Participation of Traditional Leadership on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Matters in the Mpumalanga Province Republic of South Africa

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<td>Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs</td>
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<td>DRDRLR</td>
<td>Department of Rural Development and Land Reform</td>
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<td>IDP</td>
<td>Integrated Development Plan</td>
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<td>LUMS</td>
<td>Land Use Management System</td>
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<td>MEC</td>
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Definition of key terms:

This section provides a description of the terms that are frequently used in this research, to present a clear understanding of the terms used. The four terms, traditional leadership, traditional authority, traditional councils and traditional leaders, are often used interchangeably, while their meanings can have a slightly different connotation depending on the specific scenario and circumstances. The terms are defined below for the purpose of the study.

**Traditional leadership** refers to the broader context of a type of royal leadership established legitimately as a traditional power in control, in terms of the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act, Act 41 of 2003. Traditional leadership is a customary governance structure or system, acknowledged and used by traditional communities as an administrative body which bears and embraces traditional values and activities (Khunou, 2011:278).

**Traditional leaders:** In South Africa, the titles of traditional leaders depend on the different indigenous languages. Most titles have the same meaning, depending on the prevailing language of the geographic area, thus traditional leaders may be called, Chiefs, Inkosi, isiphakanyiswa, Kgoshi and Hhosi. A traditional leader can be defined as a customary leader that has inherited the leadership position by being a member of a royal family and the chieftaincy has been conferred by the traditional elders (Lutabingwa et al., 2006:75).

**Traditional authority** is a traditional institution, recognised by higher authorities in terms of customary law. Ndelo et al. (2010:3) define traditional authority as a recognised traditional structure which entails different levels of responsibilities commanded by a Chief who reigns over a tribal area and where the people live and hold the rights to practice traditional activities.

A **Traditional Council** is a combination of elected members and the royal leadership of a traditional governance structure which is identical to a specific area of jurisdiction. ‘Traditional council’ is a new term used in the post-apartheid era for traditional governing bodies, established and recognised for a traditional community in accordance with the provision of Chapter 2, Section 3 of the TLGFA (South Africa [SA], 2003). The elected members of the
traditional council (excluding the royal leadership) are subject to a five-year term contract in office and are nominated through the election processes in terms of Section 3 of the TLGFA.

**Spatial Plan** is a guide plan for current and future land development that represents and interprets a development vision of a competent authority, aimed at a long-term sustainable development goal of a defined area, representing the integrated sector policies and plans. It is a plan which guides decision-makers in terms of land development and it carries the directive to redress historic spatial imbalances (Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, Act 16 of 2013 (SPLUMA, SA 2013:21)).

**Land use management** refers to land use controls that apply to a property in accordance with the prescripts that are promulgated by the responsible authority (Van Breda, 2006:1).

**Land tenure** is a recognised term relating to occupancy or ownership of land or property vested in or assigned to an individual or a group, which further articulates about the land use rights (Payne, 2000:145).

**Land use control** is defined by Thomas (2006:13) as a system of issuing permits for land use and development according to prescripts set out by authorities with the aim of reducing conflicts and maximising cohesion.

**Land development** refers to erection of building or structure on land or the change in land use, it also includes the following activities that take place on land: township establishment, subdivision and consolidation of land, as well as any compliant or deviated activity based on a municipal land use scheme (SPLUMA, SA 2013:9).
ABSTRACT

This research report explores the participation of traditional leadership in spatial planning and land use management matters in Mpumalanga Province. The report provides a brief overview of the historic background of traditional leadership in South Africa and the applicable legislation that outlines the mandates and the roles of traditional leadership on land matters.

The compilation of the mini-dissertation from inception to conclusion is driven by data resources on traditional leadership guided by the following measures: literature review, which entails defining traditional leaders and their existence through the epoch in history, policy framework, as well as history and theory of planning. Information collected from traditional leaders and municipal officials was analysed to provide outcomes of the survey which was compared with the literature outcome to provide a final outcome which presents a final view of the extent of participation of traditional leadership in spatial planning and land use management.

The finding of the report indicates that systems of traditional leadership are alive and existing in rural areas of South Africa and that the institution of traditional leadership will still exist in the coming future. Their involvement in land matters is inherited from the past, therefore their current role in spatial planning and land use management must be defined and agreed between the traditional council and municipalities and finally the agreements must be documented in a form of a Service Level Agreement.
1.1 BACKGROUND

Traditional leadership's existence dates back to the pre-colonial era, as a form of governance, which is prevalent across the African continent. This form of governance still exists in the current era of the democratic South Africa as shown in Figure 1.1 (Meer & Campbell, 2007:2). Traditional leadership can be categorised as an indigenous method of authority that governs a group of people or a clan which predominantly shares similar values and culture (Ndlela et al., 2010:3). Powers of traditional leaders are inherited by virtue of being a member of a royal family (Lutz, 2004:18).

Leadership in the form of traditional authority encompasses all the clan's basic needs from social requirements to developmental needs (Ndlela et al., 2010: 5). Traditional leaders were assigned by legislation, among others, but not limited to the role of administering land matters (Lahiff, 2000:49).

Administering of land matters in the case of traditional leadership includes demarcation and allocation of land for various land uses, primarily for residential, businesses, as well as for subsistence farming in a communal manner (Brynard & Musitha, 2011:114; Bikamz & Chakwizira, 2014:145). However, the current responsibility of administering land in a formal planning system is assigned to municipalities through the new planning legislation, the SPLUMA (SA, 2013), and its land use management systems, such as the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and wall-to-wall land use schemes (Nel, 2015:2).

The study unpacks the historic functions of traditional authorities, and most importantly their current role on land matters. It seeks to establish the relevance of traditional leadership in governing space and land use, within their areas of jurisdiction where municipalities have the power to execute planning functions as mandated by the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, within the new demarcated municipal boundaries which incorporate areas that were previously administered by Traditional Councils (Ntsebeza, 2004:67) (Figure 1.6).

Traditional authorities have survived through pre-colonial, during colonial and post-colonial times, while various statutes have been passed to regulate the functions of traditional
authorities. However, these statutes have not addressed the extent of involvement of traditional leadership in spatial planning and land use management.

South Africa has inherited a fragmented and divided society, which requires redress of the previous spatial injustices (Nel, 2015:3). The country was divided in a manner that created superiority and inferiority among different groups of South Africans. The spatial division provided for formalised and non-formalised areas; formalised areas are situated in urban areas with control measures through policies and legislation, while non-formalised areas were mostly found in former rural homelands under traditional leadership. These areas were not subjected to any spatial planning or land use guidance through land development policies (Ntsebeza, 2004:69). Spatial planning, land use control and land development matters were carried out by traditional authorities in most instances without planning capacity and guidance (Ndlela et al., 2010:5).

The negligence of rural areas under traditional authorities in terms of spatial planning and land use management has impacted negatively on the development of these areas and has created a legacy of unplanned occupation of land that is usually inefficient in terms of sustainability and installation of services. The emerging of unplanned settlements does not consider space for additional amenities to support the residential use (Ntsebeza, 2004:73).

A key objective of post-apartheid South Africa is the integration of these fragmented areas; this includes the spatial integration former towns, cities and adjacent rural communities through the new demarcation of ‘wall-to-wall’ municipalities (Nel, 2015:3). It also includes comprehensive planning through a programme known as Integrated Development Plan (IDP), which includes areas which were formerly controlled by traditional authorities (Kurahashi, 2012:7). The post-apartheid South African Government has passed legislation which encourages integration and incorporation of traditional council areas into municipal systems.

Figure 1.1: Map of the Republic of South Africa depicting areas of traditional leaders

% OF LAND PER PROVINCE UNDER TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES

- Limpopo: 26%
- Eastern Cape: 23%
- Mpumalanga: 10%
- North West: 9%
- KwaZulu-Natal: 34%
- Northern Cape: 4%
- Free State: 1%
- Gauteng: 7%
- Western Cape: 0%

Source: Fourie (2015)

Figure 1.2: Diagrammatic representation of land occupied by traditional authorities in the Republic of South Africa per province

Participation of traditional leadership on spatial planning and land use management in the Mpumalanga Province
Figure 1.3: Map of the Republic of South Africa, showing the Mpumalanga Province in blue

Source: Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (RSA DRDLR, 2015)

Figure 1.4: Mpumalanga Province and its three District Municipalities

Source: SA DRDLR (2015)

Participation of traditional leadership on spatial planning and land use management in the Mpumalanga Province
Figure 1.5: Former homelands in the Mpumalanga Province

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Source: SA DRDLR (2013)
Figure 1.6: Areas of traditional authorities within municipal areas

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Source: SA DRDLR (2014)
Figure 1.7: Sixty traditional authorities of the Mpumalanga Province

Source: SA DRDLR (2013)
1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Misalignment of land development matters between traditional authorities and municipal councils in the Mpumalanga Province had led to overlapping roles and responsibilities (Bikam & Chakwizira, 2014:143). Municipalities are mandated by the Constitution (SA, 1996) and the MSA (SA, 2000), to administer local government matters, including spatial planning and land use management within their boundaries that incorporates areas of traditional authorities.

Traditional authorities have been demarcating and allocating land for different land uses without the guidance of spatial plans and land use management tools. Their involvement in land administration matters is derived from previous and current legislation, such as Chapter 5 of the TLGFA (SA, 2003), although national and provincial government policy or legislation may provide for additional roles for traditional councils on land administration matters (Knoetze, 2014:169).

Municipalities in the Mpumalanga Province are working towards complying with new laws of the country which seek to improve the spatial form of the country. These laws include the Constitution, which spells out that municipalities are a sphere of government and bear the function of land planning; the SPLUMA (SA, 2013), which requires the revision of existing municipal land use management systems such as municipal SDFs and land use schemes. However, implementing this legislation creates a problem in that there is no clear line of responsibilities between the two governing powers, while the land use management systems may be developed by municipalities, but its implementation in traditional council areas might face challenges of non-compliance for a number of reasons (Nel, 2011:12).

Traditional councils are excluded from the Municipal Planning Tribunals (MPT) that decides on land use and development applications. However, the Regulations in terms of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (hereafter called the SPLUMA Regulations, 2015), suggest that an agreement in a form of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) may be concluded between municipalities and traditional councils according to Regulation 19 of the SPLUMA Regulations (SA, 2015), although the Regulations further state that traditional councils are not expected to make any land development or land use decisions. However, the extent of such land use and development decisions still needs to be unpacked in order to implement these provisions. In this regard, the question from traditional leaders concerns the process of preparing the terms of the SLA which is not stated in the regulations.
During engagements with traditional leaders they have indicated their dissatisfaction in only participating in Municipal Council meetings. They have indicated that they are not recognised or honoured in council meetings as leaders of their communities and that only Speakers and Mayors are given respect. They have raised their concern that they are treated as ordinary members of the community.

In terms of the Municipal Structures Act, Act 117 of 1998 (Section 81), a limited number of traditional leaders may attend municipal council meetings with an authorisation of the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Local Government and the Provincial House of Traditional Leaders. According to this Act, traditional leaders may be given an opportunity to express a view in matters that directly affect their areas of their authority (Bikam & Chakwizira, 2014:146).

The lack of formal agreements leading to limited cooperation between the municipal council and the traditional councils result in burgeoning of non-formalised/informal settlement areas which result in environmental degradation and difficulties in installation of services.

1.3 RESEARCH QUESTION

In view of the overlapping and undefined roles and responsibilities of the traditional councils and local municipalities around spatial planning and land use management, Bikam and Chakwizira (2014:143-144), the research question of this study can be formulated as:

*What role can traditional leadership play in spatial planning and land use management without contravening the roles and responsibilities of local municipalities?*

The research question is further divided into sub-questions:

- How relevant is traditional leadership in implementing spatial planning and land use management?
- What complementary role can traditional leadership play to enhance the functions of municipalities around land development controls?
- How can prescripts and guidelines for land development control be successfully introduced into the daily operation of traditional leadership?

1.4 RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

Traditional councils and municipalities share a common space and constituencies as the boundaries of traditional councils are within municipal boundaries. Other common aspects
that are shared among the two authorities include settlement planning, land allocation for different uses, allocation of land rights for land occupation and tenure, as well as provision of services. The history of traditional councils in South Africa has been examined through existing literature (including legislation) to examine the powers and duties which were conferred to traditional councils through legislation from the previous era up to the current time to understand both the status quo and the perspectives of traditional authorities.

The objectives are as follows:

- To assess the operational extent of traditional leadership on land development matters.
- To investigate the processing of land development applications by traditional leadership in relation to municipalities.
- To establish the extent of involvement of traditional councils in spatial planning and land use management.
- To find common ground to facilitate a collaborative working relationship between traditional councils and democratically elected municipal councils.

The study outlines the basis of understanding and agreement of the two diverse spheres of power on sharing duties on land development to fulfil the legal and practical requirements around land matters. The study can also make a significant contribution in increasing the understanding of the role of indigenous or traditional institutions in spatial planning and land use management.

1.5 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research method serves as an outline of the whole research exercise from the beginning to the end of the research, where a determination is made for a best method that can successfully fulfil the requirement of the research. According to Baxter and Jack (2008:547), once the research question is tabled and the research topic determined, then a specific type of method which will be most suitable to achieve the research objectives must be selected.

This research report is based on establishing the participating extent of traditional leadership on spatial planning and land use management in the Mpumalanga Province. The DRDLR has embarked on a project of a feasibility study to establish land use management and land use practices in areas of traditional authorities in the Mpumalanga Province. The scope of the DRDLR project is thorough and extensive; the DRDLR study seeks to provide detailed information pertaining to the total of 60 traditional authorities in the Mpumalanga Province.
Preparation of the field survey of this academic research report has been aligned with the DRDLR survey process where the researcher of this report was part of the interviewing team which interviewed traditional councils and municipal officials. The information gathered during the joint survey with DRDLR, was used to prepare the analysis of this report. Fifty-eight traditional councils were successfully met and interviewed, only two traditional councils out of the 60 were not available for interviews; after consultation with traditional councils, meetings for interviews were arranged and held with nine municipalities that are harbouring traditional councils in their area of jurisdiction. The information collected during the joint survey was summarised to provide a broader provincial perspective about traditional councils which was very important towards the research topic. The information from the survey was grouped into ten planning areas based on the questions from the questionnaire and a translation of the research questions. The detailed grouping of the questions and answers are further demonstrated in Chapter 3 of this dissertation.

The scope of DRDLR feasibility study prescribes that information must be detailed per traditional authority in order to provide a holistic picture of the current practices on land matters by traditional authorities, which include social, economic and political perspective. The details include land status, such as boundaries; property description; ownership; potential; a broader land use per traditional authority and availability of land for future development. The status of the project currently is at a second round of consulting stakeholders to confirm most of the outcomes of the survey.

