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The African City's fate in central - local relations

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The African City: hotbed of opposition?

- Opposition to national politics often emerges in **urban** context
- How does the **national polity** respond?
- Compare: Zimbabwe, South Africa, Ethiopia, Uganda

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RSA 2010: 62% 2030: 71%	Cape Town	'06 opposition wins	Formal / informal IGR disputes	'11 opposition wins Normalisation
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Does constitutional status matter?

South Africa, 3 examples

- Stand-alone **status** for cities
- Protected revenue: **electricity**
- Protected planning **powers**

Stand-alone status

- Constitutional recognition of 'stand-alone' status of largest cities
- Eight metros: single political and planning units
- Law defines who qualifies
- Independent Demarcation Board decides

Electricity

- Importance:

	Oper. revenue: electricity/total
Metro's	32.6%
Other cities	36.9%
<i>National Treasury 2011</i>	

- Surplus **cross-subsidises** other services
- Electricity distribution essential for **debt collection**
- 2000-2010: nat govt. attempts to regionalise
- Cities **resist successfully**, backed by Constitution

Land use

- Constitution **guarantees cities' power** to control land use
 - Johannesburg successfully challenged **provincial** decision making (tribunals)
 - Cape Town successfully challenged **national** decision making (mining)
- → **accelerated** devolution of planning powers to cities
- Caveat: city **may stop** undesirable development but still **needs other levels of govt** to make development happen

Thank You

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