

Decentralization and Efficient Service Delivery in Local Governments

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Abstract

This collective volume on decentralization and service delivery in local governments, notably in Uganda, is the outcome of a conference organized in Kampala in 2009 by Uganda Martyrs University and University of Groningen. The volume highlights the importance of citizen participation in local governance as a foundation for efficient service delivery. Contributions: Decentralisation and efficient service delivery in local governments: special reference to Uganda (Ephraim Kamuntu); Participatory service delivery: processes, opportunities and challenges for local government in South Africa with respect to the urban-rural divide (Betty Claire Mubangizi); Politics of decentralization and local governance in Uganda -1986 to 2010 (Bidandi-Ssali Jaberu); Civil society organizations in public accountability and democratisation in local governments of Uganda: case study of CSOs in Kabale District (Maximiano Ngabirano); Mobilisation and utilization of financial resources and effective service delivery in a decentralised system: a case of Mbale District local government of Uganda (Jacinta Bwegyeme); Rural poverty eradication and sustainability consciousness in Kyanamukaaka sub-county's decentralised framework (Jimmy Spire Ssentongo); Procurement management and its implications on service delivery in decentralized urban local government systems in Uganda: empirical findings from Kampala City Council (Olive Nantume and Benon C. Basheka); Partnerships in decentralised health services delivery: the utility of stakeholder theory in a three sector development model (Josephat Itika); Exploring behavioural patterns: provision of and access to healthcare services in Bushenyi District (Elizabeth Asiimwe); Mobilising rural community participation in education: community development and decentralisation in South Africa -2003 to the present (Michael Gardiner); Towards a fully decentralised education system in Uganda: lessons from Abek in Karamoja (Mary Cecilia Draru); Challenges and prospects of decentralised agriculture system of service delivery: a case of Kiboga District (Tabitha Naisiko). [ASC Leiden abstract]

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