The selected methodology of this report is qualitative methodology, selected on bases of qualities of a qualitative method, outlined further in Chapter 3 of this dissertation, the research design and analysis as highlighted briefly in this chapter is broadly explained in Chapter 3 of this dissertation.

1.6 DELINEATION OF THE STUDY AREA

The focus of the study is on traditional leadership in the Mpumalanga Province within the Republic of South Africa. Mpumalanga is one of the nine provinces of the Republic of South Africa, which is bordered by the Limpopo Province on the northern side, Gauteng Province on the western side and Free State and Kwazulu-Natal on the southern part of the province. Mpumalanga Province also shares international borders on the eastern side of the province: with Swaziland on the south-east as well as Mozambique on the north-east (Figure 1.3).

There are 60 traditional councils in the Mpumalanga Province recognised and registered by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), distributed...
over the three districts of the Province. The three districts of Mpumalanga Province are Ehlanzeni, Nkangala and Gert Sibande (Figure 1.4). However, not all municipalities within the three districts have traditional councils. One municipality may have more than one traditional councils (see Table 1.1), as well as a map of individual traditional authorities within municipalities in Figure 1.6.

Most of the traditional authorities are situated in the former homelands (Figure 1.5) within the Mpumalanga Province. The former homeland areas in the Mpumalanga Province are listed as follows: western part of the Province; former Kwandebele; former Bophuthatswana. The northern part of the Province is former Lebowa, former Gazankulu and on the south-east part of the Province is the former Kangwane (Figure 1.5).

Homelands were classified according to different ethnic groups in the Republic of South Africa (RSA), where the majority of the people were able to communicate through the prevailing languages (Khunou, 2009:87). Traditional authorities were used to strengthen tribalism within the homeland system, subsequently to perform the duties of administering land matters (Ntsebeza, 2004:73).

**Table 1.1: Traditional Councils in the Mpumalanga Province Listed per Local & District Municipalities**

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<tr>
<th><strong>MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (MP)</strong></th>
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<td>Mbombela LM (MO in Nelspruit)</td>
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<td>Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme LM</td>
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<td>7. Nkambeni TC</td>
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<td>1. Lekgoetla TC</td>
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<td>8. Kgarudi TC* – shared between Mbombela &amp; Bushbuckridge LMs</td>
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<td><strong>Nkomazi LM (MO in: Malalane)</strong></td>
<td>Dr J.S. Moroka LM (MO in: Siyabuswa)</td>
<td>Chief Albert Luthuli LM (MO in: Carolina)</td>
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<td>1. Matsamo TC</td>
<td>1. Nzundza - Mabhoko TC</td>
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4. Lugediane TC  
5. Hhoyi TC  
6. Mlambo TC  
7. Mawewe TC  
8. Lomshiyo TC Cross Border between Nkomazi & Mbombela LMs

**Bushbuckridge LM**

| 1. Hoxane TC | Victor Khanye LM (MO: Delmas) |
| 2. Amashangana TC | No TC |
| 3. Jongilanga TC | |
| 4. Moietele TC | Emalahleni LM (PKA: Witbank) |
| 5. Malele TC | No TC |
| 6. Setlhare TC | No TC |
| 7. Mathibela TC | Msukaligwa LM (MO: Ermelo) |
| 8. Moreipuso TC | No TC |
| 9. Thabakgolo TC | No TC |
| 10. Mnisi TC | |

**Kgarudi TC Cross Border between Bushbuckridge & Mbombela LMs**

| 1. Mashilane TC | Thaba Chweu LM (MO in Lydenburg) |
| 2. Mohlala TC | No TC |
| 3. Mogane TC | |

**Umjindi LM** (MO in Barberton)

Source: RSA DRDLR (2015)

### 1.7 RATIONALE OF THE RESEARCH

#### 1.7.1 Relevance of the study

The study is prompted by the existence of traditional authorities in the Mpumalanga Province and their involvement in land development matters, from the previous dispensations to the current democratic state of South Africa. The intention is to improve livelihoods in rural areas, by defining the roles and responsibilities of traditional leadership in relation to Participation of traditional leadership on spatial planning and land use management in the Mpumalanga Province.
municipalities on spatial planning and land use management, in order to facilitate a complementary working relationship between the two authorities.

The study provides the status quo of existing information and the probabilities of arriving at an agreement and a workable solution for both authorities, namely the traditional councils and municipalities in terms of land matters, an agreement that will satisfy both parties and enhance sustainable development as required in terms of Regulation 19 of the SPLUMA Regulations (SA, 2015). According to Lutabingwa et al. (2006:81) the effectiveness of traditional authorities depends on, firstly, the willingness of local government to build capacity to traditional councils within their area of jurisdiction in order to develop an understanding, and secondly, for the traditional councils to participate in the modern requirements of land development.

1.7.2 Significance of the study

It is imperative to measure the extent and efficiency of land use planning and management within areas of traditional authorities in order to develop an integrated approach towards working together between the traditional leadership and municipalities. The research provides awareness in terms of the status of land development areas of traditional leaders and it provides a platform of engagements between traditional leadership and municipalities.

Land use planning is defined by Rubin (2008:3) as a process of making recommendations regarding the allocation of space for a range of activities. She defines land management as the manner in which land is planned, managed and controlled for utilisation and accessibility. She further notes that management of land does not just end with the distribution of land, it goes to an extent where authorities take responsibilities of regulating and maintaining harmonious living conditions, and to promote coherent and functional land uses with minimal conflicts. The ruling power of traditional authorities over land matters is supported by laws that stipulate their roles and responsibilities as traditional councils from pre-historic into the current situation.

1.7.3 Parameters of the research

The research is restricted to traditional councils and municipalities within the Mpumalanga Province; however, traditional councils outside the Province and South Africa are used to provide an external view in addition to information within the Province. The Province of Mpumalanga has 60 recognised traditional authorities which are situated within the area of jurisdiction of eight local municipalities. The methodology followed in preparation of the study is a qualitative method; the research is based on existing realities, as well as prevailing
circumstances within the institution of traditional authorities; references are made on historic background and existing literature of the research topic.

1.8 STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT

The report is structured in a manner that allows the sequential flow of information and arguments guided by the research topic, the research question as well as the aim and objectives of the study. The structure of the report is summarised as follows:

Chapter 1: introduces the research report and provides background information about the research, it outlines the extent of the study area which includes maps depicting areas of traditional authorities in relation to Mpumalanga Province. The chapter elaborates on the following subtopics: the objective of the study; the statement of the problem; relevancy of the study; significance of the study; research question which is further unpacked, as well as the research question to be answered in the analysis chapter. The chapter also provides a brief overview of the methodology which has been followed in compiling the research report.

Chapter 2: reviews the existing literature on the topic and cites arguments from different sources that further elaborates on the topic as well as providing answers on the research question and also provides the theoretical bases of the research.

Chapter 3: defines the method used to conduct the research, it outlines the type of methodology suitable for the research and research design to guide sourcing of data; primary and secondary data.

Chapter 4: contains the analysis of information collected during the interview process and secondary data from literature review.

Chapter 5: are the general findings from the synthesis of different deliberations, sources and data analysed and presented in chapter 4.

Chapter 6: is the overall summary of the research, which includes findings of the research, recommendations and the conclusion of the overall research.
Chapter 2
LITERATURE REVIEW AND CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

2.1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this chapter is to review existing literature on the subject topic in order to establish the significance and role of traditional leadership with regard to spatial planning and land use management in the Mpumalanga Province. The chapter presents a literature review on traditional leadership, particularly within the South African context and a conceptual framework which is structured into six sections. The first part of this chapter commences with definitions and characteristics of traditional leadership, followed by the historical background and legislative provisions pertaining to traditional leadership. The second part describes traditional leadership within the current democratic context of South Africa. The third part deliberates about the role of traditional leadership on land matters; fourthly, the relationship of traditional councils and local government; the fifth section deliberates about planning concepts which include the historic and theoretical perspective of planning in relation to traditional leadership; and finally the conclusion which summarises the chapter.

2.2 TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

2.2.1 Definition of traditional leadership

Traditional leadership can be defined as an indigenous institution that administers a traditional community on daily livelihood matters which include land matters. Traditional leadership is also defined as a customary institution or structure that governs traditional communities through customary procedures of governance (Khunou, 2011:278). According to Knoetze (2014:167) during the colonial period as well as thereafter, traditional leadership was considered as a custodian of customs, although their role under the successive colonial governments included additional services such as allocation of land.

According to Lutabingwa et al. (2006:74), traditional leaders served as governors of traditional communities, with authority over all aspects of life, ranging from social welfare to judicial functions. They add that these leaders hold tribal land in trust on behalf of the traditional community. They also point out that the exercising of power by traditional
leadership is largely based on land control, which includes approval and disapproval of land occupation.

2.2.2 Characteristics of traditional leadership

Traditional leadership is an indigenous institution that governs over an area of jurisdiction that ranges from one rural village or more rural villages per traditional area. The institution of traditional leaders is constituted by a traditional leader (chief or king), traditional councils that are elected in terms of the TLGFA (2003) and headmen that are assigned to administer villages (Lutabingwa et al., 2006:74-75).

According to Nolela (2010:3), traditional leadership is a recognised structure which involves different levels of responsibilities, where the chiefs are located at the top of the hierarchy and reign over the tribal areas where the traditional communities live; local villages are administered by headman on behalf of a chief.

The institution of traditional leadership can be utilised as an integral body of authority which can facilitate participation of government in social, political and cultural aspects of rural communities as stated in Brynard (2011:2). Knoetze (2014:162) further elaborates that traditional leaders are at the centre of rural development; therefore, traditional leaders can play a linking role in communicating government plans to rural communities.

According to Lutabingwa et al. (2006:75), traditional authority structures consist of an Inkosi (chief) or Isiphakanyiswa (the selected one) of the area, and a number of councillors (Induna or headmen). The number of headmen depends on the size of an area or the number of villages under the leadership of the traditional council. Lutabingwa et al. (2006:75) further explains the traditional community as a community which resides in an area as a clan that shares common (communal) space. The composition of the houses of traditional leaders comprises the traditional leaders of a specific region or province and the chairperson is elected to serve for a period of time.

Lutz and Linder (2004:4) indicate that the role of a traditional structure in local development is to regulate village life, as traditional leaders also play the role of administering the social affairs of the communities. The structure of traditional leaders can be integrated with the modern structure of local government which is given the important role of redressing the previous imbalances on spatial planning. The municipal functions include redistribution of land and integration of communities as well as regulating the use of land, whereas traditional structures are not capacitated to execute the finer details of spatial planning and land use management.
2.2.3 Background of traditional leadership

2.2.3.1 Pre-colonial

During the pre-colonial era, the institutions of traditional leadership were regarded as political and administrative centres of governance for traditional communities and also as custodians of the values of society (Rugege, 2009:172). Tilhoele (2012:30) adds that traditional leadership was vital during the pre-colonial times, as traditional leadership was the prevailing governance system and had the responsibility to administer all the needs of African communities.

According to Ntimane (2000:48), traditional leaders during the pre-colonial period emerged from within communities by way of recognition of their leadership abilities and qualities (for example bravery, eloquence and greater problem-solving skills). She maintains that leadership was not imposed on the people, but rather based on the will of the followers to ordain and obey a leader. She further indicated that leaders during the tribal wars emerged as warriors that headed war troops. However, Khunou (2008:24) argues that traditional authorities were assigned with the powers to enforce compliance to traditional values and customs of traditional communities.

A determination from both arguments is that traditional leaders were symbols of cultural values and a pride of belonging to a defined clan, tribal warriors felt empowered when they were led by their traditional leaders during wars (Khunou, 2011:278). A linking statement of the two arguments is that traditional leaders were rewarded with leadership because of the important role they play in their communities, while the long-term implementation of the reward comes with the responsibilities of being a lifetime leader, and the leadership role remains within the same family for decades and is now inherited by later generations.

Dating back to the pre-colonial era, traditional authorities used to look after the welfare of their communities by providing permission to communities to use land and natural resources in a communal manner. Most commonly land was offered for subsistence farming, which included agriculture and grazing; part of the welfare also included maintaining law and order under customarily law (Bikam & Chakwizira, 2014:145). Traditional leadership was an essential governance establishment, which guided the community through various aspects of life, ranging from social and cultural to political practices (Rugege, 2009:174).

Mark Butler believes that during the early ages before colonialism, chieftaincy was referred to as a controlling power conferred on a traditional leader by the traditional elders, which was seen as a dynamic outcome of social processes at a local level. He adds that chiefs were...
looked upon as a guarantee of tribal harmony and a key role player in bringing cultural, social and economic stability through resolving conflicts and ensuring land use rights to their communities (Butler, 2002:6)

2.2.3.2 Colonial-apartheid era

The introduction of the Union Government in South Africa during 1910 showed a strong recognition of traditional leadership in rural areas of South Africa which were dominated by the black population (Figure 1.1). During this time traditional leaders were used as agents of the colonial government to promote the objectives and aims of the colonial and apartheid regimes through apartheid legislation such as the Natives Land Act, Act 27 of 1913, Bantu Administration Act, Act 38 of 1927, Bantu Authorities Act. Act 68 of 1951, and the Development Trust and Land Act, Act 18 of 1936 (Khunou, 2011:279). Some areas of rural South Africa were designated as 'native reserves areas'. People were grouped according to tribes and the boundaries of these tribes were the homelands, proclaimed in terms of the Bantu Administration Act, Act 38 of 1927 (Khunou, 2011:279).

The old South African Department of Native Affairs accepted that chiefs and tribal authorities were custodians of land within their areas of jurisdiction and had an important role in administering traditional land tenure systems. The regulations which were issued under the Native Land Act, Act 27 of 1913, which prescribed a list of duties that were assigned to recognised chiefs and headmen to ensure control over rural black populations. The list of duties included tribal land administration (Ntsebeza, 2005:8).

Traditional leaders were assigned the responsibility to allocate land to their subjects for agricultural and residential purposes within the tribal land they controlled. The chiefs and their traditional authorities had the final say, not only in terms of occupation of the land, but also what the land could be used for, thereby implementing their own land use management system and land development controls. This system was not documented, but was based on indigenous knowledge (Alcock & Hornby, 2004:13; Lahiff, 2000:49, 63).

