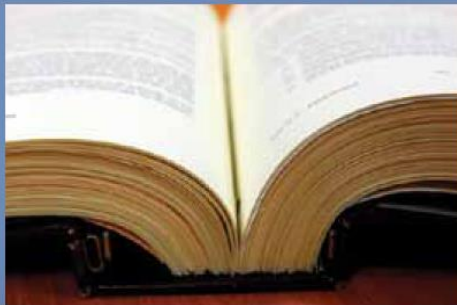




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What led to establishment?

- 2000 – Proposal to BOF rejected – foreign concept
- 2001 – Observations in Mexico
- 2002 – Just did it – based on needs identified in public sector
- 2002 – 3 contracts – not much happens part-time

Engagement categories

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1. Community service and outreach
 2. Professional service provision
 3. Teaching and learning
 4. Research

Community service and outreach

- Training to **6 825** persons
- Legal advice & assistance to **15 511** clients
- Legal advice & assistance to **2 976** refugees & migrants
- Training to **1314** persons on Refugee Rights



Professional service provision

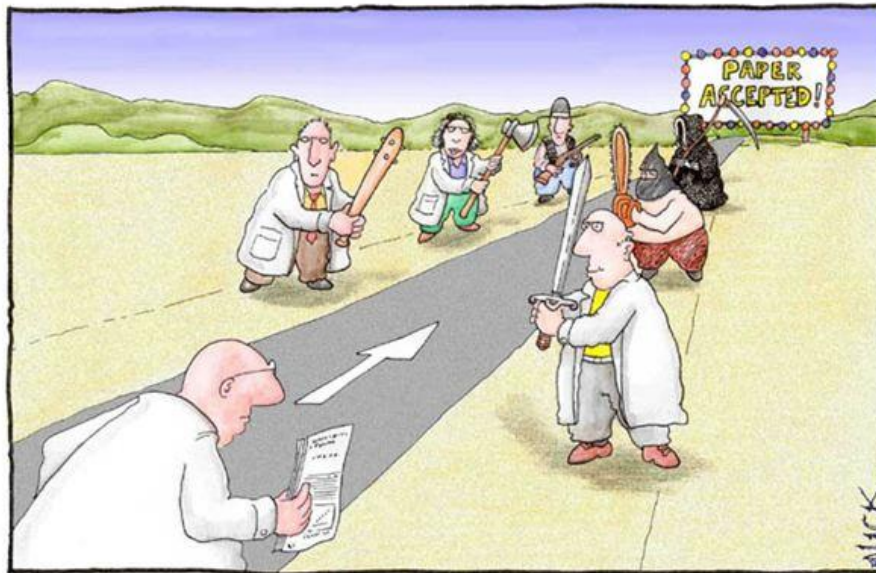
- Hosts annual Local Government Law Conference – themes
- World Bank appointment - team of experts – establishment of local government – East Timor
- Drafting of legislation (local & provincial)
- Policy development
- Role clarification – grey areas in law e.g. municipal health
- Development of law enforcement strategies
- Implementation, administration and enforcement of legislation:
 - Veld and Forest Fire Act
 - Health Act
 - Marine and Coastal Management
 - Gambling and Liquor Acts
 - Local Government Law

Teaching and learning

- Registration and offering of SLP's focusing on:
 - Law enforcement for SANPARKS, Fisheries, Forestry, Liquor Boards, Gambling Boards, ICASA, municipal health
 - Fisheries law enforcement (linked to Operation Phakisa and SAIMI)
 - Non-SAPS criminal investigation
- Experience in consultancy applied in teaching of Constitutional Law
- Registration of qualifications based on work performed by Centre:
 - Higher Certificate: Criminal Justice, Diploma: Criminal Justice
 - Post-graduate Diploma: Criminal Justice, Master of Laws
- Clinical legal education for students = CLE and engagement taking place at same time = perfect example of integration of teaching and learning with engagement

Research

- Promotion of post-graduate students (LLM and LLD)
- Publication of academic articles to peer reviewed journals



Most scientists regarded the new streamlined peer-review process as 'quite an improvement.'

