

**SERVICE DELIVERY:
ROLE OF EFFICIENT MUNICIPAL
REPRESENTATION**

INTRODUCTION

- Deaths of councillors
- Community protests
- Underlying causes
- History of underdevelopment/neglect of local authorities
- History of representation
- Centralisation and underdevelopment

MECHANISMS FOR DIRECT REPRESENTATION

- Status and autonomy of local government
- *Organised Local Government Act* and representation
 - National Council of Provinces (NCoP)
 - Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC)
 - (Annual) *Division of Revenue Act* (DoRA)
 - Draft legislation

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MR

- **National Assembly**
 - Forum for public discussion
 - Hearings *in situ*
 - Submissions
 - Petitions
 - Electoral reform (party lists)
- **National Council of Provinces**
 - Problematical opportunities
 - Ineffectiveness of the NCoP
 - Representation or reform?

LOCAL GOVT MECHANISMS FOR MR

- Council
- Mayoral Committee
- Standing Committees
- Section 79 Committees
- Ward committees
- Participation
- Petitions

PROFESSIONALISATION OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE

- LG status in Germany and Scandinavia
- Co-operative governance
- Integrated policy formulation
- Clear demarcation of powers
- Strong role of *Lander* in Bundesrat
- Direct representation of LG
- Professionalisation in Scandinavia

LESSONS LEARNED

- 3-sphere experiment
- SoNA
- Provincial government
- Public participation assumptions
- “Recognition” of OLG
- Overuse of law/compliance
- Lowest level in a hierarchy
- Results of deliberate neglect
- Nature of ALAs

CONCLUSIONS

- Gap between real need and SD
- Intellectual capital and commitment
- Lack of support and capacitation
- Review and analysis of MR since 2000
- Research for best model for MR