2.2.3.3 Democratic South Africa

The drastic change of governance in South Africa from apartheid to democracy required the complete re-drafting of a new constitution for the country. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, is the supreme law of the Republic as stated in the preamble of the Constitution (SA, 1996:13). Therefore any laws or practices that are inconsistent with the Constitution are not valid. The Constitution plays a mediating role between the past
colonial era and the present democratic era in the case of traditional authorities (De Jongh, 2006:9).

Chapter 12, section 211(1) of the Constitution (SA, 1996) recognises the institution of traditional authority. It further recognises existing customarily laws; however, a proviso in this provision is that recognition of traditional leaders must abide by the constitution. This means that past practices by traditional authorities which are in conflict with the Constitution become invalid. The constitution does not explicitly state the role of traditional authorities in the new South Africa; however, it allows for further determinations by spheres of Government (Knoetze, 2014:166; Constitution, SA, 1996: Section 212).

2.2.4 The role of traditional leadership on land matters

According to the White Paper on Local Government as in Khunou (2011:282), traditional leaderships have roles and responsibilities in developing their local communities, which include recommendations in land allocations, resolving of land disputes, engaging stakeholders for development in their areas and community participation in development matters. According to Knoetze (2014:163), the South African government acknowledges that traditional leadership is in a good position to be given the roles of managing land administration, agriculture, arts and culture, tourism and management of natural resources.

De Jongh (2006:9) argues that there is no reason to perceive that African customs and traditional leadership conflicts with the modern and innovative governance or institutional arrangements which combine the natural capacity of both traditional and elected governance. He further explains that the functions of traditional leaders are provided in customary law and that National and provincial government may, through legislation, or other measures provide roles and responsibilities of traditional leaders in respect of, but not limited to, arts and culture, land administration, agriculture and welfare of the traditional community (De Jongh, 2006:9-12).

2.3 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2.3.1 Introduction

This section examines the different views on the relationship between traditional leadership and local government from existing literature. The first part of this section identifies areas of conflicts between the two authorities; the second part attests to a working relationship between traditional leadership and local government. The participants of shaping the
democratic South Africa believed that institutions of traditional leadership would disappear as the old apartheid government ends, and that it will not survive the requirements of democracy, as it is associated with colonial segregations in terms of dividing South Africans into tribal groups as well as dictatorship which include imposing of leadership in a form of hereditary status (Beall & Ngonyama, 2009:4).

2.3.2 Areas of conflict between the two authorities

The first area of differences between traditional leadership and local government relates to the historic background, where traditional leaders were colluding with segregation policies and South Africans were denied their citizenship, but were placed under an ethnically defined administration based on tribal authority (Beall & Ngonyama, 2009:8). Local government, on the other hand, is based on new democratic values, where establishment of local government was aimed at integrating communities through integrated development planning processes which is based on collective decision by stakeholders (Kurahashi, 2012:1).

According to Knoetze (2012:161), municipalities are complaining about uncoordinated implementation of social programmes by traditional councils without the involvement of local government, which creates fragmented and unserviceable settlements. Traditional authorities, on the other hand, complain about municipalities limiting their powers which they had from the previous era, which includes among others the administration and development of their areas and their traditional communities.

The SPLUMA (SA, 2013) creates a spatial planning system that integrates land use management in the local sphere of government, which will provide implementation mechanisms for spatial plans and policies, including land use schemes and tribunals, while traditional authorities believe that land allocation is their rights and they see the implementation of the SPLUMA and the implementation tools such as land use schemes, municipal planning tribunals as mechanism to dispose their powers (Nel, 2015:2). Traditional leaders criticise local government that in terms of land use planning they are not fully involved and that they are only considered as participants during public participation and engagements; local government argues that the problem with traditional leaders is that they demarcate stands to their residents under their area of jurisdiction without consulting their local government (Bikam & Chakwizira, 2014:144).

Orange (1995:35) indicates that land uses systems in rural area is characterised with mix and uncoordinated land uses, which does not consider the effect of conflicting land uses such as cattle kraals and pig, goat and chicken shelters within a residential rural village.
Most of these land uses are within homesteads; in some instances, they are attached to customary practices. Local government is mandated by the Constitution to be responsible for planning areas within their jurisdiction, which is regulated by laws and include efficient use of land and ensuring environmental sustainability to prevent conflict among different land uses (Bikam & Chakwizira, 2014:144).

Phago and Netswera (2011:1032) indicate that there are many instances where local government councillors and traditional leaders side-line each other, particularly whenever they engage communities. Local government is assigned by law to involve communities in developmental matters of a municipality (MSA, SA, 2000, Sec 16), while traditional leaders may give support to municipalities to community development matters (Knoetze, 2014:169).

2.3.3 Instances of collaborative relationship

Traditional leadership institutions are considered to play an integral part in achieving development objectives. According to Knoetze (2014:161), traditional authorities are recognised to undertake duties in a cooperative governance manner with local governance. He added that traditional leaders can play an important role in fighting poverty by promoting rural development in rural communities. This includes management of rural resources, arts and culture which can promote tourism, land administration, agriculture as well as health and welfare (Knoetze, 2014:161-162).

According to George and Binza (2011:955), in terms of Section 11 of the National House of Traditional Leaders Act, Act 22 of 2009, traditional leaders must be consulted on how development programmes affect their traditional communities. In addition, traditional authorities must support local government in implementing developmental programmes in a cooperative governance manner. Phago and Netswera (2011:1031) indicate that traditional leaders interested in working with ward committees, suggested that traditional councils must be represented in ward committees and that municipal councillors must attend to meetings that are called by traditional leaders.

According to Phago and Netswera (2011:1031), the Constitution indicates that there should be cooperative governance between all spheres of government and traditional leaders, that the iDP process which is implemented by local government, should not be a parallel process between the executing of duties by traditional leaders in terms of the customary laws and their programmes of community development, but the iDP, which incorporates community development programmes, should be implemented by both authorities.
2.4 POLICY REVIEW ON TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MUNICIPALITIES

This section outlines the legal status associated with the involvement and recognition of traditional leaders on land administration matters in the South African context. The hierarchy of legislative frameworks discussed below seeks to explore efforts by Government to incorporate traditional leadership in the governance structures and also to analyse their roles with respect to land use management as contained in various policies and legislative instruments.

2.4.1 The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996

The Constitution (1996, Section 212) empowers national and provincial departments to develop legislation which will provide for the roles and responsibilities of traditional leadership at a local level in relation to customary law and the provision of the Constitution. The national and provincial legislation as listed hereunder will further unpack the involvement of traditional leadership in municipal planning systems (Knoetze, 2014:168).

2.4.2 Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act, Act 41 of 2003

The TLGFA prescribes that there should be partnerships between municipalities and traditional councils which must be based on the principles of mutual respect and recognition of the status and roles of the respective parties and be guided by principles of cooperative governance. The recognition of traditional leadership by legislation indicates that the institution of traditional leadership is recognised by the Constitution (Lutabingwa, et al., 2006:74).

Functions of traditional leaders are outlined in terms of Section 4(1) of the TLGFA (SA, 2003), which place municipalities at the forefront of service delivery and land matters; it encourages traditional councils to support municipalities on all development initiatives within the traditional communities (Meer & Campbell, 2007:5).

2.4.3 The White Paper on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management, 2001

The White Paper on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (RSA Ministry of Agriculture and Land Affairs, 2001) was introduced to facilitate and align spatial planning, land use and environmental support to promote sustainable and integrated development. The White Paper was an early attempt during the introduction of democracy in South Africa to give guidance in terms of preparing and administering developmental orientated plans,
which include SDFs, IDPs, land use schemes, by-laws and guidelines (Bikam & Chakwizira, 2014:144).

The introduction of the White Paper came with the outline of planning principles. These include the principle of spatial equity which seeks to redress unequal protection and benefit of land use management and the principle of integration where diverse elements in development planning are brought together to function in a harmonious and coordinated manner. However, the White Paper has no indication of how to deal with non-formal rural areas which can also include areas of traditional authorities (Marian, 2012:169).

2.4.4 Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000

Municipalities are created through Section 151 of the Constitution, as the local sphere of Government that needs to be established for the entire territory of the RSA, which implies 'wall-to-wall' municipal boundaries. Section 151(2) empowers municipalities as legislative authorities. Sections 153 and 154 of the Constitution allow provincial government to support municipalities legislatively. These provisions were further developed in the MSA (SA, 2000).

Chapter 4 of the MSA (SA, 2000) makes general provision for community participation in municipal matters, and Chapter 5 of the Act provides for IDPs; the municipal SDF is listed as a component of the IDP. The SDF must make provision for land use management of municipalities. Traditional communities and their leaders, therefore, have the right to participate in proceedings relating to municipal SDFs and municipal land use management systems (Kurahashi, 2012:16).

2.4.5 Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, Act 117 of 1998

Section 81 of the Municipal Structures Act (SA, 1998a:32) provides for the participation of traditional leadership in municipal council proceedings, subject to the identification of these leaders by the MEC for local government in that Province. However, the number of traditional council members may not exceed twenty percent of the total number of councillors. Where the municipal councillors are less than ten in number, only one traditional leader may participate (Section 81(2)(b)). Nevertheless: the legislation does not provide any criteria to select the traditional authorities that may attend the council meetings.

The legislation also provides for the MEC of Local Government to regulate participation of traditional leaders in municipal council proceedings by notice in the Provincial Gazette. Subsection (4) of the Act further indicates that the MEC of Local Government shall prescribe the role of traditional leaders in the affairs of the municipality.
The Act allows traditional leadership to express their views on matters that affect communities under their area of jurisdiction; yet, this provision of the legislation is in contradiction with the limited number of traditional leadership members allowed in a council sitting, and one traditional leader cannot represent another traditional leader’s interests (Bikam & Chakwizira, 2014:144).

2.4.6 Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, Act 16 of 2013

This legislation provides a framework for spatial planning and land use management in the RSA, including the notion of an integrated spatial planning and land use management system and the implementation tools of land development planning, such as land use schemes and SDFs.

The SPLUMA seeks an inclusive, developmental, equitable and efficient spatial planning system at the different spheres of government to provide a framework for policies, principles, norms and standards to guide spatial development planning and land use management. It also proposes a framework for the monitoring, coordination and review of the spatial planning and land use management system (Nel, 2015:2).

The legislation requires planning to address the past spatial regulatory imbalances and to promote greater consistency and uniformity in the application procedures and decision-making by authorities responsible for land use decisions and development applications through the establishment of Municipal Planning Tribunals; traditional leadership views the introduction of wall-to-wall schemes as a mechanism to give more powers to municipalities and disempowerment of traditional leadership on matters of land administration (Nel, 2015:3).

2.4.7 Regulations in terms of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2015

Regulation 19(1) of the SPLUMA Regulations (SA, 2015) indicates that traditional councils may sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Municipality under which the traditional council is located. This SLA should satisfy both parties and clearly identify and separate areas of responsibilities. In concluding the SLA, the Regulations stipulate that traditional councils are not permitted to make a land use management decision. In an event where a traditional council does not conclude an SLA with the Municipality, subsection (2) of Regulation 19 indicates that the traditional council is responsible to provide proof of allocating land to the applicant of a land use or development application in terms of the applicable law including customary law.
2.5 CONCEPTS AND THEORY OF LAND PLANNING

2.5.1 Introduction

This section of the literature review deals with the history of planning, the theory of planning as well as the different concepts. This section defines planning, explains the background of planning and provides suggestions in critical areas of improvement and enhancement of planning for sustainable and desirable living condition.

Harrison and Williamson (2001:240) define planning as a formal process of directing and influencing development within urban and rural areas as opposed to the uniformed process of allowing unplanned and undesirable development. They view planning as an improved method of guiding development to be in order.

2.5.2 History of planning

The history of planning has emerged in correlation to past historic events such as religion, economic revolution and wars. Europe and North America set the scene of the history of planning. According to Oranje (2014:2), the history of planning dates back to the late nineteenth century in Europe and North America with the rapid rising of modernism, the phenomenon related to religious fulfilment which relates to wellness of communities and the second return of Christ.

Taylor (1999:16) explained that after the Second World War town planning theories took the lead in providing the conceptual design of development. During the early days, town planning was assumed to be carried out by architects because there was a linkage between the setup of buildings; however, the difference emerged when planning presented a paradigm shift. Taylor (1999:16) further indicated that there are four significant paradigm shifts in planning: firstly, the physical appearance of a town that enhances the activities of the town; secondly, planners were just focusing predominantly on the well-being of the town, but as time goes by they also considered social and economic activity of the town. Thirdly, planners began to see a town as a live and functional space instead of an outcome of a rigid plan; and fourthly, the changes in planning which came with the skills and techniques provided scientific shift in planning to provide an efficient method of planning analysis. In general, the shift in planning indicated the move of planning from being a rigid process of dealing with development controls to a scientific and dynamic process which assists with decision-making and taking into consideration planning related aspects such as environmental management (Taylor, 1999:16).
The history of planning in South Africa also followed the same trend as with other countries. The discovery of goldfields in the Witwatersrand after the Anglo-Boer War which damaged the agricultural sector, as well as a series of droughts, compelled people to move closer to areas of job opportunities. This resulted in a demand for housing and accommodation that created an opportunity for investors and necessitated authorities to develop laws and statutory bodies to deal with township development (Mabin & Smit, 1997:194).

According to Todes (2012:158-159) the history of planning entails the adoption of a master plan from the Western world for land use development and control. Despite the good intention of the master plans, it was criticised of being rigid, inflexible and unable to accommodate change. Master plans were introduced to the African context, but the plans did not consider the existence of non-formalised settlements and in general, the master plan lacks sufficient details to deal with land use management.

Mabin and Smith (1997:197) indicate that the First World War that began in 1914 and lasted until 1918, resulted in putting pressure to South Africa towns in order to come up with a new approach in terms of the migration to towns, which resulted into shortage of housing and the increase in slums. To fight the burgeoning of slums, planning was brought in as a solution to guide development which included planning of both residential and industrial sites.

Watson (2009: 179) indicates that planning has transformed since the introduction of democracy in South Africa from being a blueprint to an inclusive planning, which is termed the integrated development planning that takes into consideration all stakeholders within the planning area and includes public sectors to participate and play a role in the planning process.

Ugarte (2014:404) argues that the domination of Colonial power in administrations and institutions incorporated indigenous culture, but the indigenous culture was subordinated, then suggested that planning can support indigenous development, by engaging indigenous communities in a democratic way of governance.

