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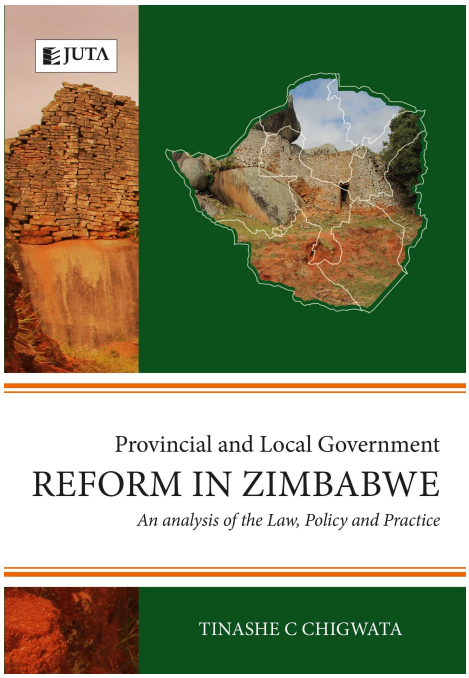

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About this Publication:

Zimbabwe's Constitution of 2013 provides for multi-level government at national, provincial and local level. This book explores the nature, evolution and future of this multi-level system of government against the background of international best practices.
Provincial and Local Government Reform in Zimbabwe: An analysis of the Law, Policy and Practice considers key questions about the multi-level system of government and shows how it radically differs from the old Lancaster House constitutional order.
The roles that provincial and local governments, as well as traditional leaders, fulfil in the new order are examined, the reforms needed to implement the system are outlined, and lessons to be learnt from other countries with multi-level governments are considered.
This book aims to aid the realisation of Zimbabwe's constitutional goals of development, democracy and peace through effective multilevel governance and contributes to the international discourse on decentralisation and the role of subnational governments in Africa.
Endorsements:
This book is an impressive piece of sustained scholarship. It is exhaustively researched, carefully structured and lucidly, meticulously and convincingly reasoned. The main issue is in this book is whether the multilevel governance system in Zimbabwe is designed in a manner that promotes the role of subnational governments in achieving development, building democracy and ensuring sustainable peace. The author contends, rightly, that more than mere alignment with the 2013 Constitution of Zimbabwe is required; what is needed is "the development of a new statutory framework that reflects the constitutional 'spirit' of multilevel governance and devolution of power. This work provides a whole series of very useful proposals for reforming multilevel governance system in Zimbabwe, drawing on a whole range of comparative material." *Prof Geoff Feltoe, Faculty of Law, University of Zimbabwe*
"This book is produced at a time when both provincial and local governments are transitioning from a system of government dependent on the whims of the government of the day to a

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Former Town Clerk of the City of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

“This is the first comprehensive review of provincial and local government law under Zimbabwe's 2013 Constitution. Aside from filling a critical void, the book excels in that it is thorough, credible and comprehensive. It is a critical reference work for any local government practitioner in Zimbabwe and a valuable resource for comparative studies of decentralisation in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Prof Jaap de Visser, Director: Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Governance and Human Rights; University of the Western Cape; South Africa.*

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