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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ANC	AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
ADPA	ABYEI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AUTHORITY
AIDS	ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME
AWB	AFRIKANER WEERSTANDBEWEGING
AU	AFRICAN UNION
BDM	BOTSWANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BNF	BOTSWANA NATIONAL FRONT
CBOs	COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS
CIKOD	CENTRE FOR KNOWLEDGE AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT
CDM	CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
CDW	COMMUNITY-DEVELOPMENT WORKERS
CEO	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CODESA	CONVENTION FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA
CONTRALESA	CONGRESS OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS OF SOUTH AFRICA
COSATU	CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS
DA	DISTRICT AUTHORITY
DPLG	DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DPLG	DEPARTMENT OF PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DBSA	DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
DTLF	DISTRICT TRADITIONAL LEADERS FORUM
ECASA	ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA SOUTHERN AFRICA
ECDPM	EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY MANAGEMENT
FET	FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING
GDP	GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
HIV /AIDS	HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS
HOD	HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
HSRC	HUMAN SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL
IDP	INTEGRATED-DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
IGR	INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
IFP	INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY

IMF	INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND
LED	LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
LGTA	LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY
LGDS	LIMPOPO GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
LPHTL	LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS
MEC	MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MDEV	MASTER IN DEVELOPMENT
MDP	MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
NA	NATIVE AUTHORITIES
NBI	NATIONAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE
NCOP	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
NEC	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NEPAD	NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
NGOs	NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS
NHCS	NATIONAL HOUSE OF CHIEFS
NP	NATIONALIST PARTY
OAU	ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
PHTL	PROVINCIAL HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS
PIMMS	PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT
PR	PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION
RDP	RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
REC	REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SANCO	SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CIVIC ORGANISATION
SACP	SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY
SADC	SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY
SAGNC	SOUTH AFRICAN GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES COUNCIL
SALGA	SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SAPs	STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMMES
SPSS	STATISTICAL PACKAGE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES
TA	TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES
TBVC	TRANSKEI BOPHUTHATSWANA VENDA CISKEI



TLGFA	TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK ACT
UDF	UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT
UN	UNITED NATIONS
UNEP	UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES
USAID	UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
USA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
VNF	VENDA NATIONAL FORCE
WCED	WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT



ABSTRACT

This study was to investigate the role played by traditional authorities in IDP policy implementation in local municipal councils in the Vhembe District located in Limpopo Province. The specific objectives of this study were to characterise the traditional authority serving in the municipal councils. Traditional leaders serving in municipal councils, the district mayor, local municipal mayors, managers, IDP managers, district and provincial representatives of the House of Traditional Leaders in Limpopo Province were interviewed using semi-structured sets of questionnaire to obtain the required data. The data were entered into an Excel Spreadsheet and subsequently exported into an SPSS for analysis. The results of the study revealed that traditional authority forms an integral part of IDP policy implementation in Vhembe District Municipality. The results further revealed that perceptions of stakeholders vary as to the role played by traditional authorities in the IDP policy implementation process. The results revealed that some traditional leaders agreed that participation in IDP policy implementation (45.5%), involvement (45.2%), the submission of views (41.2%); ward committee meetings (42.8), council IDP policy (90.0%), role (50.0%), submission of proposals (38.7%) and consultation by the municipality (93.2%), were all satisfactorily taking place in the municipality. Furthermore, the results indicated that traditional leaders serving in municipal councils were members of the ruling party (40.0%), aged on average 55.26 years, distributed between 35 and 75 years, and were from extended households of 11.3 members per household, distributed between 3 and 25 members — with an average of 2.4 spouses per traditional leader, distributed between one and five spouses.

The majority had attained secondary level education (40.0%), tertiary level education (33.3%) and primary education (26.7%). They showed high experience ranging between 2 to 35 years, and 17.46 years on average as traditional leaders – with a further 7.66 years of experience in the municipal council. The majority make their livelihood by way of compensation from council (73.3%), wages from government as traditional leaders (93.3%), or employment (6.7%). All the traditional leaders own vehicles.

The study concluded that the demographic and endowment characteristics of these traditional leaders influence their role in municipal IDP policy implementation.



Key Words: Traditional authorities, District Municipality, Constitution, IDP Policy processes, participation, consultation, Ward Committees, communication strategy, resentments and Mayors



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