms.



## EMPLOYER BODY

Act as an employer body representing all municipal members and, by agreement, associate members.



## CAPACITY BUILDING

Build municipal institutional capacity, as well as the leadership and technical capacity of Councillors and officials.



## SUPPORT & ADVISE

Support and advise our members on a range of issues to assist them with the effective execution of their mandate.



## STRATEGIC PROFILING

Build the profile and image of Local Government within South Africa and outside the country.



## KNOWLEDGE & INFORMATION SHARING

Serve as the custodian of Local Government intelligence and the Knowledge Hub for the sector.

- LG is seen in many countries as a key institution for the enhancement of democracy and as a vehicle for development.
  - LG in South Africa is no exception.

And our Municipalities have a clear Constitutional obligation (Section 152):

- a) To provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;
- b) To ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner;
- c) To promote social and economic development;
- d) To promote a safe and healthy environment; and
- e) To encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in the matters of local government.

# Local Government Mandates

## Constitutional, Legislative and Policy Mandates

### CONSTITUTION OF RSA, 1996

Provides that OLG will have **national** and **provincial** organisations to:

- **Consult** with the national or a provincial government.
- **Designate 10 representatives** to participate in the NCoP.
- **Nominate 2 persons** to the FFC.

### MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT, 2000

SALGA must seek to:

- **Develop common approaches** for local government as a distinct sphere.
- **Find solutions** for problems that relate to local government generally.
- **Enhance co-operation and facilitate mutual assistance and shared resources** between municipalities.
- **Facilitate compliance** with the principles of cooperative governance and IGR.

### CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Provide democratic and accountable government for local communities.
- Ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner.
- Promote social and economic development.
- Promote a safe and healthy environment.
- Encourage involvement of communities and community organisations in LG matters.

### WHITE PAPER ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 1998

SALGA must play a **leading supportive role in the wholesale transformation of LG** to be **developmentally-orientated**.

SALGA must make a **strong contribution to the development of municipalities**, through:

- Provision of specialised services to strengthen the capacity of LG.
- Dissemination of research and information.
- Facilitation of shared learning between municipalities.
- Provision of HR and leadership development.

### IGR FRAMEWORK ACT, 2003

- National and Provincial IGR Structures - full membership and participation for SALGA on behalf of LG (incl PCC, MinMECs, PCFs).

### **POLITICAL (EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY)**

Executive Mayor /Executive Committee  
Speaker  
Mayor / Mayoral Committee  
Whip of Council  
Committees of the Council  
Chairpersons of section 79 committees  
Councillors

### **ADMINISTRATIVE (IMPLEMENTATION ARM)**

Municipal Manager  
Sect 56 Managers;  
Municipal Employees



- **Exercise** the municipality's executive and legislative authority;
- **Provide**, democratic and accountable government;
- **Encourage** the involvement of the community in municipal affairs;
- **Ensure** services are provided in sustainable manner;
- **Consult** the community about the level, quality, range and impact of services and the available options for service delivery;
- **Promote** and **undertake** development in the municipality;
- Contribute to realization of constitutional fundamental rights;
- Develop mechanisms to consult the community and community organizations in exercising and performing its powers and functions

- **Implement** the lawful strategies, plans, policies, resolutions and bylaws of the municipal council and the policies and laws of other spheres of government;
- **Advise** the council and all political structures and political office bearers;
- **Develop** administrative/operational policies;
- **Manage**, operate and maintain the provision of services in a sustainable and equitable manner;
- **Administer** the affairs of the municipality;
- **Manage** the municipality's resources.



- Legislation has separated the council from the administration to some extent. The Municipal Systems Act (MSA) mandates the municipal council to appoint senior managers, but further appointments are made by the administration itself.
- The Code of Conduct for Councillors includes a provision that prohibits them from inappropriate interference in the administration.
- The Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) takes a harder line on separation. It bars councillors from taking part in tender decisions and includes many provisions that seek to separate the council from the administration.

- Section 59 of the **Systems Act** require municipalities to develop a **system of delegations that needs to be updated regularly but after each election** (Maximise administrative and operational efficiency and provide for adequate checks and balances)

The delegations:-

- Must enhance service delivery without sacrificing accountability;
- Must be lawful;
- Must be in writing;
- Must recognise the distinction between the strategic, political and policy setting role of the political structures and the operational role of the administration;
- Must focus the Council, the Executive Mayor, Speaker, Whip and other political structures on their principal obligations during their term of office;
- Must provide for good governance and allow for adequate checks and balances.



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