



**South African
Traditional Leadership
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Introduction - The Presenter Video

- ▶ Historical Traditional Systems
- ▶ Regulated South African Community Governance Systems
- ▶ Economic opportunities at my area of jurisdiction



About Me

- ▶ I am a chief (Traditional Leader) with a village of 6500 hectares of land
- ▶ I report to my Senior Traditional Leader; and my responsibilities include



About Me

- ▶ Land management and land administration of my area
- ▶ Final decision maker on residents disputes
- ▶ Plan and implementation thereof for the development of my area



About Me

- ▶ I approve and disapprove via my local council; all developmental projects proposals
- ▶ Serve as an advisor to the Senior Traditional Council on matters of my village
- ▶ I report to my Senior Traditional Leader all matters that are deem important
- ▶ I submit all documentary matters to the Traditional Council that requires final



About Me

- ▶ I look after boundaries of my village.
- ▶ I look after environment, and work with safety and security of the country in terms of law contravention



Historical Traditional Systems

- ▶ Chiefs fought and conquer for them to own land
- ▶ Build a defence team to continue defend the land as residents
- ▶ Stamped authority through passing chieftaincy and royalty to his/her blood children
- ▶ During the then apartheid government all senior chiefs were ministers during the Venda government
- ▶ This was the strategy for government to acquire support from chiefs who have power and authority over communities

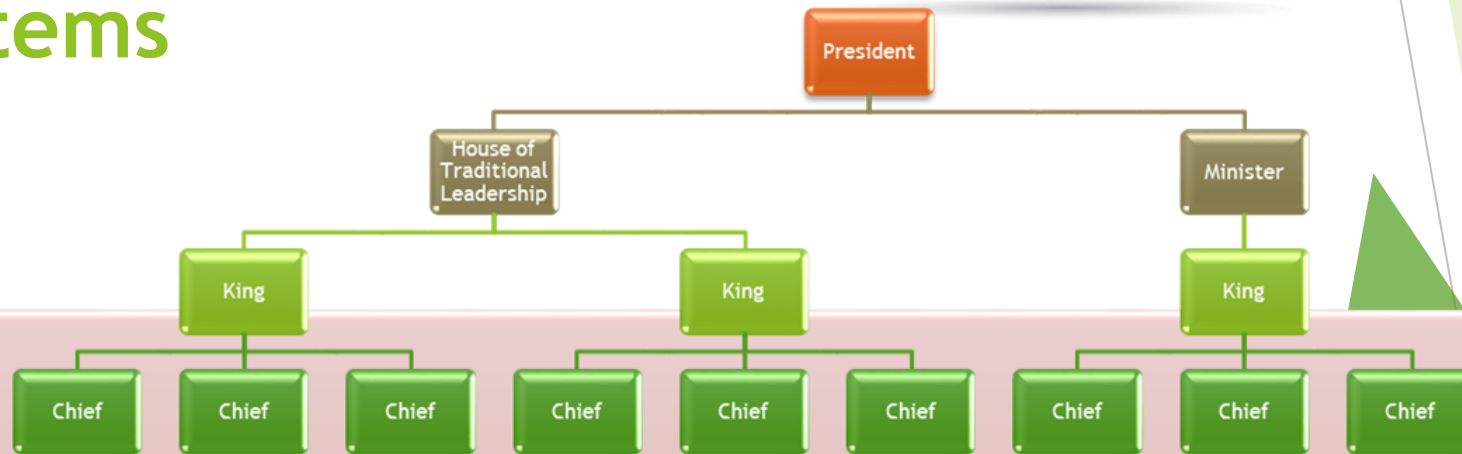


Regulated South African Community Governance Systems

- ▶ The recognition, structures and functions of the traditional communities in South African are regulated by Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act 41 of 2003. The purpose of this act is
- ▶ To provide for the recognition of traditional communities; to provide for the establishment and recognition of traditional councils; to provide a statutory framework for leadership positions within



Regulated South African Community Governance Systems



Legal Institutions



Regulated South African Community Governance Systems

These institutions of traditional leadership must- - promote freedom, human dignity and the achievement of equality and non-sexism; - derive its mandate and primary authority from applicable customary law and practices; - strive to enhance tradition and culture; - promote nation building and harmony and peace amongst people; - promote the principles of co-operative governance in its interaction with all spheres of government and organs of state; and - promote an efficient, effective and fair dispute-resolution system, and a fair system of administration of justice, as envisaged in applicable legislation



Economic Opportunities in our land

- ▶ We have many medicinal plants that still require research and processing for start-up companies
- ▶ We are open to Kruger National Park - 2 million hectare land for big 5
- ▶ We have elephants, buffalo, crocodiles and many more animals as you have seen on the video
- ▶ There is huge opportunity for exchange students program to learn English, Cultures and bush life
- ▶ Exchange programs on tourism between your islands and us



Thank You - Merci!!!!

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