



VISION 2030 -QUO VADIS?

Vision 2030 remains the only cohesive document that sets out an intention for the building of this nation in the most important priority areas. Now, more than ever, there is a need to re-envision the implementable actions that will provide the roadmap that all South Africans need to be a part of. Nowhere is this more important than at the sub national level where citizens inter act most with Government. At the heart of the matter remains the issue of governance, accountability and service delivery.

The Democracy Development Program in collaboration with Prof P.S. Reddy at the University of Kwa Zulu Natal is proud to host the Eighth national local government conference at Elangeni Hotel Durban, South Africa on the 21-22 November 2018.

The objectives of the Conference are four-fold:

- Examine critically the state of local government in the South African local government context as defined by the NDP and explore any progress made since 1994;
- Identify the key challenges faced by municipalities presently and how they intend to address these challenges towards realizing the 2030 vision for South Africa as espoused by the NDP?
- Identify key considerations for promoting and embedding good governance in municipalities given the changing political context, taking cognisance of the vision 2030 detailed in the NDP;
- Explore the role of higher education institutions and NGOs in disseminating information and conducting research on the implementation of Vision 2030.

Who should attend?

The Conference will target executive/senior policymakers in national government; executive functionaries in subnational government; executive officials from non – governmental organisations; senior academics/researchers and postgraduate students from tertiary institutions.



Thematic Commissions:

1. The State of Local Government: Present Challenges and Future Prospects;
2. Ethical Political Leadership and Local Government:
3. Development Planning: Linkages Across National, Provincial and Local Governments;
4. Civil Society and Local Government: Stewardship for Good Governance in Local Government;
5. Monitoring and evaluation for effective knowledge management in local government;
6. Research in Local Government: The Role of Academia and Civil Society.

Outcome of the conference

The conference will catalogue experiences from different interactions in relation to local government. It will identify actions that can be taken forward by sub-national governments, civil society organizations, higher education institutions as key stakeholders. Based on these discussions, a set of concrete recommendations will be elaborated for the of promotion of ongoing interaction with the local government sector.