

The changing role of the municipality – going beyond the basics

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Historical
development of
local
government

Dispute
adjudicator

19th century
and before

Service
deliverer

20th century

Policy maker;
policy initiator

21th century

Changing environment

- Larger local governments
- New municipal legislation
- Stronger mayors
- Professionalized administration
- Globalization

Municipality as
basic service
provider



Municipality as
policy maker

Municipality as
unilateral policy
maker



Municipality as
centre of network
(federal, provincial
governments,
NGOs)

Municipal focus
on built
environment



Municipality as
place shaper

- Create sense of community
- Partner with local NGOs
- Strategic plan for **community**

Comfortable
subordination



Assertive
maturity

- Creature of the province
- Limited role
- Focus on service delivery

- Real government
- Extended role
- Focus on place shaping,
policy making



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Local player



Role in the
global world

Where is local government going?

Who will make the decisions
about local government?