



# **Local Government Association Capacity Building - Rationale, co-operation practices, and strategies for the future : Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Tanzania**

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The North-South Local Government Co-operation Programme (NSLGCP), coordinated by the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities (AFLRA), supports equal co-operation between peer organizations in Finnish and southern local governments.

During the 2008-2010 programme phase, the geographical area covered by the programme is Africa. At the moment, there are 17 active linkages, in six countries : Ghana (1), Kenya (2), Namibia (4), South Africa (3), Swaziland (1), and Tanzania (6).

To broaden the possible scope of co-operation, the AFLRA has commissioned this study, focusing in particular on the national Local Government Associations (LGAs) in the countries of co-operation named above. The intent of this report is to provide a groundwork charting the landscape of co-operation between LGAs and presenting an accessible overview of the types and practices of co-operation employed.