Ray (2001:65-66) argues that westernisation is a change in discourse, meaning that colonisation meant that African culture had to make way for the western way of doing things. African culture had been dominated by colonisation; therefore, the new culture that emerged is embraced and called post-colonial. He adds that westernisation involves the change in mind-set, the truth and power relations: African kings were reduced to chiefs; as a result, there is a struggle and competition of political power between traditional authorities and the state.
Sandercock (2003:319) suggests that planning must consider cultural diversity in order to deal with problems relating to intercultural co-existence, to manage different ways that are transformative as compared to repressive. She adds that by considering cultural diversity, planning can support the development of a multiculturalism framework. She further suggests that understanding local differences in neighbourhoods or municipalities is important in analysing and solving conflicts.

Sirayi (2008:335) suggests that cultural planning can contribute to planning tools and can support the way humans operate by considering cultural identity, creativity and globalisation of culture. He adds that cultural planning is an engine for community development and that cultural planning should be known as a process that recognises important values of citizens, such as community relationships, shared memories, experiences, identity, history and sense of place.

Lane (2006:386) suggests that planning processes must recognise the struggle of indigenous people to have their rights and interests on land and natural resources recognised. European planning has the tendency of marginalising an indigenous perspective of planning, as well as the indigenous ability to make decisions on land development prospects.

Watson (2009:161) argues that planning from the past through the 1990s was carried out on an area-specific approach, which never took into consideration subsidiary factors of the planning area. This includes issues of sustainable development, subsequently environmental management and planning which are still dealt with as separate issues. Watson (2009:162) views planning as a tool which must promote sustainable development through incorporating environmental management plans.

Harris (n.d.:30) introduces collaborative planning and he identifies it as two interrelated distinct bodies of theory which provide a model of practice. The distinct bodies are the communicative planning theory and the omission or theoretical blind spots, which are sometimes called the dark side of planning. He further explained that communicative planning is more on engaging the relevant stakeholders; collaborative planning goes further and considers approaches to counter the unintended effects of planning, which are also viewed as the blind spots or the dark sides of planning.

2.5.3 Theory of planning

Allmendinger (2009:109) advocates for liberalism, a theory of planning that ranges on a number of ideas, but in this argument it relates to markets. This type of planning theory is
based on market forces, individuals' ideas and the state planners may try to direct and control developmental issues; however, in most cases markets dictates where to direct a particular type of development.

Harrison (2014:67) argues that planning is a social exercise that informs theory in a complex way that improves decision-making and subsequently capacitates planners. The observed relationship between theory and practice is that theory is not proactive; instead it shows uncertainty in social, political and administration processes, while practice plays a more proactive role for planning by providing guidelines for planning research that will empower planners with direct answers to make practical decisions.

Lord (2014:27) argues that planning theory has at various times been inefficient and described to be confusing including the explanation of properties and a theoretical enquiry, the uncertainty about the value of planning theory culminates from the assumption of theory practice gap. Planning theory has also been criticised as being confusing and impractical.

Allmendinger (2009:172) argues that modernity in planning is not only about the places where people live and work in modern cities, but is also about the way planners and other role players in the planning field think about places and spaces, as well as the way in which planners think about unifying concepts under one plan. He argues that the world has become diverse in terms of the social, political and cultural level; therefore, planning and planning theories must begin to guide the merging of the diversities into one plan. He adds that the gap between theory and practice is growing and becoming more complex, and therefore there is a need to try and make each planning concept to contribute towards the success of the other planning concept, when concluding about modernity planning theory, He indicated that modernity planning theory and practice need to move towards a new paradigm called postmodern which is a reformed modernity theory (Allmendinger, 2009:172).

The approach to postmodern theory is termed collaborative planning which is based on making sense to develop a plan that will deal with the dynamics of the future and the increase of complex societies, to also establish ways and means of reaching an agreement between planners, society and politics, then the participation planning process becomes valuable and sensible. Allmendinger (2009:197) adds that for planners to work with disparate and diverse communities in order to reach an agreement, they need to develop a plan. An approach which has gained a theoretical popularity, which is communicative and collaborative planning.
In concluding on the arguments of history of planning and planning theorists, is that planning moves with time to find its relevancy in the modern world. In previous eras planning was a blueprint (one way from top to bottom) and untouchable, but as time went by the approach in planning became more evolving and shifted from the top-down to the bottom-up approach, with more integrated approach which made the outcome of planning to find its relevancy to space and to inhabitants. The system of traditional leadership may be viewed as an ancient method of governing people and land development, but it has the potential of evolving with time and finds its relevancy in the modern ways of livelihood.

2.6 CONCLUSION

The literature review chapter provides secondary information from various dimensions which closely relates to the research topic, in order to provide views and findings observed by the previous writers. These findings are yardsticks where answers of the research questions can be concluded; however, still need to be harmonised with the primary data collected and analysed during the engagements with the targeted group as per the topic of the research. In this case it will be traditional leaders and municipalities.

Traditional leaders have a long history in South Africa, which dates back to the era before the colonialism era up to the current democratic dispensation. Along the way from the old dark days of wars to the current moments where human beings are treated with respected and dignity, there were many cultural practices, legislation and governance that influenced and shaped the actions and responsibilities of traditional leadership.

The inauguration of a democratic government introduced new democratic laws that gave birth to the local government system, where points of conflicts were noted between local government and traditional councils. Local government were given a jurisdiction that encompasses areas of traditional authorities and empowers them to administer land matters and integrate disjointed South African communities. This empowerment of local government created a situation where responsibilities of demarcating and allocating stands by traditional leaders, was no longer in the hands of traditional leaders, who were not using any defined method or plan, but were using indigenous experience to subdivide and allocate stands, while local government was empowered to use land development tools to guide development.

The history of planning has been revisited in this chapter to verify some correlation or lessons that can be learnt from the early planning and indigenous and cultural planning. Theories of planning also look at prevalence, systems and approaches. The information
unveiled in this chapter partially provides a clue about the research question, as well as to provide a scope of accommodating the roles that can be played by traditional leadership and a platform of creating a collaborative working relationship between traditional leadership and municipal councils. It also presents lessons and experience built through the journey which has been travelling in terms of planning and has resulted to the current planning system. The chapter also gives an interpretation of planning actions that have been undertaken by traditional leadership all along, the extent of merging indigenous practices and the planning function that are vested with municipal councils.
Chapter 3
METHODOLOGY

3.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter outlines the methodology used in this study and the theoretical background of the research design. According to Leedy and Ormrod (2014:19), a scientific research method is when a research process ventures into the insight of the unknown reality of a matter and provides an observation. The writers further explain that identifying a problem and a question to be answered by the research, leads to identification of sources of information. A balanced research is supported by literature and interaction with individuals or organisations identified as key sources of information (Leedy & Ormrod, 2014:79). According to Maxwell (2008:224), planning to carry out a study requires a selection of a method based on the problem identified and stimulates the flow of information to a conclusive outcome.

According to Leedy and Ormrod (2014:2) research is a systematic process of providing a solution to uncertainty by collecting, analysing and interpreting information in order to present an understanding where there were inconclusive views. Welman et al. (2008:18–92) provide a number of research typologies and scientific research designs. Based on the different qualities of the different research methods, the research topic of this report is best suited with the qualities of a qualitative methodology. According to Welman (2005:8), a qualitative research method seeks to establish a socially constructed nature of reality. In this study, the perceptions around participation of traditional leadership in spatial planning and land use management is such a reality and has been practiced in different eras and different parts of South Africa (see Figure 1.1).

3.2 RESEARCH DESIGN

A research design is defined by Kumar (2014:122) as "a road map, which is followed in a process of conducting a research, to answer the research question of the study as accurately as possible. According to Thyer (1993:94 in Kumar, 2014:122) a research design is defined as a blueprint or a plan which outlines how a research study will be conducted to its completion. In simple terms, a research design is a projection of events and strategies to guide the research process. The design of this research commenced by conceptualisation of the research report framework which includes introduction of the research, literature review methodology which introduces data and the outcome of the research. The introduction was..."
based on introducing the subject topic and outlines the problem, question and objectives of the research. Based on the topic and the questions, resources of information were identified as primary sources and secondary sources as well as a method to be used were identified.

The research design of this report required selection of a method which will unveil the historic information about the research topic, observations from different sources which include existing literature and data collection in a form of questionnaires from identified participants (Welman et al. 2005:188). Primary and secondary information collected through surveys and the literature review are compared and analysed to provide a conclusion on a research. According to Beverley (1998:12), not all qualitative data requires direct interaction with participants; however, where valuable information is readily available, that information can be used as secondary data.

One major component of the research is the collection of primary data from participants as identified by the research topic through meetings and interviews; the participants of this research report are the traditional leadership and municipalities. An opportunity to venture into a collaborative survey team on traditional leadership and municipalities, presented itself when the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) was planning to undertake a survey on traditional leadership and their practices on land use management. The researcher of this report joined hands with the DRDLR survey team and used the survey meetings schedule of the DRDLR to access primary information of the report.

During the survey process fifty-eight traditional authorities in the Mpumalanga Province were successfully interviewed and nine municipal officials who are responsible for planning from each of the nine local municipalities that are harbouring traditional councils within their areas of jurisdiction were also interviewed (see Figure 1.6 and Table 1.1). The DRDLR project is a feasibility study on land use management and land use practices in areas of traditional authorities in the Mpumalanga Province. For the benefit of this research report, the information gathered during the survey, which was a joint effort undertaken by the researcher and DRDLR, was summarised and grouped into ten key essential responses correlating to the research questions, to obtain a viewpoint from the participants.

3.3 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A research methodology refers to the processes, principles, and procedures by which a research problem is approached and answers or solutions sought. A research methodology focuses on the research process and the tools, as well as procedures to be carried out (Kumar, 2014:172). Creswell (2003:18) indicates that strategies and methods culminate to a

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research approach. The three most used approaches tend to be quantitative, qualitative or a mixed approach. Each research topic requires the most suitable methodology which will make the progressive flow and interconnection of evidence to lead into a finding.

The comparison between the two most used methodologies – the qualitative and the quantitative methodology – are outlined as follows:

- A quantitative study requires concepts, variables, hypotheses and method of measurement, and these measurements need to be defined before the commencement of the study and must remain the same throughout the process. Quantitative methods include measuring of variables to define the outcome (Leedy & Ormrod, 2010:95).

- A qualitative research method is more holistic, with a focus to design measurement and interpretations of information ranging from primary to secondary sources. A qualitative researcher approaches a research with an open mind, prepared to engage with the complexity of the situation and interact with the participants without creating any expectations. The method leads to classification of data, leading to grouping of information, patterns and theories that help to provide views and findings of the main subject under study (Leedy & Ormrod, 2010:95).

A qualitative methodology usually has two common characteristics: Firstly, it focuses on an existing reality that emanates from natural settings of things and, secondly, the recognition that the investigated issues have many dimensions and layers of information (Leedy & Ormrod, 2010:95).

According to Welman et al. (2005:188), a qualitative research can be described as an approach rather than a design. Beverley (19982) indicates that a qualitative research is concerned about providing explanations of social phenomena, which help to create and understand our surroundings and why things are the way they are. A qualitative methodology is concerned with the social aspects of the world around us and it seeks to answer questions about the why, what and how.

Qualitative research encompasses examining the characteristics or qualities that cannot be reduced to numerical values. Qualitative research produces descriptive data around the participant’s beliefs and values that underlie the phenomena. The qualitative researcher is concerned about understanding instead of explanation; naturalistic observation as opposed to controlled measurement, and the subjective exploration of reality from the perspective of an insider as opposed to the outsider perspective (Leedy & Ormrod, 2014:97).
Based on the analysis and qualities of a qualitative methodology, the methodology which
was selected is the qualitative method. The selected methodology assisted in organizing and
identifying key milestones of the research, such as how to structure the research, what
information and data to gather, how to analyse the information and to conclude the research.

3.4 DATA COLLECTION

According to Leedy and Ormrod (2014:153) a qualitative research uses multiple ways and
means of collecting data; the means of collecting information ranges from observation,
interviews, objects, written documents, audio and visual information, electronic media and
any other source of information that can be useful for the research. Preparation of this
research has considered two main methods of data collection: firstly, collection of primary
data through surveys and interviews; and secondly, collection of secondary data from written
documents.

According to Hancock (1998:12–13), the process of data collection in a qualitative method
does not always require a direct interaction with the people. Hancock suggests that a wide
range of written materials can be used to provide qualitative information. Resources of data
for this report were identified, accessed and used to provide detail background information
on the literature review of the research report. Secondly, the primary information sourced
during the survey conducted on fifty-eight (58) traditional councils of Mpumalanga and nine
municipalities where the 58 traditional councils are hosted (Table 1.1).

3.4.1 Primary data collection

The research topic is participation of traditional leadership in spatial planning and land use
management matters in the Mpumalanga Province. Traditional leaders are the key role
players in this research report and municipal officials are secondary role players as their role
is to provide a perspective from the local sphere of governance, because both authorities are
sharing common interest with the traditional leadership regarding communities and land.
Therefore, the primary data resource for this report is all the traditional leadership of the
Mpumalanga Province and the nine municipalities that consist of traditional authorities within
their boundaries.

All traditional councils in Mpumalanga were targeted for the engagement session and only
two out of the 60 were not available, while the rest (58 traditional councillors) were very keen
to participate, especially when they heard that the DRDLR will be part of the engagement
session. The enthusiasm to participate in an interview which deals with land matters around
their area of jurisdiction shows the willingness of traditional leaders to engage with any sphere of government to deal with the challenges and future plans on their areas.

The nine municipalities in the Province of Mpumalanga which encompasses traditional councils within their areas of jurisdiction were engaged and also responded positively to the engagements, including honouring the meetings and responded eloquently. In total, the combined number of participants from the traditional leaders to the municipal officials is 67 responses.

The primary data collection by means of interviews was structured and collected over a period of four months. The interval of engagement includes making appointments, rescheduling of meetings, as well as scheduling and meeting with municipalities. The series of meetings were prepared and attended per traditional authority and per municipality as follows:

3.4.1.1 Municipalities and traditional councils under the Ehlanzeni District Municipality

Nkomazi Municipality: There are eight (8) traditional councils in the Nkomazi Local Municipality (Table 1.1) and they are listed as follows: Matsamo, Mhlabo; Siboshwa, Lugedlane, Hhoyi, Mambo; Mawewe and Lomshiyo (shared between Nkomazi and Mbombela Municipality). All interviews organised with traditional councils under the Nkomazi Local Municipality were successful.

Bushbuckridge Municipality: There are ten (10) traditional councils within Bushbuckridge Local Municipality and they are listed as follows: Moreipuso; Thabakgolo; Malele; Sethlare; Amashengana; Moletele Mnisi; Jongilanga; Hoxane and Mathibela. Interviews with Bushbuckridge traditional councils were successfully conducted.

