

**Challenges of Local Government in the Community
Councils of the Maseru District in the Kingdom of Lesotho:
An Historical Overview**

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ABSTRACT Among the many challenges experienced by the Community Councils in the Maseru District in the Kingdom of Lesotho, the local government ones appeared to be the most frustrating ones. Over the years since the introduction of the Lesotho Local Government Act of 1997, the challenges of lack of funding, human resources and the lack of the central government to decentralise political power to the districts affected service delivery at the local government level. This study attempts to redress such imbalances in the spheres of government in the Kingdom of Lesotho. The study concludes with an observation that the problems experienced at the local government sphere actually emanates from the central government. Although concentration of this study is on the Kingdom of Lesotho, the levels of such challenges engulf many of the African countries, particularly during the post independence period.