

**Midlands State University
Centre for Public Policy and
Devolution**

Corporate Profile

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About Us

The Centre for Public Policy and Devolution (CPPD) was established by the Midlands State University in 2020 as a place for research leading to policy and institutional reforms, as well as capacity development for state officials both technical and political across the three tiers of government and other arms of the state, community, civil society and the private sector. To achieve its purpose the Centre combines resources from the University's ten Faculties as well as strategic resources from other local, regional, and international agencies.

Our Mission

To bridge the gap between research and policy by producing actionable insights, engaging with stakeholders, and influencing decision-making processes to create positive policy outcomes and drive sustainable development.

Our Values

The Centre adheres to the following values:

- **Questioning**
- **Responsiveness**
- **Excellence**
- **Integrity**
- **Collaboration**
- **Diversity and Inclusion**
- **Continuous Learning**

Our Approach

CPPD seeks to:

01

provide rigorous, evidence based and policy relevant research to inform practical and innovative solutions to the development challenges in Zimbabwe.

02

offer strategic support in devolution implementation to state officials (technical and political) across the three tiers of government

03

provide high quality capacity development in the fields of devolution and public policy, through short and long term introductory and specialised training programmes.



Target Audience

Provincial and Metropolitan Councils

CPPD works with provincial and metropolitan councils, collaborating with Ministers of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, council chairpersons, and administrators.



Local Authorities

CPPD works with urban councils, rural district councils, and town councils, engaging with local authority officials, councillors, and administrators.

Central Government

CPPD engages with ministries and national agencies responsible for policy formulation and implementation at the national level.





Why MSU CPPD

MSU CPPD stands out for its dedication to integrating academic rigor with practical governance solutions. Our multidisciplinary approach ensures that research insights translate into tangible policy outcomes, driving sustainable development and societal progress.



Vision

To be a globally recognised research centre influencing evidence-based policymaking, fostering good governance, and driving positive societal transformation for the benefit of all.

Our Services and Expertise



Conducting policy-oriented research to inform evidence-based decision-making.



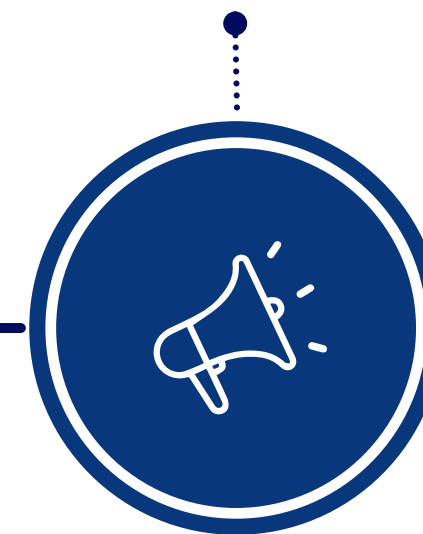
Capacity Development
Providing tailored training programmes for Local Authorities



Consultancy Services
Offering advisory, mentoring, and strategic support for effective policy implementation and institutional reform.



Community Engagement
conducting outreach programmes, and facilitating dialogue between local stakeholders and policymakers.

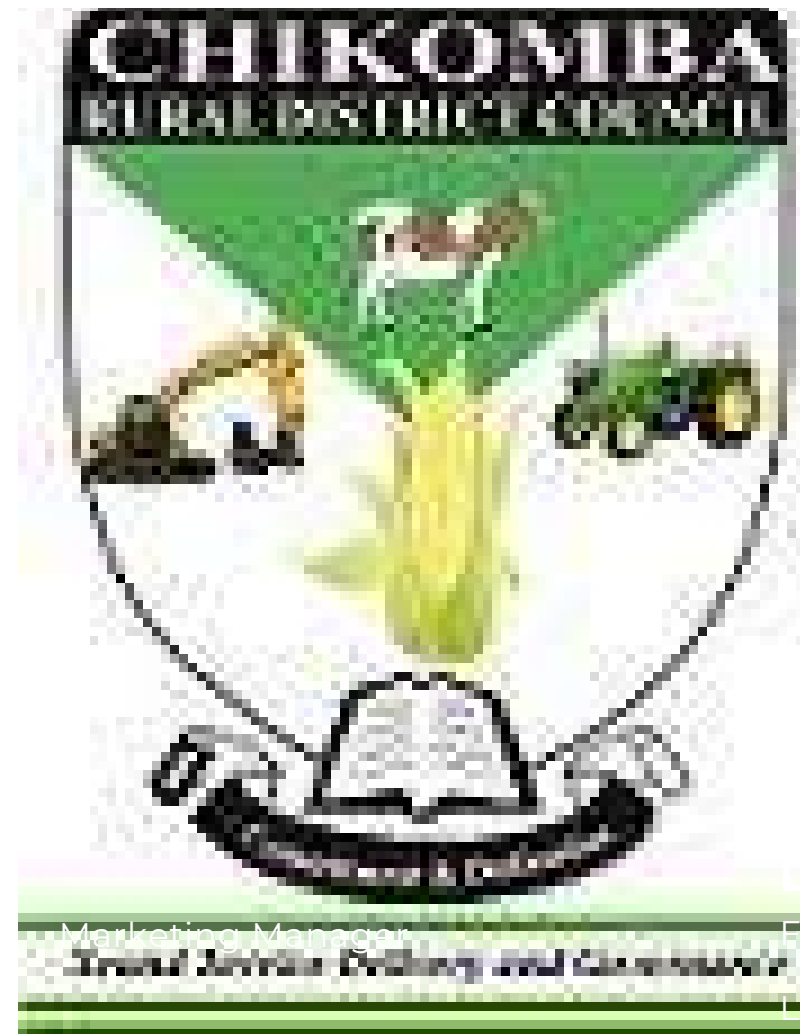


Knowledge Exchange
Organising conferences, workshops, and seminars to facilitate networking and knowledge sharing among stakeholders.



Client and Satisfaction Surveys for Local Authorities

Our Partners and Clients



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Our Team



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