Thaba Chweu Municipality: There are three (3) traditional councils in this municipality and they are listed as follows: Mashilane; Mohlala and Mogane. Interviews were successfully held with the three traditional councils in Thaba Chweu Local Municipality.

Mbombela Municipality: There are eight (8) traditional councils in the Mbombela Municipality and they are listed as follows: Mpakeni; Msogwaba; Mbuyane; Gutshwa; Mdluli; Masoyi and Nkambeni. Consultation meetings were held with all traditional councils except for Gutshwa and Mdluli traditional councils. The two traditional councils did not accept the request for interviews or avail any members of the traditional council to attend the interviews.
3.4.1.2 Municipalities and traditional councils under Gert Sibande District

Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality: There are thirteen (13) traditional councils that are within the area of jurisdiction of the Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality: Emjindini, Mantjolo, Embuleni, Mandlamakhulu, Somcuba-Bhevula, Enkhaba, Ebutsini, Enikwakuyengwa, Duma, Emfumbeni, Madlangampisi, Mpisikazi and Ndlela. Attendance and responses by the members of the traditional councils was exceptionally good and the traditional leaders (chiefs) of eMjindini, Mantjolo, Somcuba-Bhevula, Duma, Madlangampisi, eMfumbeni and Mpisikazi traditional councils participated in the interview process.

Mkhondo Local Municipality: There are four traditional councils under Mkhondo Local Municipality and they are listed as follows: Mahlapahlahpha, Ogenyaneni, Madabukela and KwaDwalaza traditional councils and the interviews proceeded well.

Dr Pixley Kalsaka Seme Municipality: There is only one traditional council in Dr Pixley Kalsaka Seme Municipality. The traditional council is known as Lekgoetla Traditional Council and the engagements went well.

Traditional councils in Nkangala District Municipality:

Thembisile Hani and Dr JS Moroka Municipalities are the only two municipalities in the Nkangala District that have incorporated traditional authorities in their areas of jurisdictions and these municipalities were previously under Kwandebele Homeland (Figure 1.5 & 1.6).

Thembisile Hani Municipality: There are five (5) traditional councils within its area of jurisdiction and they are: Manala-Makerana, Manala-Mgibe, Ndzundza-Fene, Ndzundza-Somphalali and Ndzundza-Mabhoko (Table 1.1).

Dr JS Moroka Municipality: There are nine (9) traditional councils within the area of jurisdiction of Dr JS Moroka Municipality and they are listed as follows: Ndzundza-Mabhoko, Ndzundza-Mabusa, Ndzundza-Pungutja; Bakgatlha ba Seabe, Bakgatlha ba Mocheche; Bakgatlha ba Mmakau; Bakgatlha ba Moepi and Barolong ba Lefifi Traditional Councils.

All interviews which were conducted with the traditional councils; the responses were exceptionally good, from the requests when arranging the meetings with members of the traditional council (telephonically and hand-submitted letters of requesting meetings) to postponement of meetings. Some of the meetings for interviews were attended by the traditional leaders (chiefs) and their subjects.

The second set of consultations was conducted with the nine municipalities, where municipal planners and IDP managers were interviewed. All nine municipalities which are listed as:
Nkomazi, Bushbuckridge, Thaba Chweu, Mbombela, Chief Albert Luthuli, Mkhondo, Dr Pixley Kaisaka Seme, Dr J S Moroka and Thembisile Hani Local Municipalities, were represented by one or more officials.

3.4.2 Secondary data collected

According to Hancock (1998:13) there is a wide range and variety of information, as well as material that can support a qualitative data. The information can be useful in situations where background information needs to provide information of the research topic. Information can also include policy documents, annual reports, minutes, presentations, books, articles, notice boards, mission statements, journals and code of conduct. According to Baxter and Jack (2008:554), to accomplish qualitative research has an advantage of enormous data base that supports the accuracy of the report and is available for independent inspection.

Data collected as secondary data is detailed in the literature review of this report. The information was gathered in relation to the historical background of traditional leadership, legislation on traditional leaders, assessment of municipal IDPs, the historic background of planning as well as different theories of planning.

3.5 ANALYSIS OF DATA

Data collected during the interview processes with traditional councils and municipalities was analysed, compared and assessed to identify areas of correlation and point of collaboration between traditional leadership and municipalities. The analysis and interpretation of data collected during the survey period provided the in-depth status quo of traditional authorities in the Mpumalanga Province with regard to spatial planning and land use management in areas under their control, as well as the relationship with municipalities. The analysis from the primary source was compared to the secondary information which is broadly outlined in the literature review chapter, therefore a comprehensive analysis of the primary and secondary data is concluded in Chapter 4.

3.6 CONCLUSION

The methodology chapter outlined the conceptual framework of the research process; it described the method used to conduct the research which is qualitative. The chapter further clarified the qualities of a qualitative research. The chapter also provided an outline for the research design which identifies the sources of data used for the research; the primary and the secondary data as well as the method of collecting the information. Traditional leadership
and municipalities were identified as participants for the research, to be interviewed during the contact sessions and the data sourced from the participants was classified as primary data. The secondary data was sourced from documents as written information from different sources, to present existing literature on traditional leaders, municipalities, legislations and planning.
Chapter 4
DATA ANALYSIS

4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides the analytic assessment of information collected during the interviews with the traditional councils and municipal officials. The information was gathered by means of questionnaires, which were populated during the engagement period with the identified participants. The information was grouped, analysed and interpreted into findings.

The responses from the participants have been grouped into planning areas. The answers from different traditional authorities and different municipalities were grouped as one where similar, common and comparative answers were received. Where responses to a particular question from a traditional council or municipality differed from the general prevailing response, the answer is specified as a special case under the name of a specific traditional council or municipality. The answers to the questions from the survey are structured to provide information on the research and substantiate the literature to fulfil the research objectives and provide response to the research questions.

The main research question is: **What role can traditional leadership play in spatial planning and land use management without contravening the roles and responsibilities of local municipalities?**

The objectives of the research are outlined as follows:

- To assess the extent of work done by traditional leadership on land development matters.
- To examine the processing of land development applications by traditional leadership in relation to municipalities.
- To establish the extent of involvement of traditional councils in spatial planning and land use management.
- To find common grounds and to facilitate a collaborative working relationship between traditional councils and democratically elected municipal councils.
4.2 INTERPRETATION OF DATA FROM QUESTIONNAIRES

Questions from both questionnaires to the traditional council and municipal officials (see Appendix A and B) were analysed and synchronised into a group of 10 thematic planning areas as follows:

4.2.1 Traditional authorities’ cadastral boundaries and land issues

The first group of questions in the questionnaire sought responses from traditional leaders on their understanding of the extent of their areas of jurisdictions and boundaries. The indication was that all traditional councils have an understanding of their boundaries, but do not have full control in regulating land uses, especially on properties that are privately owned.

The study established that there are traditional authorities that are recognised by the Mpumalanga provincial government that are landless, because land ownership is registered in the communities in the form of “community trusts” and communal property associations. These traditional leaders indicated that the land trusts and communal property associations are not cooperating with them. The traditional authorities where much of the land is privately owned are KwaMadabukela; Ogeryaneni and KwaNdwalaza in the Mkhondo Municipality and Lekgoetla in Dr Pixley Kaisaka Seme Municipality, as well as Kgarudi traditional authority in the Bushbuckridge Municipality. These traditional authorities were previously not under the homeland system, except for Kgarudi in Bushbuckridge.

The study also found that, despite clearly defined traditional boundaries, there are some traditional authorities who are in dispute over boundaries of their traditional authority areas. In some cases, these disputes and the contestation over boundaries are so severe that it generates land invasions which are mostly led by the headmen of these traditional authorities.

The response from municipalities is that uncontrolled and illegal invasion of land have a negative impact on service delivery programmes of municipalities.

4.2.2 Establishment and extending settlements in areas of traditional authorities

All traditional councils indicated that during the previous governments, traditional authorities were assisted with the basic planning of their settlements. The actual demarcation of stands and the work was done by land surveyors from government and locally trained people from traditional authorities. In most cases there were no general plans, but layout plans were
produced. The allocation of sites to needy and qualifying families was the sole responsibility of the traditional councils through their village headmen.

The study has also established that traditional authorities are no longer assisted in the basic planning of settlements.

The engagement with municipal officials indicated that the majority of municipalities have no capacity and financial means to handle the pressure and demand to assist traditional authorities. The high demand for residential stands in traditional authority areas, coupled with the lack of support from municipalities, results in traditional authorities being forced to demarcate unplanned stands. The demarcations of sites are done by the village headmen and each traditional authority has its own standard size.

4.2.3 Upgrading of land tenure in areas of traditional authorities

It has been established that land tenure upgrading projects were initiated by municipalities in some of the areas under traditional leadership. Although these projects are welcomed and accepted by the communities, most traditional councils oppose the upgrading of tenure rights in their communities, mainly for fear that they will lose power and control over their land and communities. Some areas under the direct control of traditional leadership are susceptible to resistance of formalisation because traditional leaders are in fear of losing control over their communities (Nel, 2011: 12).

4.2.4 Land uses and land demand in areas of traditional authorities

The study has established that the dominant land uses in traditional authorities' areas are for homestead, subsistence agriculture and grazing. Furthermore, in all traditional authorities the demand for land is mainly for residential purposes, and to a lesser degree, agriculture for subsistence farming and grazing. All traditional councils have raised the concern of very limited or no more land to cater for the needs of their future generations. Traditional councils suggested a number of strategies, and the dominant strategies are:

- Government or municipalities must take a leading role in the planning and establishment of settlements in traditional council's areas.
- Conservation of land through proper spatial planning and land use management.
- Acquiring additional land for traditional authorities from adjacent farms.
4.2.5 Challenges faced by traditional councils

Challenges that are faced by traditional leadership are associated with land use control and management. Due to limited or no power to enforce any corrective or disciplinary measures against land use transgressors, most traditional authorities are unable to deal with the challenges they face within their areas, such as illegal land invasions and escalation of illegal businesses in some traditional council’s areas.

The study has established that traditional councils are unable to combat these challenges of land invasion. All the traditional councils interviewed are looking forward to interventions from other authorities to assist them in enforcing land use control in their areas. When the objectives and merits of a municipal land use scheme were explained to the traditional councils they all indicated their willingness to work with their municipalities in developing a municipal land use scheme that will also be applied and enforced in their areas. They all see themselves playing a critical role in the implementation of a land use scheme. The development and enforcement of land use schemes has proven to provide a point of engagement between traditional councils and municipalities. The land use schemes create an opportunity for municipalities to work together with traditional authorities in developing the tool to control land development. The study recommends that municipalities should now start consulting and engaging traditional councils in this process. The Bushbuckridge Municipality has started the process of engaging their traditional council and the process proved to be successful and working traditional councils are attending meetings of the municipality. Other municipalities did not have a plan to engage with traditional councillors.

4.2.6 Land allocation in areas of traditional authorities

From the information provided by traditional authorities, it was established that traditional councils are still responsible for allocating land for various uses in their areas. In general, the procedure for allocating land in areas of traditional authorities is similar in all traditional councils’ areas and it involves the following steps:

4.2.6.1 Common procedure for acquiring and allocation of residential stands in traditional councils

- The applicant approaches a headman (Induna) or a village leader seconded by the traditional council to look after a village. The headman verifies the availability of land where the applicant is interested in acquiring a residential stand.
- The headman interviews the applicant to determine the need for the application site, as well as verification of the background and personal identification of the applicant,
to ascertain the relationship of the applicant with the clan, as well as to prioritise, approve, disapprove or redirect the applicant to the relevant village.

- Once the headman is satisfied with the information given by the applicant, the applicant is shown a site, if the applicant is satisfied with the proposed site, then the headman and his assistants demarcate the site using the applicable measurements in that traditional authority.

- Once the site is demarcated, the applicant is taken by the headman to the traditional office to pay the necessary fees (*khonza fees*) [see table 4.1].

- Upon payment of the fees, the applicant is either given a receipt or a receipt with a letter referred to as “Permission to Occupy” (PTO) with the applicant’s details and stand number (see Appendix C for a PTO receipt from three random traditional councils of the Mpumalanga Province).

- After the issuing of the PTO, the applicant is allowed to occupy the site. Thereafter the occupant will pay an annual levy once every year (see Table 4.1).

### 4.2.6.2 Procedure for applying and allocating business stands

- The applicant approaches the headman of the settlement or the village where the applicant wants to establish his or her business, and submits a request or an application for a business site. The applicant must indicate the site of preference for the proposed business.

- If the site is still vacant, the headman takes the application to the traditional council for consideration and approval of the business site.

- Once the traditional council is satisfied with the application and the proposed business, the traditional council makes a recommendation to the municipality for final approval and issuing of the business licence.

- Before approval the municipality must ensure that the proposed business will have access to basic services. Once the business site and business application is approved by the municipality, the applicant is then allowed to occupy the site by the traditional council after paying the applicable “*khonza*” fees (see Figure 4.1).

### 4.2.6.3 Fees payable to traditional authorities for land allocation

Table 4.1 is a summary of fees charged by traditional councils for land allocation in their areas and the range of minimum and maximum fees charged per stand in traditional councils within one municipality:
Table 4.1: Summary of fees charged by traditional councils for land allocation in the Mpumalanga Province grouped per municipality

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<td>From R2 500 to R5 000</td>
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<td>2. Chief Albert Luthuli</td>
<td>From R60 to R550</td>
<td>From R200 to R5 000</td>
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<td>3. Dr JS Moroka</td>
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<td>4. Mbombela</td>
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<td>5. Nkomazi</td>
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Source: Research responses from traditional authorities.

Figure 4.1 below illustrates a diagrammatic representation of the common procedures followed by traditional councils to process requests for a residential site.
Figure 4.2 below illustrates a diagrammatic representation of the common procedures followed by traditional councils to process requests for a business site.

**APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS IN RURAL SETTLEMENTS**

- Applicant from outside the settlement
  - Pays affiliation fee that is determined by concerned traditional council.
  - Lodges application with the traditional authority
  - Traditional authority requests letter of good standing from the settlement where the applicant previously resided.
  - If the community gives approval, then the application is forwarded to the traditional council for consideration and approval.
  - Headman is instructed to make land available to the applicant.
  - Stand is registered and allocated to the applicant.
  - Land for business purposes approved.

- Applicant staying within the settlement
  - Pays affiliation fee that is determined by concerned traditional council.
  - Lodges application with the traditional authority
  - Amount payable determined by the traditional authority.
  - Paid to the traditional authority.

