ABSTRACT

‘IMPACT OF MULTIPARTY POLITICS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN UGANDA’

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Uganda has been implementing the decentralization strategy since the promulgation of the 1995 constitution and the Local Governments Act in 1997. While decentralization in Uganda has been hailed in some quarters as a success, the advent of a multi party dispensation is threatening the gains earlier achieved by this strategy. Not only has the nature and style of decision making been affected, but multi party politics has brought incessant conflict that has brought service delivery to a near stand still in some districts. This study of 22 Districts in the four regions of the country explores these and other issues pertaining to the introduction of multi party politics in local governments in this country, and tries to answer the question: Should multi party politics have been introduced in Ugandan local governments at all?