Nature of engagement

- Current outputs quite different from when started out
- Various factors:
 - Change in environment (RRC)
 - Change in clients' needs (Drafting – implementation & enforcement)
 - Change in NMMU prescriptions (Ward Committees & Law focused)

Internal and external multi/inter/
cross/trans - disciplinary engagement
activities: **some examples**

Integrated Technology – Strategic Objectives Plan with ICCTA which was approved by the Auditor General and implemented in two district municipalities



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Developed a Web-based petitions system
with ICCTA and implemented it in the Office
of the Premier (EC)



Internal and external engagement activities and teams

- Community Development Worker training - WC
- Ward Committee training with KZN Department of Local Government
- 10 SLP's for councillors with OTP (WC)
- Customer Care & Revenue Management training in metro with public management, finance, technical staff, managers

By-laws developed with external input



Roads & Traffic (Engineers)



Rivers (Marine & Coastal Management)



Street Trading (LED)



Municipal Health (Health Practitioners)



And more

- Parking (Town Planners and engineers)
- Air pollution control (Environmental health officers)
- Customer care and revenue management (Finance)
- Electricity (Engineers)
- Fire safety (Fire officers)
- Heritage resources (Dept of Arts and Culture)
- Rates (Finance)
- Stormwater (Engineers)
- Waste disposal (Engineers and environmental health officers)
- Tariffs (Finance)
- Animals (Agriculture)

internal/external collaboration/partnerships and networks

- Internal:
 - IICTA
 - Leadership Academy
 - NMMU Trust
 - Departments in Law Faculty
 - Health Sciences



External - International

ILAG 2013 Navigating with the Wandering Lost:

The Critical Role of Trusted Intermediaries in Increasing Access to Justice



Michelle Leering, avocate et directrice générale
Community Advocacy & Legal Centre



Ab Currie, chercheur de pointe canadien
dans le domaine de l'aide juridique



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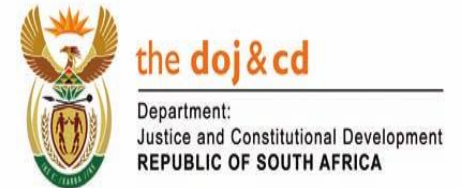
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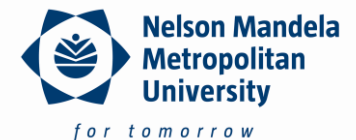
External - National