Source: Fourie (2015: 11)

Figure 4.2: Common procedures followed by traditional councils to process a request for a business site

Through the interviews it was established that all traditional authorities in the Mpumalanga Province charge site application fees called a "khonza" or "lotsha" fee, a once-off payment paid by an applicant when the traditional authority office allocates land to the applicant for residential or business purposes. The application fees are used to run office administration of the traditional councils. The stand application fee varies greatly from one traditional authority to the other (see Table 4.1).

The study reveals that all traditional councils in Ehlanzeni and Gert Sibande Districts also charge an annual tribal levy to each household in their areas of jurisdiction. This is another area of raising funds for running a traditional authority office. This amount also varies from one traditional authority to the other. The study has found that the majority of traditional councils in the Nkangala District do not charge the annual levy. According to traditional councils in Nkangala the charging of the annual fees was revoked by the former homeland...
governments and the decision to cancel the annual fee levy came from the general understanding that the majority of households in that region are no longer paying this levy.

4.2.7 Improving the level of communication between traditional councils and municipalities

The study has found contradicting responses from traditional councils and municipal officials on the level of communication and engagements. Traditional councils indicated that they are not involved by municipalities when projects are planned and implemented in the areas of traditional authorities.

Municipal officials indicated that traditional councils are consulted when projects are planned and implemented in the areas of traditional authorities. However, the study reveals that the level of consultation was mostly not at the project planning stage, but generally in the implementation stage.

Most municipalities relied on ward councillors and ward committees to perform the consultation at the traditional council level. The study has found that although some ward councillors perform this function excellently and improve their working relationship with their traditional councils, there are some who are still struggling to build a good working relationship. The study has revealed that the ward committee system does not incorporate members of the traditional council.

4.2.8 Understanding of traditional councils about the constitutional and legislative mandate of municipalities on spatial planning, land use and land development

The study reveals that traditional councils are not capitated on legislation that regulate spatial planning land use management. However, they have indicated their willingness to cooperate with the municipalities in all the processes of formulating and implementation of these policies. Their cooperation is dependent on the willingness of the municipalities to engage with them, with no hidden agendas or taking over their powers on their land. Traditional leadership believes that they are capable of playing a key role in the development and implementation of such policies because of their vast experience and knowledge of their areas and that they are still respected by their communities.

The study has established that the willingness to cooperate with this legislative mandate of municipalities is based on the fact that almost all traditional authorities in the Mpumalanga Province are faced with serious challenges with regard to unlawful occupation and use of land in their areas. Most of the traditional authorities are struggling to manage land uses in

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their areas. Currently they do not have any policy to guide them in dealing with land management issues. In addition, there is no visible assistance that they receive from the national and provincial governments with regard to the aforementioned challenges.

From the interviews conducted with the traditional leaders it transpired that traditional councils are eager and willing to work with municipalities on spatial planning matters (which provide a future guide in terms of development), as well as land use management (which controls development in an area). To promote cooperation between traditional authorities and municipalities, the study suggests that national, provincial government as well as the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) must play an important role in facilitating the mutual relationship of the two houses of authority.

Section 5 of the TLGFA (SA, 2003), stipulates that both national and provincial governments must promote partnerships between municipalities and traditional councils through legislative or other measures, as confirmed by all the traditional councils interviewed. The Act further stipulates that any partnership between a municipality and a traditional council:

- must be based on the principles of mutual respect and recognition of the status and roles of the respective parties; and
- must be guided by the principles of cooperative governance (SA, 2003, Section 5).

4.2.9 The level of consultation and engagement of traditional authorities in the compilation of municipal Integrated Development Plans

The study has established that traditional councils would like to see projects implemented in infrastructure development in their areas, as they were the main facilitators of development in their areas during the old government system of homelands. The IDP municipal consultation process does not sufficiently take the traditional councils on board. As confirmed by the municipal officials, most municipalities only consult traditional leaders at the IDP Stakeholder Representative Forums when the IDP process is about to be finalised; therefore, traditional leaders are unable to engage meaningfully. In the rural areas of Qwaqwa, Durna (2015:53) made a finding about IDPs and traditional leaders, and confirmed that traditional leaders in Qwaqwa are complaining about the IDP process, where their involvement is at the stakeholder level where the process is about to be finalised, while traditional leaders would like to be part of the IDP process from the beginning. Sekontela (2014:74) made a finding about IDPs in rural areas that the IDP focuses more in detail in urban areas as compared to rural areas.
Most traditional councils interviewed expressed dissatisfaction about the process of preparing IDPs as they feel that they are not given enough time to deliberate on the developmental challenges in their areas. In a proposal to address the dissatisfaction, the traditional authorities recommended that municipalities must consult and engage traditional leaders on an individual basis. This proposal will provide sufficient time to traditional leaders to familiarise with the process and contribute profoundly.

Most of the traditional councils prefer that after the municipality has met with the community to prioritise projects, municipalities must then meet with the traditional council to also get their inputs. They further indicated that they also prefer to appear in front of the communities during the IDP consultation process, standing next to the municipal representatives to demonstrate that they are working together with municipalities.

4.2.10 The level of consultation and engagement of traditional councils during the compilation and implementation of municipal policies on spatial planning, land development and land use schemes.

Most of the municipalities have not engaged their traditional councils during the compilation of their municipal SDFs. Where municipalities claimed to have consulted and engaged their traditional councils, it was indicated that the consultation was conducted at a stakeholders’ forum only, where, according to the traditional council, the engagement was insufficient.

The study has established that most municipalities in Mpumalanga have some form of a draft land use scheme. These are currently only in a draft format as most of the schemes were developed before the promulgation of the SPLUMA and therefore need to align to SPLUMA and the relevant Municipal By-law on spatial planning and land use management. Most of the municipalities that host traditional councils within their area of jurisdiction have acknowledged that in the event of preparing their land use scheme they have not yet consulted with their traditional councils. Of the nine municipalities that host traditional councils, only Bushbuckridge indicated that they consulted their traditional councils (the names of traditional councils under the Bushbuckridge Municipality are specified in Table 1.1).

During the interviews, the Bushbuckridge municipal officials indicated that they are currently reviewing their draft land use scheme and have incorporated a programme to consulting and build capacity to individual traditional councils within their area of jurisdiction.
4.3 ANALYSIS OF MUNICIPAL INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN RELATION TO TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

The post-apartheid era and the introduction of democracy in South Africa came with the introduction of statutory change in order to affirm democracy, the establishment of local government and the recognition of traditional leaders by the Constitution was also in line with the development of functional local government (Khunou, 2011: 281). Local government’s functions are stated in the Constitution (SA, 1996), which includes land development planning of areas under their jurisdiction and roles to be played by traditional leadership in relation to the municipal function of land administration (George & Binza, 2011:955).

The fragmented planning system inherited by the democratic South Africa required a new approach in terms of redressing the past (Nel, 2015:2), the introduction of new legislation which seeks to integrate and involve communities in the governance, that change government planning from being imposed in a top-down approach and allow communities to be involved in development of their areas. The introduction of IDPs through the MSA (SA, 2000); SDFs and land use schemes through the SPLUMA (SA, 2013).

The government planned to incorporate traditional authorities to be part of the developmental local government. Most importantly in rural areas, the MSA (SA, 1998a) confirms the involvement of traditional councils to local governance and that they should be consulted in development planning at local level (Beall et al., 2004:465).

There are nine municipalities in Mpumalanga that have incorporated traditional authorities (see Table 1.1), namely:

- Mbombela Local Municipality with eight traditional councils.
- Nkomazi Local Municipality with eight traditional councils.
- Bushbuckridge Local Municipality with ten traditional councils.
- Thembisa Hani Local Municipality with five traditional councils.
- Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality with nine traditional councils.
- Mkhondo Local Municipality with four traditional councils.
- Dr Pixley Kalsaka Seme Local Municipality with one traditional council.
- Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality with thirteen traditional councils.
- Thaba Chweu Local Municipality with three traditional Councils.

Municipal IDPs where there are a high number of traditional councils (eight or more) have been assessed on the bases of working relationship.
According to the IDP for Mbombela Local Municipality (2014-15:16), traditional councils were scheduled to be consulted during the consultation of stakeholders. However, the IDP indicates that the meeting which was organised for consulting traditional authorities did not take place due to unavailability of representatives from the traditional councils. It was further indicated that the consultation will be rescheduled after the approval of the IDP.

Nkomazi IDP (2013-2014:38) indicates that there are eight traditional authorities under its area of jurisdiction and that the traditional council areas occupy approximately less than half of the total area of the municipality. The IDP does not mention any engagement schedule with traditional councils, but it talks about consultation at ward level. The SDF of the Nkomazi Municipality has further provided local SDFs of traditional councils and their villages. However, there is no consultation plan for the traditional councils. The SWOT analysis of the Nkomazi SDF (2013-14:164) shows that all traditional councils under the Nkomazi Municipality indicated that there is a lack of coordination between traditional authorities and the Nkomazi Municipality.

Bushbuckridge Local Municipality have 10 traditional councils. The Bushbuckridge IDP (2014-16:30-31) indicates that the Municipality is in a good relationship with the traditional authorities. In a council resolution of 2010, it was resolved that traditional leadership will participate in all the municipal council sittings and will be paid a sitting allowance. The district house of traditional leaders is allocated an office within the offices of the municipality. The municipality has established a traditional mayor’s forum, where issues concerning land matters are discussed, such as land tenure, land invasions and provision of service.

Dr JS Moroka Municipality has nine traditional councils. The IDP of the municipality (2014-15:147) in their SWOT analysis indicates that to have traditional councils in their area of jurisdiction is an opportunity; however, there are no programmes indicated on the IDP where traditional councils will be engaged. In the IDP it is stated that most of the villages in Dr JS Moroka falls under the traditional councils as state land (see figure 1.6) the percentage of land under traditional councils is 84%. The remaining 16% is for the two proclaimed townships, which falls under the municipality. The IDP of the municipality is probing the possibilities of transferring the state land to the municipality for proper administration.

Chief Albert Luthuli LM has 13 traditional councils. The IDP (2007–11) is not indicating plans to work with traditional councils; however, the IDP (2007–11:40) of the municipality states that there should be a close working relationship between Chiefs (Amakhosi) and the municipal councillors, especially when conducting community consultations.
Dr Pixley Kalsaka Seme Local Municipality has one traditional authority. The IDP does not state much about the role of the traditional leadership in the municipality; however, the IDP (2014–15:18) of the municipality indicates that Amakhosi (chiefs) should work together with the municipality in conducting community consultations; no strategies are put in place.

4.4 CONCLUSION

The analysis of data received during the survey of the participants unveils that the relationship between traditional councils and local government in most instances is not defined, and as a result there is a lack of consultation between the two authorities. In some instances, local government reports that traditional leaders are proceeding with the demarcation and allocation of stands for their communities as it was done previously, without the involvement of local government. Traditional leadership also indicates that local government proceeds with development even in traditional areas without their involvement.

Based on the above analysis, it is recommended that municipalities need to take traditional councils on board throughout the stages of compiling and reviewing their IDPs.

The analysis also discovered that traditional authorities have a huge influence and control over their communities and land management in their areas of jurisdiction.

The findings took into consideration the secondary data information from the literature review. The assessments of municipal IDPs, as well as the analysis of primary data, are displayed in detail in the next Chapter.
5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides the finality of the research process where the collected data and the analysed information deliver the outcome of the research. The analysis section was an interpretation of data from different sources, primary and secondary, while the findings section correlates the analysed information to provide a final standpoint of the report, in relation to answering the main research question. This chapter also established whether the research managed to deliver in terms of its objectives as well as providing information where there were uncertainties in terms of existence, functioning and future role of traditional leadership.

The primary data was collected by means of questionnaires from the identified participants. The information sourced during the survey period was collated and grouped into 10 thematic areas to cover a range of issues on land administration and development in relation to the existence of municipalities and their functions. The survey answers and the literature review provided the direction of a general view on the research topic.

**TABLE 5.1: SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF DATA**

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<td>1. Understanding of extent of traditional councils' boundaries and available land</td>
<td>Most traditional councils know their boundaries, illegal demarcation of stands is used as a weapon acquire adjacent land.</td>
<td>Municipalities have the knowledge of the cadastral boundaries of traditional leadership boundaries; illegal occupation of land makes it difficult to provide services.</td>
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<td>2. Development of new settlements and extension of existing settlements</td>
<td>There is high demand of stands in rural areas and no assistance from government; traditional councils are forced to demarcate and allocate sites to applicants without a formal layout plan.</td>
<td>Municipalities are under-capacitated, therefore cannot keep up with the demand.</td>
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<td>3. Upgrading of land tenure rights in areas of traditional authorities</td>
<td>Traditional leaders are not in favour of upgrading the existing land tenure from PTOs to title deeds, because they think that they will lose control over their communities, they indicated that the communal system does not discriminate whether one is poor or rich, they communities have equal access to land.</td>
<td>Municipalities are in favour of land tenure upgrading, because it is a method which will make the municipality to account for land within their jurisdiction and formalise the informal villages to have some sort of registration of land and ownership. A method of tenure which will accommodate both parties must be used. According to Campbell et al. (2008:49), there is flexible land delivery method, where occupants of land in a non-formalised settlement are registered in a Registrar of Land and can hold a Starter Title which is in a form of communal set up.</td>
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<td>4. Land use and demand of land in areas of traditional authorities</td>
<td>Traditional authorities have indicated that there is a huge demand of land within areas of traditional authorities; the main land uses are residential or homesteads, business sites and areas for communal subsistence farming.</td>
<td>Municipalities are noting the demand and limited land within traditional authorities, and need to engage traditional councils in terms of spatial development plans.</td>
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<td>5. Challenges faced by traditional councils in terms of land administration</td>
<td>Traditional leaders have raised a concern about uncontrollable illegal occupation of land within their areas, with no mechanism to combat such; however, when the effect of land use schemes and SDFs were explained to them they indicated to be interested in the control land use mechanism.</td>
<td>Municipalities have indicated that the impact of illegal land occupation is also a challenge to municipalities, because that puts pressure on the existing infrastructure and services.</td>
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<td>6. Land allocation in areas of traditional authorities</td>
<td>Allocation of land by traditional authorities to their communities is proceeding in the same method which was used previously; traditional authorities have their own traditional way of allocating land outlined in the analysis chapter (Figure 4.1 and 4.2)</td>
<td>Municipalities are indicating the lack of capacity from their side to take over the responsibility of planning, and subdivide stands according to required standards and land uses.</td>
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<td>7. The level of communication between traditional councils and municipalities</td>
<td>The general outcome in terms of level of communication between the two authorities is poor. Traditional councils indicated that when projects are planned and implemented in areas of their authorities, they are not consulted. Municipal officials indicated that traditional councils are consulted when projects are planned and implemented in the areas. However, the study reveals that the level of consultation is mostly not at the project planning stage, but generally on the implementation stage. Municipal officials must specifically engage traditional authorities; a kind of programme of regular meetings should be scheduled between the two authorities.</td>
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<td>8. Understanding of RSA Constitutional responsibilities and legislative mandate of municipalities and traditional leadership on spatial planning and land use and management</td>
<td>Traditional councils are not capitated on legislation that regulates spatial planning land use management. However, they have indicated their willingness to cooperate with the provision of law and work with municipalities in all the processes of implementation of the law requirements. Municipalities understand their legislative obligation; however, due to capacity constraints, they have not yet built capacity on legislative requirements on both authorities. Municipalities must develop a programme to train traditional leadership or legislative requirements in terms of land matters.</td>
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<td>9. The level of consultation and engagement of traditional authorities in the compilation of municipal Integrated Development Plans (IDPs)</td>
<td>There is a generally dissatisfaction about involvement of traditional leaders during the compilation of municipal IDPs. A research about traditional authorities and IDP from two other researchers (Duma &amp; Sekontela) indicates that traditional councils and their rural areas are not involved in the process of developing IDPs. Most municipalities engage traditional councils in a general manner, where they are classified with other stakeholders, although the Bushbuckridge Municipality has indicated a programme of engaging their traditional councils. Municipalities must prepare a special programme to engage and train traditional authorities about IDP, SDFs &amp; land use schemes.</td>
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<td>10. The level of consultation and engagement of traditional councils during the compilation of land use schemes and SDFs</td>
<td>Traditional councils indicated that they were not involved during the compilation of SDFs and land use schemes. Municipalities engaged traditional councils as stakeholders; therefore, there is still no understanding of SDFs and land use schemes by traditional councils. Municipalities must prepare a special programme to engage and train traditional authorities about IDP, SDFs &amp; land use schemes.</td>
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### Table 5.2: Analysis and Findings from the Secondary Data Sources

