



# african school on decentralisation

Theme:  
**CENTRAL-LOCAL  
RELATIONS**

**8 - 21 November 2026**  
**Cape Town, South Africa**



The African School on Decentralisation (ASD) is offered jointly by the South African Research Chair in Multilevel Government at the Dullah Omar Institute of the University of the Western Cape, and the Centre for Federalism and Governance Studies of Addis Ababa University. The School is presented by leading international experts on decentralisation from Africa and further afield.

The two-week programme examines the concepts and practice of decentralisation in African countries from comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives. This year's theme focuses on the relationship between central and local governments in Africa. Topics include decentralisation reforms, central financing of local governments, central-local supervision, and cooperation between national and local governments.

This fully accredited postgraduate programme gives content to the African Union Charter on Decentralisation and gives participants entry into a Pan African Network on decentralisation. The ASD includes lectures, interactive discussions, case studies and study visits.



## APPLY ONLINE:

For more information and to apply, visit:  
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## WHO CAN APPLY?

The course is targeted at:

- State officials at national, state/provincial, and local levels
- Practitioners in multilevel governance
- Members of local and international non-governmental organisations
- Post-graduate students and researchers in law, public policy, governance, politics and related fields.

## COSTS

Tuition fees for the course are waived. However, participants will be required to cover their travel costs to Cape Town and contribute ZAR 20 000 for meals and accommodation.



**APPLICATION  
DEADLINE: 31 May 2026**