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## **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS WORKSHOP**

**THEME: Taking a lead in advancing co-operative governance and  
intergovernmental relations**

**Effective local government planning and Intergovernmental Relations in South  
Africa: Picking the Pitfalls and devising a future role for Parliament**

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# WHO I AM?



- Executive Director of Zelna Jansen Consultancy (PTY) LTD
  - Social enterprise
  - Bringing people together to find solutions
  - To have effective conversations with law and policy-makers
  - This is achieved through assisting community organisations, businesses and other stakeholders by conveying their messages, leading to open doors and allowing them to raise their voice and influence policies and laws affecting them.
- Admitted Attorney – BA pre law, Bachelor of Laws, Masters of Commerce degree (UCT, GSB) specialising in International Trade Law and Policy
- I worked for and consulted to Parliament, the Department of Justice, Law Society of South Africa, tobacco sector, Catholic Church, Uber SA, KZN Legislature, political office bearers, GBV advocacy NGOs and community organisations

# Empower citizens and comm. organisations to become actively involved in their communities through:

- Educational workshops with community organizations as to how government works, how to participate and how to hold political office bearers accountable.
- Advocacy on gender-based violence (GBV)
- Technical and drafting assistance on submissions to community organizations on GBV and other bills before Parliament and government
- Legal and drafting assistance with Toolkits on Domestic Violence Act and sexual assault.




# Empowering communities to become actively involved in their communities through:




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- Facilitating meetings between community organizations and government
- Tutorials on governance issues through YouTube Channel and Facebook page
- Blogs, print and online news
- School projects aimed at educating learners how to raise their voice and influence policy and law
- Legal advice

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The video is Part Three in a series of videos focussing on local government. The video is intended to provide information on the role and purpose of local government and why it is important to vote in the local government elections on 1 Nov. [Zelna Jansen](#)



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Local Govt Part Three: What is the role and purpose of local govt

 George Wiese and 185 others 4 comments 18 shares 

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# Services offered include:

- Raising your voice in a manner that allows it to be received well
- Lobbying, stakeholder management, developing engagement and regulatory strategies
- Facilitating workshops, seminars and panel discussions
- Obtaining information through engaging stakeholders (government, business and civil society)
- Facilitate meetings with identified stakeholders
- Monitoring legislative developments
- Research, speechwriting, submissions and legal opinions



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**Active citizenry needed**  
*South Africans must hold their politicians accountable for policymaking*

**South Africa's constitutional democracy is representative and participatory. Citizens can not only vote; they can also participate in law-making and policymaking.**

**An invitation to the public for comment on laws is no longer sufficient.**

# Sample illustration on the importance of IGR



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1. Hawkers have started growing their vegetables in a warehouse and they have discovered a method of growing vegetables in an affordable way
2. Approach ward councillor for advice as to how they can expand business beyond serving the communities in Mitchell's Plain to the entire South Africa and possibly international markets
  - Create employment
  - Grow the economy in the area
3. There would need to discussions with the National and Provincial Dept of Agriculture, Trade and Industry, Small Business Development to obtain advice as how to go forward?
  - How such a venture can be funded?
  - What skills are required and available for the informal hawkers
  - How can they get advice or assistance in selling their produce to other provinces?

# Linkages / Relations



- Trade and agriculture fall within national and provincial competence
- However, s152(1)(c) provides that local govt must promote social and economic development
- The informal hawkers will only succeed if there are existing linkages or established relations between the local govt and the provincial and national departments
- Pitfall – if no linkages then proposal will be lost. It will also impact effective planning at local govt level



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# HOW BEST CAN THE NA AND NCOP TAKE THE LEAD IN ADVANCING CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS



# Foster a culture of working together in govt



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## 1. Oversight

- Develop a guiding paper on IGR for committees
- Committees could use the guiding paper to ask questions when conducting oversight visits or when departments and governmental organisations brief committees.

## 2. Public participation

- Parliament or symposium on IGR – where local, provincial and national legislatures and other stakeholders can meet to raise awareness about IGR and develop best practices on how legislatures can assist in achieving a “working together” culture in government



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**THANK YOU**