

ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Prof van As was instrumental in the development of the following tools that were developed to assist local government with achieving its Constitutional objectives:

- The most needed *by-laws* for metro's, local and district municipalities.
- *Policies* covering the whole spectrum of local government.
- *Role clarification* in terms of section 53 of the Municipal Systems Act.
- A *legislative compliance register* for local authorities which can be used to:
 - Do a self-evaluation of the extent to which a local authority complies with all relevant legislation
 - Assess the performance of municipal managers and section 57 appointments
 - Conduct a legislative compliance audit
 - Identify shortcomings and to rectify them
- A *law enforcement scorecard* that can be used to measure the progress of law enforcement activities.
- *Law enforcement strategies*.
- *Delegation registers* either linked with *role clarification* sessions or as a stand-alone.
- *Role clarification of municipal health services between local and district municipalities and provincial health departments*

ACADEMIC NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS

- Nominated by the P.E. Technikon for the Oppenheimer Foundation (1996 and 1999) and the Alexander Onassis Benefit Foundation (1996) awards.
- New Researcher of the Year: 1999: Port Elizabeth Technikon
- Professor of Law: 2000
- Nominated as Citizen of the Year: 2000: Port Elizabeth
- Post-doctoral research scholarship: 2000: Instituto Mexicano de Cooperación Internacional
- Member of the International Legal Aid Group: Since 2003
- Received a rating from the South African National Research Foundation in recognition of research activities: 2003
- Appointed as a member of a work group of the SA Law Reform Commission to research the compliance of local government legislation with Section 9 of the Constitution: 2008
- Honorary Life Membership of the Institute for Municipal and Public Safety of Southern Africa: 2009
- National Councillor of the Institute for Municipal and Public Safety of Southern Africa: 2009
- NMMU Engagement Excellence Award: 2015

STUDY TOURS AND INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ABROAD

- (1997) Germany (Max Planck Institute), England (Institute for Advanced Legal Studies)
- (1998) United States of America (American Bar Association)
- (1999) Australia (University of Sydney)
- (2001) Mexico (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico)
- (2003) The Netherlands (Department of Justice)
- (2003) United States of America (Harvard and Ohio State University)
- (2004) United Kingdom (Strathclyde University)
- (2004) Netherlands (Department of Justice, Erasmus University and Dutch Legal Aid)
- (2006) USA (University of South Florida)
- (2007) Turkey (Istanbul University)
- (2009) Hungary (Public Interest Law Initiative)

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

1. Appointed by the World Bank on a panel of 4 experts to assist the Republic of East Timor with the establishment of a system of local government (2014 to current)
2. Member of the International Legal Aid Group, a group of academics and policy makers that work to improve the provision of legal aid globally.
3. Collaborating with PESCADolus and INTERPOL on the development of capacity to address international sea fisheries crimes (2014 – current)
4. Collaborating with LETrainNet (Law Enforcement Training Network), an international with the aim of sharing information and expertise on law enforcement issues