

## LOCAL GOVERNANCE BAROMETER

### OUTPUTS

- Score of each criterion and indicator between 0 (the worst) and 100 (the best).
- Score of the local/sectoral performance in governance.
- Local/sectoral perception of what good governance is through the identified local indicators.
- Elements for participative capacity building plan.



### SOME KEY RESULTS

- The LGB is now used to assess governance in 20 localities within 7 countries: Cameroon, Ghana, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa and Tanzania.
- Were measured: Urban and Rural district and communal governance, Education governance, Forest governance.
- Wherever the LGB was used, dialogues between actors were catalyzed.
- The decision makers' but also the actors' knowledge of governance is improved.
- Action plan are being developed in a participatory and transparent manner to improve the governance situation.

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*The LGB is a collaborative initiative of three organizations: IDASA, Pact and SNV under Impact Alliance's network.*

**idasa**

**Idasa** works to promoting sustainable democracy by building democratic institutions, educating citizens, and advocating social justice.

[www.co.za](http://www.co.za)



**Pact** works to help build strong communities that provide people with an opportunity to earn a dignified living, raise healthy families, and participate in democratic life.

[www.pactworld.org](http://www.pactworld.org)



**SNV** is an international development agency that works to connect people's capacities with one another in the pursuit of human well being.

[www.snvworld.org](http://www.snvworld.org)



The Impact Alliance is an international community of organisations committed to strengthening the capacity of communities to achieve positive social change.

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## GENERAL PRESENTATION

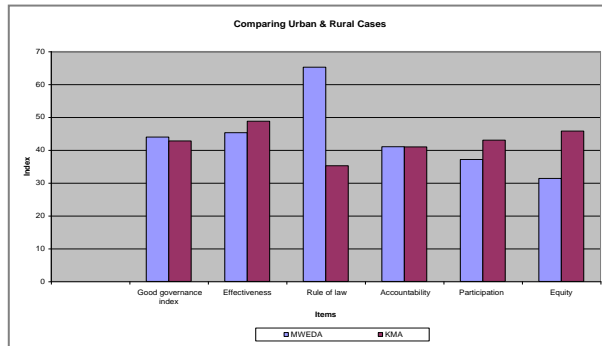


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### GOVERNANCE MATTERS...

- Governance is a means to achieve the MDGs (see MDG report) and human development
- Governance is an end in itself – as values, policies and institutions that are governed by human rights principles.
- Governance becomes a priority for many governments worldwide.



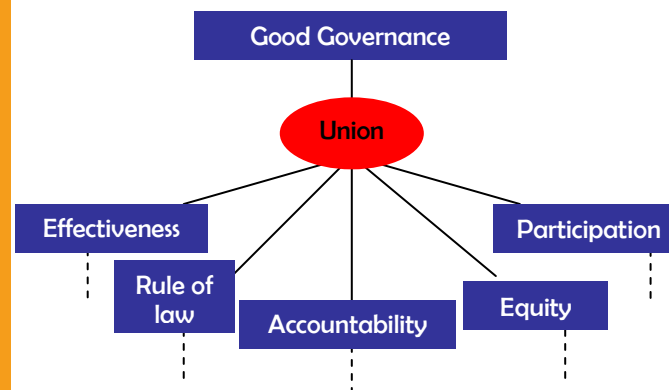
### ... MEASURING GOVERNANCE MATTERS TOO

- Any factor known to have a significant effect on people's wellbeing is worth measuring.
- It is common practice to evaluate the results of people's efforts to improve their lives. Less common, but just as important, are assessments of the processes and conditions that surround these efforts.
- The LGB is one of several approaches that have been developed to assess the extent to which various aspects of governance hinder or enable people's development.

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### FEATURES

- The LGB is a Knowledge Model, built with a Knowledge base.
- It measures governance performance using a set of universal criteria and localized indicators through a scoring system.
- It has 5 main criteria: Effectiveness and Efficiency, Rule of Law, Accountability, Participation and Equity.
- Its results allow identifying strengths and weaknesses of a governance situation.
- Through the universal criteria, the results are comparable over time and across space.
- The LGB can be used to measure any governance situation of any sector at any geographical level.



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### IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- The LGB is a participatory process.
- The LGB process sees effective and active involvement of Public sector, Civil Society and Private sector representatives.
- ... from the identification of the local indicators...
- ... to the interpretation and analysis of the results...
- ... and the action plan development to improve the governance situation.
- The LGB process is flexible enough to be adapted to the available financial and human resources.