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<td>1. Land allocation in areas of traditional leaders</td>
<td>Historically, in terms of traditional leaders' land allocation was the traditional authority's responsibility.</td>
<td>Traditional leaders can be involved for their views and recommendations on land matters which are under their area of jurisdiction, but not to take a decision. The extent of involvement must be agreed between municipalities and a traditional authority by signing a service level agreement.</td>
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<td>2. Legislative outline in relation to traditional authorities' mandates</td>
<td>The Constitution of RSA recognises traditional leadership but it, requires National &amp; Provincial sphere of Government to further provide for the roles and responsibility of traditional leadership, the other laws such as the TLGFA (SA, 2003) MSA (SA, 1998) encourages traditional councils to support initiatives by municipalities.</td>
<td>A closer call to traditional councils is made by the SPLUMA Regulations (SA, 2015, Regulation 19), when it recommends that traditional councils must sign a service level agreement with municipalities in order to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the two authorities.</td>
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<td>3. Involvement of traditional leaders in municipal IDP</td>
<td>The assessed IDP of the nine Municipalities only three indicated that they took consideration of involving traditional council and from the three one municipality have successfully engaged with its traditional council.</td>
<td>Municipalities must fully engage with traditional leaders in order to develop a solution to contribute to an improved land development in rural areas as well as in areas of traditional councils.</td>
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<td>4. History and theory of planning in relation to traditional methods of planning</td>
<td>History of planning have no link to traditional planning, history of planning is associated with colonial act as well as reactive planning due to a demand caused by a particular historic event.</td>
<td>History of planning evolved with time from a rigid, blue print plan, characterised with top down approach, while Morden planning is associated with democratic principles, consultations, community driven, bottom up approach and flexibility.</td>
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TABLE 5.3: RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

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<td>1. To assess the operational extent of traditional leadership on land development</td>
<td>In their area of jurisdiction traditional leaders are still driving land development; most of the municipalities have not yet developed a working relationship with traditional council in order to put a halt or to assign traditional leaders with function relevant to customary and less to areas that requires specialised proficiency.</td>
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<td>2. To investigate the processing of land development</td>
<td>The study reveals that traditional leadership have their method of processing land development application, which does not involvement any municipal process, it is a system which is not prescribed anywhere and it is based on indigenous way of processing land allocation and is common in most of the traditional councils (Figure 4.1 &amp; 4.2).</td>
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<td>applications by Traditional leadership in relation to municipalities</td>
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<td>3. To establish the extent of involvement of Traditional Councils in spatial planning</td>
<td>Currently there is no involvement of traditional leaders in spatial planning and legit land use management, the introduction of SPLUMA gave powers to municipalities which are subsequent to the pronouncement of the South African Constitution. The main issue is capacitated traditional leaders on SPLUMA application, they will then be able to identify themselves with SPLUMA, the SPULAMA Regulation 19 provides a platform of traditional leaders to enter into agreement with municipalities and agree on extent of involvement of each other.</td>
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<td>4. To find common ground to facilitate a collaborative working relationship</td>
<td>From the engagement session with the participants, which are: traditional leaders and municipalities, it was established that they both want to work together because they share the same space and communities. Municipalities have the legal responsibility to regulating land use and traditional leaders have pointed out their inability to curb illegal land inversion. Therefore, there is a mutual benefit for both authorities in working together and agree to share their area of expertise.</td>
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The objectives of the study were met as indicated in Table 5.3 and the research questions were successfully answered by the research process; the information gathered during the research process from different sources has provided sufficient information to provide what was the purpose of the research and is illustrated in Table 5.4 and Table 5.5.
### Table 5.4: The Sub-question of the Research

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<td>1. How relevant is traditional leadership in implementing spatial planning and land use management?</td>
<td>The research discovered that traditional authorities have a huge influence and control over traditional communities, which are under their areas of jurisdiction, therefore their role in spatial planning and land use management is very important.</td>
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<td>2. What complementary role can Traditional Leadership play to enhance the functions of municipalities around land development controls?</td>
<td>The role of traditional leaders must be discussed with their municipalities where each authority must identify its area of strength where a service level agreement can be signed.</td>
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<td>3. How can prescripts and guidelines for land development control be successfully introduced into the daily operation of Traditional Leadership?</td>
<td>Traditional leadership and municipalities must work as a unit, where traditional leadership must be represented in municipal council meetings and municipal representatives must attend all traditional council meetings. Therefore, the operation of traditional council will be guided by the municipal plans such as the IDPs, SDFs, LUSs &amp; by-laws.</td>
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The main research question is: What role can traditional leadership play in spatial planning and land use management without contravening the roles and responsibilities of local municipalities? The research question was incited by the main topic of the research, which generated areas of concerned and was interpreted as problem statement.

The answer of the research question is deliberated in Table 5.5.
### TABLE 5.5: THE MAIN RESEARCH QUESTION

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<td>What role can traditional leadership play in spatial planning and land use management without contravening the roles and responsibilities of local municipalities?</td>
<td>Historically the institution of traditional leadership was involved in some form of land administration which included demarcating and allocation of land to their traditional communities. However, there were no guiding documents which prescribe or direct traditional leaders in that role. Although traditional leadership is recognised by the constitution of the democratic South Africa, the role of traditional leaders was not seen as a sphere of government which should be tasked with developmental issues; however, what subsequent legislation provides as role of traditional leaders is support to municipalities and must be responsible for customary and ceremonial events. Given the findings deliberated above traditional leaders can exist and work harmoniously with municipalities where the engagement of the two authorities must provide a guide on roles of each other and sign an agreement.</td>
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<td>The roles and responsibilities of municipalities on spatial planning and land use management</td>
<td>Historical local municipalities did not exist; town councils which were urban based with urban edges and town planning schemes were reformed by the democratic processes to be a wall-to-wall local government, which incorporates rural and urban areas, formal and non-formal areas as well as areas of traditional authorities. Through the constitution of the democratic South Africa, municipalities were vested with powers to be a sphere of government which is responsible for planning and land use management, it is the prerogative of the municipality to create a harmonious working environment with traditional leadership, where unauthorised development will not be tolerated by both institution working as a unit.</td>
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The next chapter will provide the overall summary of the research, with recommendations and conclusion.
5.2 CONCLUSION

Explicit facts about traditional leadership, rural livelihood and their roles in society are selectively known, but not extensively understood especially by people who were never exposed to a rural environment where traditional leaders are operating. The lean availability of information about traditional leadership has created an idea that rural areas and traditional authorities are a story of the past and are gradually on the verge of extinct, also about to find its space in the history of South Africa. This has manifested when the new local government was established; the new legislation on Local Government, Municipal Systems Act (SA, 2000) is not explicit about the involvement of traditional leadership in the municipal affair, and that is emulated by the municipal IDPs which says less about the traditional leadership, and the observation is that there are no indications or obligatory requirement to present a plan of incorporating the existence of traditional leadership on IDPs.

However, the finding from this report indicates that systems of traditional leadership are very much alive and existing in rural areas of South Africa. The institution of traditional leadership will still exist in the coming future; the research also provides answers to most of the questions which were unclear before the resuming of the research. In summary, traditional leadership are still relevant in South Africa and needs to be accommodated in the future plans and legislations of the RSA.
6.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter summarises the whole research report and is structured as follows: introduction; summary of the report, findings on the research question, recommendations and recommended future studies and, finally, the conclusion. This Chapter summarises deliberations and different arguments of the research topic from the first chapter, which introduces basic information about the research; the literature review based on arguments from different impression of authors, as well as the academic sources on traditional leadership. The research has also taken into consideration legislative mandate which translate to recognition of traditional leadership in terms of law through different eras. The analysis of data collected from the identified participants, as well as recommendations derived from interacting with literature on the subject topic enabled the research to arrive at a conclusive finding about the topic.

The conclusion articulates the outcomes of the research. The methodology of the study does not entail outcomes on probabilities; however it is a qualitative research whose aims was to qualify the existing reality based on engagements and literature information. The main focus of this report is the significance of traditional leadership on land administration matters which include spatial perspective and land use management in the current desperation.

6.2 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

The historic background of the institution of traditional leadership has revealed their role in their societies as an institution that governs land matters within their areas of jurisdiction. The study unveils traditional leadership as an important and relevant stakeholder at the local government level (Lutabingwa et al., 2006:74).

Through the transformation of the South African government from a previous dispensation to a new democratic government, traditional authorities have retained their skills in land allocation for their traditional communities. Therefore, traditional leadership and their experiences in land administration have an important role in the spatial planning and land use management.
The study has unveiled the unnoticed potential of the institution of traditional leadership, which can play a crucial role between the communities and local municipalities' matters of spatial vision, land use management and land development. The recommendations of the study provide a basis for engagements between traditional councils and municipalities. The interactions with traditional leadership during the interview process on spatial planning and land use management matters reveals clarity in their area of interest, which benchmarks the agreements with local government and provides guides in terms of service level agreements.

The recommendations of the study will ease the rival mentality between the two authorities of power; eliminate conflicting interests and encourage agreement on complementary roles and responsibilities over land development controls. Both authorities of power share the same objectives over land development matters; to maintain order on land development and to contribute to sustainable land development. The collaborative relationship between the two authorities on spatial planning and land use management will strengthen the relationship between the institution of traditional leadership as well as the other sphere of government by emphasizing what has already been outlined by legislation and redefining the role of the institution of traditional leadership in government.

Participation of traditional leadership in spatial planning and land use management needs to be arranged in such a way that it promotes working collaboratively with municipalities. The roles of the two authorities of power in land matters need to be clear separated. From the engagement sessions with both authorities it became clear that the role of municipalities may include the technical know-how of land administration and the roles that can be assigned to traditional leadership depending on agreement may be restricted to the social aspect of land administration based on cultural practices; indigenous knowledge and leadership experience.

Municipal technical know-how includes but is not limited to, alignment of land development matters to the municipal SDF, IDP SPLUM by-law of the municipality, land use schemes, Environmental Management Plan, Geo-tech and layout plans. Traditional leaderships' social aspect on land administration entails: allocation of stands based on their method of selecting applicant. However, land uses must be directed by the layout plan or land use scheme from municipalities.

6.3 FINDING AND OUTCOMES OF THE RESEARCH

Finding are based on the research question of the report is answered as well as the achievement of the objectives of the research. The objective of the research was to establish
the operational extent of traditional leadership on land matters. It was established that the function of allocating land to traditional communities in rural areas was vested with the traditional leadership within their areas of jurisdictions by the previous government. However, they were assisted by the homelands government in terms of demarcating sites which in most cases did not follow a specific plan, but based on measuring sites and streets. A common process of allocating stands is indicated in Figure 4.1. Although the current democratic government has given powers to local government to take responsibility of spatial planning and land use management in all the areas under their jurisdiction, traditional councils are still allocating land and in addition they also demarcate because there is high demand of stands and local government has not been able to pro-actively provide layout plans for settlements in rural areas.

The research sub-question, wanted to establish the relevancy of traditional leaders in the current planning system, complementary role of traditional councils to municipalities as well a common approach between traditional leadership and municipalities in dealing with matters of spatial planning and land use management: the research established that leadership are still are still respected by their respective communities and the communities are still taking orders from traditional leaders, their relevancy is that whatever municipalities wants to implement in the rural communities can easily be understood by the traditional communities if it is pronounced by the traditional leadership, the SPLUMA (SA, 2013) is introducing wall-to-wall land use schemes that needs to be implemented even in areas of traditional authorities, therefore if traditional authorities will be the area of first instance to be introduced and then communities will then follow.

The main question of the research: What role can traditional leadership play in spatial planning and land use management without contravening the roles and responsibilities of local municipalities?

The research has established that both authorities; the traditional leadership and the municipalities need each other in terms of land development, municipalities have the necessary resources to effect development such as the budget, the skilled personnel, the mandate and tools to manage development and traditional authorities are the closest authorities to the traditional communities, which are not politically inclined and appear to be representing all communities across the spectrum and is the respected by the communities. the main theme of the question is on the roles of the two authorities which must not create tensions and conflicts: traditional authorities have identified areas of their inabilitys, which is the technical part as well as the enforcement of spatial planning and land use management, while municipalities need traditional authorities to deal with the social and cultural part of
rolling out spatial planning and land use management, therefore the two authorities are assigned by law to sign an agreement on the roles and responsibilities which will then eliminate the question of overstepping and contravening the responsibility of one or the other authority.

