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Vitalis Chikoko is a senior lecturer in Education Management, Management and Policy education at the Faculty of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He has also taught in primary and high school in Zimbabwe. His PhD was decentralized in school governance in Zimbabwe. View the full text of the comprehensive decentralisation and decentralisation policy is now laid out, embodying constitutional requirements and im a principles to successfully implement the national program to promote development in all of the country's 10 provinces. The policy document details the vision of Member States, local authorities, decentralised functions, citizen participation, decentralisation and the 2030 vision. This also applies to funding resources, clarity of roles and provision of services, decentralised staff and financial and administrative capacity among other key deliverables. In its foreem, President Mnangagwa said that decentralisation was accepted as a key component of the new 2013 Constitution. Decentralisation ensures the preservation of national unity in Zimbabwe, the prevention of all forms of unity and secession, and the democratic participation of Zimbabweans in government. So it is necessary to give a decision on lower levels of power and responsibility. The policy of decentralisation and decentralisation is one of the main anchors of our unity, which includes inclusive development. The main objective of the policy is to promote sustainable, representative, responsibility, participatory, inclusive governance and socio-economic development in Zimbabwe. While the Constitution provides broad parameters for Zimbabwe's decentralisation agenda, policy is needed to guide the process by eliminating uncertainties, loopholes, inconsistencies and impractical rules that might be inherent in the Constitution, especially for modus operandi provincial and metropolitan councils, said the President. He reiterated some of the guidelines issued for the formulation of a proper national decentralisation and decentralisation policy, the objectives of which include increasing the capacity of local authorities for citizens and increasing their participation in the exercise of national powers and decision-making on issues affecting them. Some of the guidelines, as the President said, include the promotion of a democratic, effective, transparent, accountable and coherent Government of Zimbabwe, the promotion of peace, national unity and the indivisibility of Zimbabwe as a sovereign state, the recognition of the rights of communities, the recognition of their affairs and their development, and the promotion and fair distribution of local and national resources. The other guidelines include the transfer of local fiscal obligations and resources from the national government to to establish a sound financial base for each provincial and metropolitan council and local authorities in rural areas. Provincial ministers are expected to defend development programmes in their provinces. The performance of these powers will be closely monitored by the Office of the President and the Cabinet of Ministers. Under its leadership, the government's administrative mechanism, made up of the various officials of central government ministers who were under pressure, should operate effectively and coherently. Finally, the cabinet's approval of this policy document has led to a series of legislative amendments and new legislation aimed at resolving controversial constitutional or legislative amendments aimed at resolving conflicting constitutional or legislative provisions on the practical aspects of decentralisation and decentralisation policies. To this end, appropriate amendments will be made, both in the Constitution and in other acts of Parliament, in order to reconcile the spirit of the Constitution and other legislation with the practical reality required by the new policy, the main objective of which is to support the current constitutional standards in the exercise of local governance powers. Importantly, I would like to reiterate that the policy of decentralisation and decentralisation with regard to the decentralisation of power for provinces and local authorities remains one of the pillars that will support the common architecture of the Zimbabwean state. This is a progressive measure that will enable our united state to respond better and more quickly to demands for effective service delivery, development, democracy, national integration and peace, said President Mnangagwa. As regards urban councils and rural district council policy, the state has already implemented decentralisation through these local authorities, set up to provide services to a heterogeneous area of citizens in geographically defined and demarcated areas within their jurisdiction. As regards the implementation network and as formulated in the 2030 vision, decision-making and the power to provide most of the basic services will be delegated and decentralised at provincial and regional level. The policy aims to bring government communities closer together and make it more accessible as a way to improve responsiveness, accountability and participatory management through local development programmes. Decentralisation will be based on regional investment and development plans resulting from a broad general planning for public investment and development. This will include strengthening the government's planning capacity through the Treasury or the National Economic Planning Commission, in part, will read the document. According to the policy, the pace of implementation of the decentralisation processes is an incentive from the beginning of November 2017. This marked the beginning of the government's serious commitment to decentralisation policies in 2013 Constitution. The implementation of the decentralisation programme will be broad and inclusive for civil society and citizens, whose bottom-up participation has been helped by the development of the envisaged processes. The document provides detailed information on some councils of all provinces and cities, which include: planning and implementing social and economic development measures; coordinating and implementing government programmes; planning and implementation of measures for the conservation, improvement and management of natural resources; promoting tourism and developing opportunities for this purpose; monitoring and evaluation of the use of resources. According to the document, citizens will indirectly elect members who will work in provincial and metropolitan councils through a system of proportional representation, while city and rural district councils will be directly elected. Provincial councils operate in eight provinces with a number of urban and rural councils. The Metropolitan Council operates in a similar way in the provinces of Harare and Bulawayo, where the components are all city councils. In addition, the Constitution, in its current form, includes members of the Parliament and the Senate, including those appointed to ministerial positions, provincial and metropolitan councils, making them eligible to participate in both provincial and national administrations. Local democracy can only be protected by citizens who are able to formulate their demands effectively for elected officials. They must also be able to act or request appropriate information enabling them to play a watchdog role over elected and employed officials. Get the latest African news delivered directly to your Inbox submitting in advance, you agree to our privacy policy. Almost finished... We need to confirm your email address. To complete the process, please follow the instructions in the email we just sent you. There was a problem processing the data you submitted. Please try again later. The devolution policy thus provides for separate capacity-building initiatives for local people to enable them to hold local officials accountable for the implementation of approved regional development plans, the document reads. The government acknowledged that, as the implementation of the national decentralisation programme is rooted, provincial and metropolitan councils and local authorities will not have sufficient financial capacity to provide them with the services transferred by the government. Critical services requiring short- and long-term repayment terms include water supply, sanitation, health and education. The cost to the Metropolitan and Provincial Councils and local authorities as such will be complemented by their mobilised resources to finance the provision of services in communities. Official central government transfers, including grants for additional funding of decentralised functions, should be local government budgets. The reasoning on the financial allocations from the state budget is laid down in Section 301 of the Constitution. In this context, local authorities will have the opportunity to develop their own revenue streams, including by attracting local natural resource allocations aimed at funding specific objectives. Initially, the Treasury will focus on distributing 5 percent of fiscal revenue to local government funding for local government budgets. Decentralized government bodies under the Constitution are expected to directly submit their estimates of expenditure approved by their councils, treasury- reads a 56-page document in part.

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