



My name is Chantelle Gloria Moyo. I am the first KAS Strong Cities 2030 doctoral scholarship holder under the South African Research Chair: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES) at the North West University (Potchefstroom). My research focuses on the role of local government in facilitating the uptake of renewable energy use in African cities. Energy sufficiency is one of the biggest challenges confronting many African cities. Through international

and regional instruments, the international community has outright condemned the overreliance on traditional sources on energy such as fossil fuels; in favour of a more diverse energy mix that is not detrimental to the environment. This is also part of the efforts to transition to low carbon pathways. African cities, which already face an array of socio-economic vulnerabilities, are at the centre of such efforts. As a product of a typical African urban setting, I am excited, through my research, to proffer recommendations on how and why local governments have a pivotal role to play in the uptake of renewable energy use in African cities.