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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK 2022



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- The right tone and posture of leadership at national, provincial and local spheres is desirable in order to create an environment of responsiveness, oversight, accountability and high performance
- The principles of co-operative governance and intergovernmental relations must be adhered to in order to inculcate a culture of joint or collaborative planning, budgeting, implementation and monitoring of government's development programmes within all spheres of government
- There should be clear processes outlining the interplay between sections 139 and 154 of the Constitution. The latter must be the preferred route before the former is engaged
- The processing of legislation on interventions must be expedited as a matter of urgency



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- Organised Local Government Act must be reviewed as a matter of urgency to enable effective participation of organised local government in the provincial legislatures
- Provincial and National governments should be held accountable for interventions in municipalities where administrators have dismally failed in improving the state of affairs in municipalities
- Collective oversight and accountability model with Parliament and provincial legislatures with standard processes and procedures must have standard procedures and processes
- Provincial legislatures must play their role in holding members of Executive responsible for local government accountable



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- A favourable environment for the exercising of oversight and accountability without fear or favour must be created
- Recent increases of intimidation and killing of councillors and municipal officials and damage to municipal property during service delivery protests is of grave concern – in this regard the following should be done:-
 - urgently request the SAPS and NPA to ensure that reported cases are investigated and prosecuted;
 - SAPS to adopt an approach similar to other spheres of government in conducting risk assessments for councillors and municipal officials
 - the NCOP to convene a special plenary debate on the attacks on councillors and municipal officials



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- MPACs must be capacitated and strengthened to ensure effective oversight and accountability
- The funding model for municipalities must be revisited as most municipalities are unable to collect revenues on their own or do not have tax base
- There must be consequences, including withholding equitable share and grant funding transfers to municipalities that have a track record of not appropriately managing their financial affairs
- The administration in the local sphere must be professionalised to ensure proper separation of powers between administrative and political arms



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- There should consequence management for poor financial management resulting in disclaimers audit opinion or has not been able to produce annual financial statements
- There is a need to develop skills and competencies for officials serving in the finance and supply chain management portfolios in particular
- Separation of powers and functions in the local sphere of government must be legislated at the level of local government to for effective oversight and accountability
- Rules must be developed and proper processes and procedures be put in place to regulate coalitions



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Thank you