6.4 RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are based on areas of concern raised by the process of the research as it was unfolding: firstly the urgent issue which is bothering both authorities is the uncoordinated and illegal occupation of land that creates informal settlements and unserviceable areas, given the fact that land is limited and there are many land uses that need to be accommodated, it was recommended that municipalities must establish a working platform with the traditional authorities to plan together, engage rural communities on an awareness campaign about the advantages of formal and planned development. The municipalities must involve other spheres of government nationally and provincially departments support development programmes within the municipal and traditional areas.

On the issue of land tenure rights, it is recommended that municipalities should engage traditional leadership on the advantages of upgrading land tenure rights to be implemented in the areas of traditional authorities. There is a need to embark on a larger scale process of upgrading of land tenure because the project comes with formalising informal settlements provides individual ownership of stands. Both the provincial department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the national Department of Rural Development and Land Reform must be invited by a joint meeting where municipalities and traditional authorities can present a business plan for funding the upgrading of land tenure project.

In terms of improving spatial plans in areas of traditional authorities, it is recommended that municipalities should work with each traditional council in developing a mini-SDF for areas of traditional authority, which will form part of the greater municipal SDF. The mini SDF will enable traditional councils to develop greater understanding of their areas and be in a position to manage their land responsibly and sustainably.

In terms of integrated working relationship between the traditional leadership and municipal councillors it is recommended that traditional leadership and municipal councillors should enter into an agreement as stated in the SPLUMA Regulation 19. The agreement should clearly spell out the roles and responsibilities of each party on spatial planning and land use management.
Capacity building to traditional councils in terms of planning tools; municipalities must organise training sessions to capacitate traditional councillors and bring them to the same level as the municipal officials. The training will help traditional authorities to participate effectively and play a meaningful and supportive role in the implementation of SDF and land use schemes.

It is recommended that for a rural governing body to venture into economic development should implement the proposed governing structure called “Wagon Wheel” (Appendix D) by The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, the structure can be implemented by the traditional councils, communal property associations and community trusts.

6.5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDIES

- It is recommended that further studies be conducted on possibilities of developing a rural land use scheme that will incorporate of provide zoning of traditional or cultural land use.
- Secondly a study that will establish suitable tenure system in traditional rural areas.

6.6 CONCLUSION

The study was based on establishing the participation of traditional leadership in spatial planning and land use management in Mpumalanga Province and wanted to establish whether the current practices by traditional leadership can be used as a method to improve spatial form and land management in rural areas, the study has managed source information which will unpack the finer details of activities and roles of traditional leadership in relation to the functioning of municipalities. Identification of suitable methodology which is a qualitative method was important to the study in order to identify sources of data to substantiating arguments. The literature review has provided the documented information about traditional leadership from defining the institution to historic background. Elaboration on history and theory of planning has provided a comparative analysis between history of traditional leadership and history of planning, and the findings were that there is no correlation between the two concepts. Assessment of municipal IDPs has revealed that there is still more work to be done in trying to build a working relationship between the two authorities, from the question that culminate from the topic of the research, it is clear that traditional leadership still have a role to participate on spatial planning and land use management.
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

PARTICIPATION OF TRADITIONAL COUNCILS ON SPATIAL PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT MATTERS IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (RSA)

INTERVIEW GUIDE (QUESTIONNAIRE) FOR THE FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS WITH TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

Traditional Authority: .................................................... Interviweee: ....................................................
Municipality: .............................................................. Date: ..........................................................

1. Your traditional authority’s area of jurisdiction is made out of which farm potions? List them:
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2. How many settlements/villages are under your traditional authority and list them?
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3. Are all these villages sufficiently provided with services such as water, electricity, bus roads and access roads?
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4. Were professionals like town planners and land surveyors involved in the establishment of these settlements or demarcation of sites?
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5. How does your office or Council go about in establishing settlements or demarcation of sites for a settlement?

6. Does the Council engage the municipality or provincial departments for technical advice when planning to establish a new settlement or extend the existing one?

7. Besides land set aside for human settlements what other land uses are there in your area?

8. What land uses are in demand in your area?

9. Does your traditional authority have enough land to meet the needs of the future generation?

10. What do you think should be done to ensure that your available land meet the needs of the future generations?
11. Are there any government-sponsored agricultural projects taking place in your area?

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12. Are there any private sector-sponsored agricultural projects taking place in your area?

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13. What challenges is your Council experiencing regarding land management or control?

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14. How does your Council resolve or try to solve these challenges?

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15. In case your Council find it difficult to solve some of the challenges, is there any institution your Council usually approach for assistance in solving these challenges?

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16. How does your Council allocate land for residential purposes?

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17. What legal document does the Council provide the applicant which serves as proof that the applicant was allocated the stand officially?

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18. Does the Council charge any fee (Khonza Fee) for allocating a stand to an individual?

19. How does the Council allocate land for business purposes?

20. How system or criteria does the Council use in deciding whether the site is suitable for a particular business?

21. Does the Council consult the Municipal SDF document when allocating business sites?

22. How does the Council allocate land for agricultural purposes?

23. Does the local municipality consult your Council when planning for the delivering any service or implementing any project in your area?

24. Are you familiar with the concept of spatial planning?  
   Yes \[\quad\] No
   If YES, what do you think it is all about?

25. Do you think spatial planning has any value within your traditional authority area?  
   Yes \[\quad\] No
If YES, what value do you think spatial planning could bring in your traditional authority area?


Does your Council accept this legislative mandates to municipalities?

27. Since the establishment of wall-to-wall local municipalities, has your municipality ever engaged your Council when compiling and reviewing the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of the municipal area?

28. Is your Council familiar with the concept of Integrated Development Planning?

29. Have your Council been afforded an opportunity to make inputs in the IDP?

30. Have your Council ever been provided with a copy of the municipal IDP document?

31. Is your Council satisfied with the manner the municipality is engaging your Council when compiling the IDP?
32. Is your Council familiar with the concept of **Spatial Development Framework (SDF)**?

33. Does your municipality engage or consult your Council when compiling or reviewing the municipal SDF?

34. Are you satisfied with the manner the local municipality is engaging your Council in the development of a SDF that includes your traditional authority area?

35. Have your Council ever been provided with a copy of the municipal SDF?

36. Have your Council ever been engaged on the content and usage of the municipal SDF?

37. Does your Council consult or refer to the municipal SDF when making decisions on land related matters?

38. What must be done in order for your Council to contribute meaningfully in the development of a municipal SDF that includes the traditional authority area?

39. Will your Council respect and cooperate with the municipality in the implementation of the municipal SDF in your traditional authority area?
40. Will your Council align all land-related decisions in terms of the municipal SDF?
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41. What can be done to ensure a smooth working relationship between your Council and your municipality with regards to the implementation of the Municipal SDF?
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42. Is your Council familiar with the concept of Land Use Scheme?
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43. Does the local municipality engage or consult your Council when compiling the municipal LUS?
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44. Are you satisfied with the manner the local municipality is engaging your Council in the development of a LUS that includes your traditional authority areas?
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45. Have your Council ever been provided with a copy of the municipal LUS?
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46. Have the municipality ever engaged your Council on the content and usage of the municipal LUS?
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47. Does your Council refer or consult the municipal LUS document when taking decisions on land-related matters in your traditional authority area?
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48. Will your Council align all land-related decisions in terms of the municipal LUS?

49. What can be done to ensure a smooth working relationship between your Council and the Municipality with regard to the implementation of the municipal LUS?

50. Is your Council prepared and ready to accept and work jointly with the municipality in all spatial planning, land development and land use management?

51. What do you think should be done to ensure that your Council and the municipality work together and in harmony in the development and implementation of a municipal SDF and Land Use Scheme?

52. Any other issue your Council would like to raise on land use management and land development and spatial planning?
Appendix B
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

FEASIBILITY STUDY ON LAND USE MANAGEMENT AND LAND USE PRACTICES IN AREAS OF TRADITIONAL COUNCIL
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (RSA)

INTERVIEW GUIDE (QUESTIONNAIRE) FOR THE FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS WITH MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Name: ........................................ Position: ..............................
Municipality: ........................................ Date: ..............................

1. How many traditional authorities are within your municipal area of jurisdiction?

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2. Does your Municipality consult the traditional authorities when planning for delivering services and implementing projects in the traditional authority areas?

   If YES, how does your office consult with the traditional authority?

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   If NO, why?

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3. Are there any land tenure upgrading projects that your Municipality has initiated in the traditional authority areas? If YES, name them as well as their status.

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4. What challenges has your Municipality encountered when implementing land tenure upgrading projects in the traditional authorities' areas?

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5. Does your Municipality manage and or control any land development and land use in the traditional authorities' areas? If YES, how?

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If NO, why?

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6. Has any traditional authority approached the Municipality for assistance towards the establishment of new settlements or extending the existing settlements?

   YES [ ]
   NO [ ]

If YES, how did the Municipality go about in assisting the traditional authority in demarcating the required sites?

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If NO, why is your Municipality unable to assist them?

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7. Are there any township establishment projects that have been initiated by your Municipality in the traditional authority areas? If YES, list them.

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8. Do the traditional authorities consult with your Municipality for assistance or notification on land development or land use-related issues affecting their areas?

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9. What challenges does your Municipality face with regard to land development and land use control/management in the traditional authorities’ areas?

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10. How does your municipality go about in resolving these challenges mentioned in 10 above?

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11. What can be done to ensure a smooth and harmonious working relationship between your Municipality and traditional authorities on land development issues including the demarcation of sites/establishment of new settlements?

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12. Does your Municipality regard traditional authorities as important stakeholders in the IDP process?

   YES ☐

   NO ☐

   Give reasons for your response.

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13. Since the establishment of this municipality, has your Municipality ever engaged the traditional authorities when compiling and reviewing the municipal IDP?

   YES ☐

   NO ☐
If YES, at what level?

| At Traditional Council level          |
| At Ward Committee Level               |
| At one-on-one level with the traditional leader only |
| At IDP Stakeholders' meetings         |

If NO, why are they not involved?

14. Have traditional authorities been given a chance to make inputs/comments during the compilation of the current IDP document?

| YES | NO |

If YES, may we be provided with a copy of your IDP process plan or copy of attendance register where you had consultative meetings with traditional councils?

15. What can be done to improve the contribution of traditional authorities in the IDP process?

16. Have your office provided each traditional authority with a copy of the current IDP document?

| YES | NO |

17. Does your Municipality regard traditional authorities as an important stakeholder in the compilation and implementation of the municipal Spatial Development Framework (SDF)?

| YES | NO |

Give reasons for your response.

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18. Have your Municipality ever engaged the traditional authorities when compiling and reviewing the current municipal SDF?

YES ☐
NO ☐

19. If YES, at what level and why?

At Traditional Council level ☐
At Ward Committee level ☐
At Community meeting level ☐
At one-on-one level with the traditional leader only ☐
At SDF Stakeholders' meetings ☐

20. Did the traditional authorities contribute meaningfully during the compilation and review of the current municipal SDF?

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21. Has your office provided each traditional authority with a copy of the current SDF document?

YES ☐
NO ☐

If NO, why?
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22. What challenges does your Municipality encounter with regard to the implementation of SDF directives in the traditional authorities' areas?

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23. How does the Municipality go about in addressing these challenges?

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24. Does your Municipality see any meaningful role traditional authorities could play in the development and implementation of SDF?

YES ☐
NO ☐
If YES, what role could they play? 

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25. What do you think should be done to ensure that your Municipality and the traditional authorities work together and in harmony in the development and implementation of municipal SDF guidelines? 

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26. Has your Municipality ever compiled, approved and proclaimed a municipal Land Use Scheme (LUS)?

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27. Did your Municipality ever engage the traditional authorities when compiling the current municipal LUS?

If YES, at what level?

- At Traditional Council level
- At Ward Committee Level
- At community meeting level
- At one-on-one level with the traditional leader only
- At SDF Stakeholders' meetings
- Other, Specify here below

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If NO, why?

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28. Did the traditional authorities contribute meaningfully during the compilation and review of the current municipal LUS?

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29. Has your Office provided each traditional authority with a copy of the current LUMS document?

   YES ☐
   NO ☐

   If NO, why?

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30. What challenges does your Municipality encounter with regard to the implementation of LUMS directives in the traditional authorities' areas?

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31. How does the Municipality go about in addressing these challenges?

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32. Does your Municipality see any meaningful role traditional authorities could play in the development and implementation of LUMS?

   YES ☐
   NO ☐

   If YES, What role could they play?

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33. What should be done to ensure that your Municipality and the traditional authorities work together and in harmony in the development and implementation of municipal LUMS guidelines even in the traditional authorities' areas?

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34. Based on your experience in working with traditional authorities in your municipal area, what could be done to ensure a sustainable and progressive working relationship between traditional authorities and your Municipality in all spatial planning, land development and land use management/control issues?

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35. Based on your experience in working with traditional authorities in your municipal area, do you think traditional authorities could play a meaningful role in the implementation of the SPLUMA Regulations?

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36. Any other opinion that could help improve the working relationship and communication channels between the Municipality and the traditional authorities particularly on spatial planning, land development and land management?

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Appendix C
EXAMPLE OF PROOF OF PAYMENT TO TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES

MLAMBO TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY
P.O. Box 160, Imbuzi 1343 • Cell: 083 342 0473, Cell: 072 749 4306, Cell: 072 111 7551

RE: RIGHT TO OCCUPY

THIS IS CERTIFY THAT .................................................. OF IDENTITY DOCUMENT
NO:.................................................. IS OFFICIALLY GRANTED THE RIGHT TO OCCUPY (RTO) FOR FARM
NO:........................................ AT MTATA AREA UNDER INKHOSI MLAMBO II.

THIS AREA IN QUESTION OF .................................. HA OF SUGARCANE

THANK YOU
RESPECTFULLY YOURS

INKHOSI MLAMBO II (MAHLALELA M.S.)

MLAMBO TC
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Appendix D
WAGON WHEEL

RURAL ECONOMY TRANSFORMATION:
COMMUNAL TENURE MODEL

COMMUNALLY
OWNED:
- Grazing
- Cropping
- Land-based Resources

ROYAL HOUSEHOLD
- Investment and
- Land Allocation

TRADITIONAL
MANAGEMENT
- Residential
- Economic
- Social Services

COMMUNITY-
PUBLIC-PRIVATE-
COLLABORATION
- Mining
- Infrastructure
- Tourism

DEVELOPMENT
FINANCING

1-7 HOUSEHOLD
SECTOR: Basic unit of production

ROLES: TRADITIONAL COUNCIL/MUNICIPAL COUNCIL/CPA/TRUST/COS
PRINCIPLE: COMPLEMENTARITY ACROSS TRADITIONAL & DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

Source: SA DRDLR (2014)