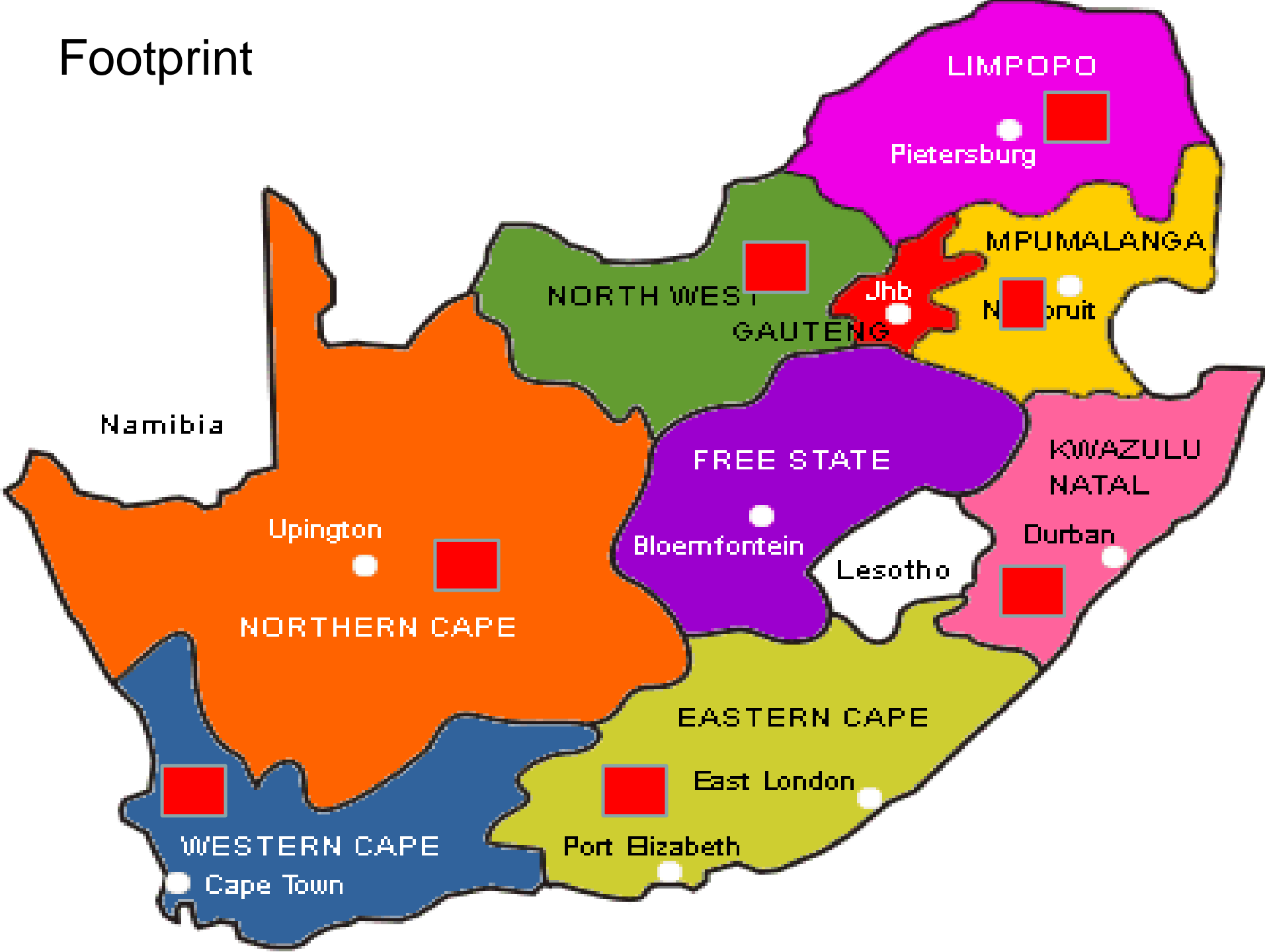
External – Provincial & Local

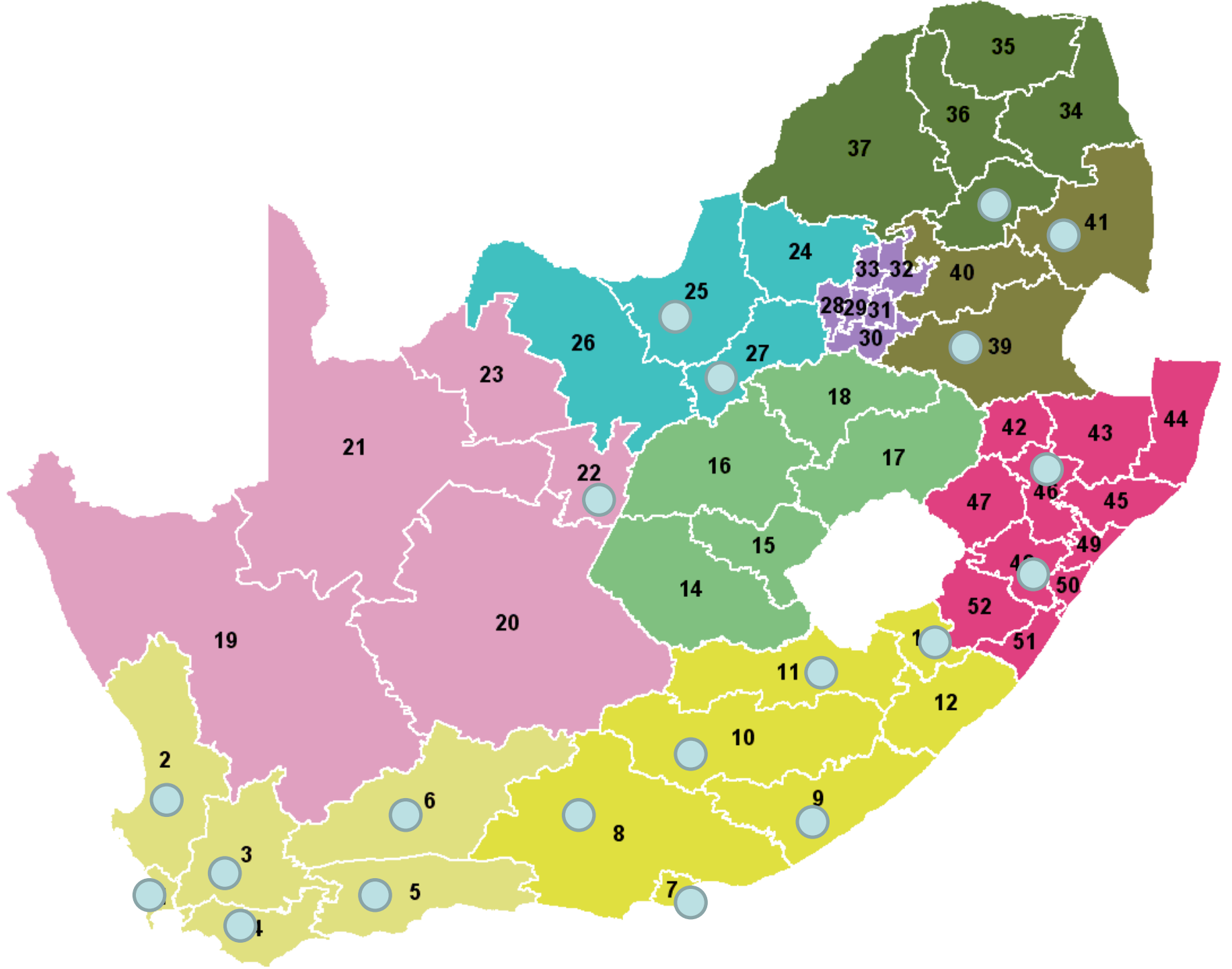
- The Western Cape Provincial Training Academy (Kromme Rhee)
- Eden District Municipality
- University of Johannesburg (Department of Public Management)
- North West University (Department of Public Management)
- University of Stellenbosch Business School
- Cape Peninsula University of Technology (Health)
- Central University of Technology (Department of Public Management)
- Vaal University of Technology (Business School)
- University of the Western Cape Community Law Centre
- PCRD
- Western Cape Department of Local Government
- Black Sash
- Lawyers for Human Rights
- Ehlanzeni DM
- Amathole DM

