

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS



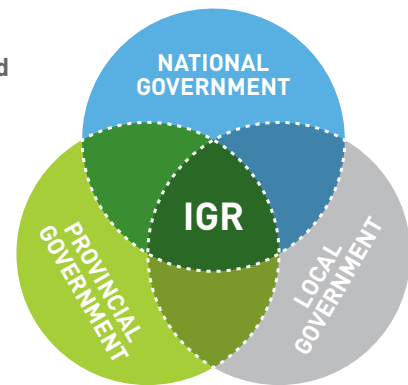
The Institutional Development and Intergovernmental Relations practice area is concerned with how government works, and ultimately how services are delivered. PDG supports the evolution of a sound framework for public institutions with specific attention to the relationships between them, and between state institutions and the private sector.

Since 2000, PDG has assisted the then Department of Provincial and Local Government, and now the Department of Cooperative Governance, in undertaking research to inform the regulation and review of the powers and functions framework, including the relative roles of provinces, districts and local municipalities. Our work has informed decisions and regulatory mechanisms for authorisation, assignment and delegation of functions.

In order to perform the allocated functions, institutions need to be well-designed, adequately resourced, robust and efficient. PDG has been involved in organisational design and restructuring initiatives in all three spheres of government, as well as in public entities.

Our in-depth understanding of the fiscal framework and municipal capacity enables us to make clear, evidence-based recommendations. In the interest of efficient and effective service delivery, PDG has undertaken studies around alternative modes of delivery, including

The three inter-related and inter-dependent spheres of government



assessments in terms of Section 78 of the Municipal Systems Act, and work on Public-Private Partnerships.

Municipalities play a central role in the functioning of the government system and PDG supports this through policy development relating to the inter-governmental system, regulation of local government activities, the role of parastatals and the interface with the private sector and civil society.

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KEY PROJECTS:

Synthesis Report on Reconfiguring District Government,
Department of Cooperative Governance, 2018

Assessment of National & Provincial Intergovernmental Relations Structures,
Department of Cooperative Governance, 2013-2015

Gauteng Inter-Governmental Relations Strategy & Implementation Plan,
Gauteng Office of the Premier, 2015-2016

Powers & Functions Framework Review,
Department of Cooperative Governance, 2011-2013

Institutionalisation of the Gauteng City-Region,
Gauteng Office of the Premier, 2016