

invitation

HSRC Seminar series No 6

The impact of municipal amalgamations on service delivery

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The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) has conducted amalgamations of several municipalities since the commencement of the first democratic local government in 2000. The amalgamation process is informed by section 24 and 25 of the Municipal Demarcation Act. It was anticipated that these amalgamations would result in municipalities that are effective in fulfilling their constitutional and developmental mandates for service delivery. However, amalgamation has proved to be a complex issue and requires a variety of state interventions. More often than not, the processes were met with challenges such as community protests, conflicting leadership and lack of administrative capacity. The seminar will report on how Kagisano and Molopo in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality as well as Mangaung and Naledi local municipalities in the Mangaung Metro have progressed after amalgamations concerning service delivery. The seminar will offer an opportunity to discuss the successes and challenges of amalgamation and how they could be resolved in order to improve municipalities' performance and service delivery.

Date: 7 November 2019

Time: 12h30 – 14h00

Venues: Video conference in Pretoria,
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