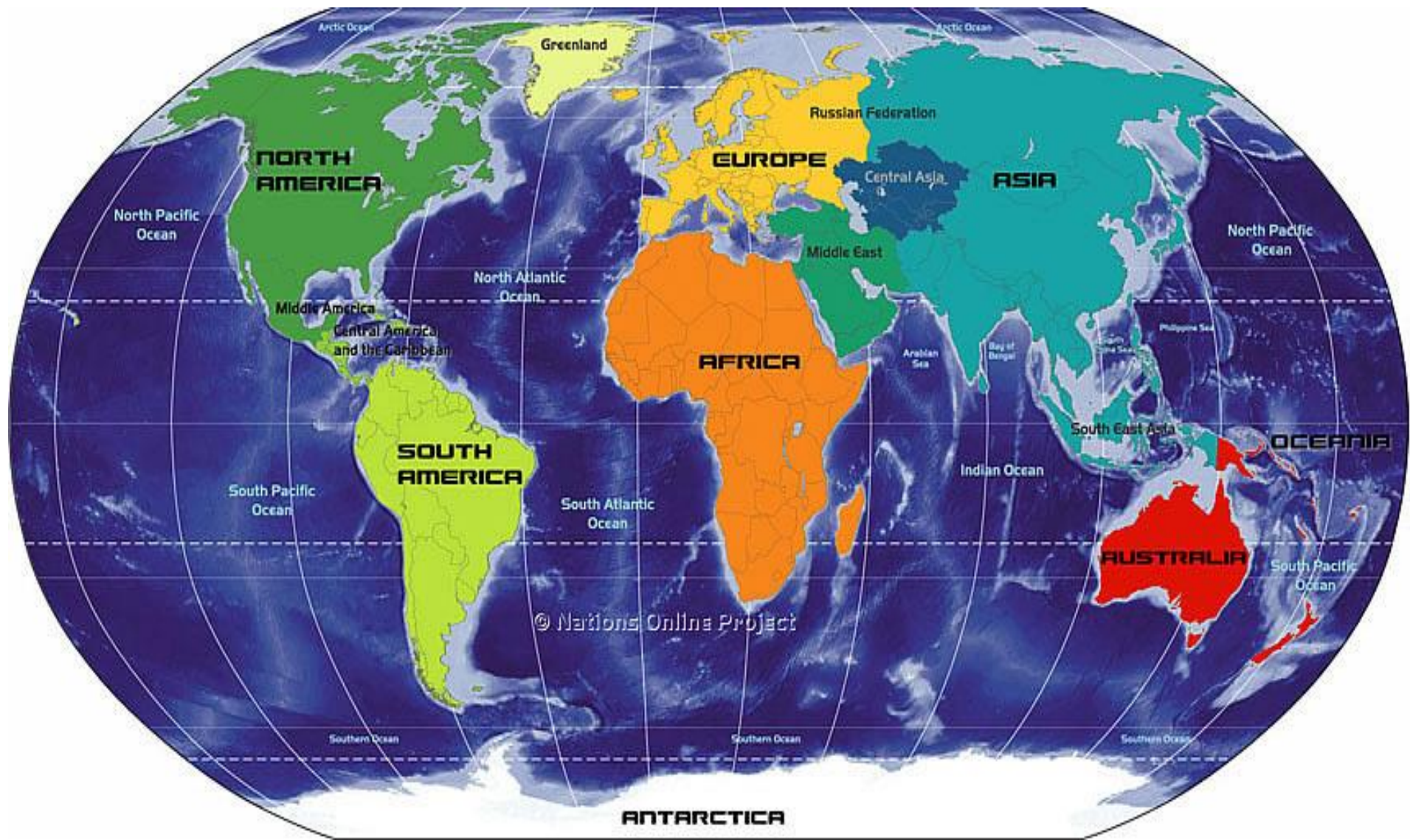
Accreditation by external bodies



Footprint







Challenges in implementing engagement

Engagement





Work on
15/6 in Jhb

Overtime in
lieu of leave



1. Changes in procedures affecting timeous payment of consultants
2. Shut-down of systems
3. Re-imburement of expenditure

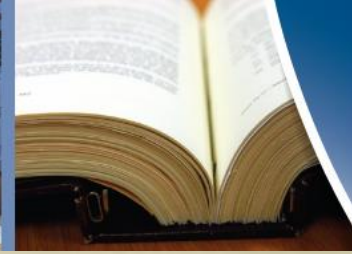
- Preparation & submission of tenders/proposals
 - Supporting documents (Tax)
 - Registration as service provider (every year, every department/municipality)
 - Getting collaborators (internal) to respond on time
- Contract approval system – RRC signed documents urgently required
- Systems geared for academia
 - Contract appointments
 - Procurement and payments (clients don't go on recess)



Unfunded mandates – Want something done: Entities = entrepreneurial: 2010



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