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In this issue of the Journal, nine authors have been selected to argue public administrative and managerially related challenges in various countries. The first article by **Namara** investigates the *Ugandan* experience in policy management. This is followed by **Sefali** and **Bekker's** article on the impact of performance management in *Lesotho*. **Conradie** and **Cloete** evaluate the Western Cape Provincial government's land provision for new health facilities. **Schild** considers the dilemma of plurality vis-à-vis representation in the South African electoral system. This is followed by **Thornhill's** examination of the effects of the political/administrative interface on policy making. **Govender** and **Reddy** investigate the reasons for the perceived or real reasons for the failing of public policy in South African local government. **Van der Waldt** focusses on the measuring of the *goodness* of governance by high-lighting the macro, intermediate and micro perspectives from the South African perspective. **Malan** and **Mammadalizade** investigate the inter-governmental challenges facing South Africa in the provision of higher education. **Tshiyoyo** provides an overview from the DRC by critically engaging the political and public policy interpolations of the current leadership challenges facing the *Democratic Republic of the Congo*. The last article by **Muller** and **Coetzee** addresses social capital and socio-economic development in developing political economies thus completing the compendium of contributions relevant

for Africa. The Continental African debates have arrived. The AJPA provokes and provides new ideas in a changing society.

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