

Institute for Local Government Studies (ILGS)

The Institute for Local Government Studies (ILGS) was established in 1999 as part of the University of Ghana, Legon. Its central aim consists of promoting effective local governance. The ILGS is hence concerned with the efficient management of human, material, social and political resources.

It recognizes the necessity of technical competence in strategically mobilizing and allocating these resources in an optimal manner.

Collaboration with FES

FES and ILGS play an active role in promoting efforts of decentralization made by the government. Therefore, a study entitled “Legal and Institutional Framework of the Decentralization Process” has been published. This study is intended to provide a basis for the decentralization process.

In order to strengthen the role of the Presiding Member of the District Assembly as compared to the District Chief Executives, ILGS, NALAG and FES organized a series of educational seminars in 2001. This has been the first attempt to establish the system of “checks and balances” even at the lowest level. The seminar was followed by a joint publication entitled “Ensuring Checks and Balances in the District Assembly System: The Role of the Presiding Member”.

Still following the same objective, ILGS arranged educational programmes for District Coordinating Directors, also followed by a publication: “The District Coordinating Director as a Manager in the Decentralization System”.

Also, “The Case of Promoting Gender in Local Governance” was published jointly in this context.

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