

ANALYSING THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS OF BORDERLAND MUNICIPALITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

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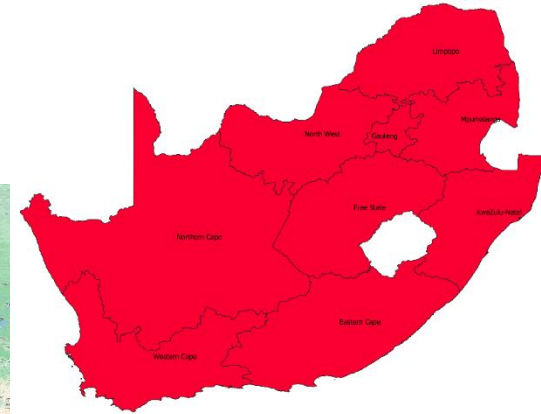
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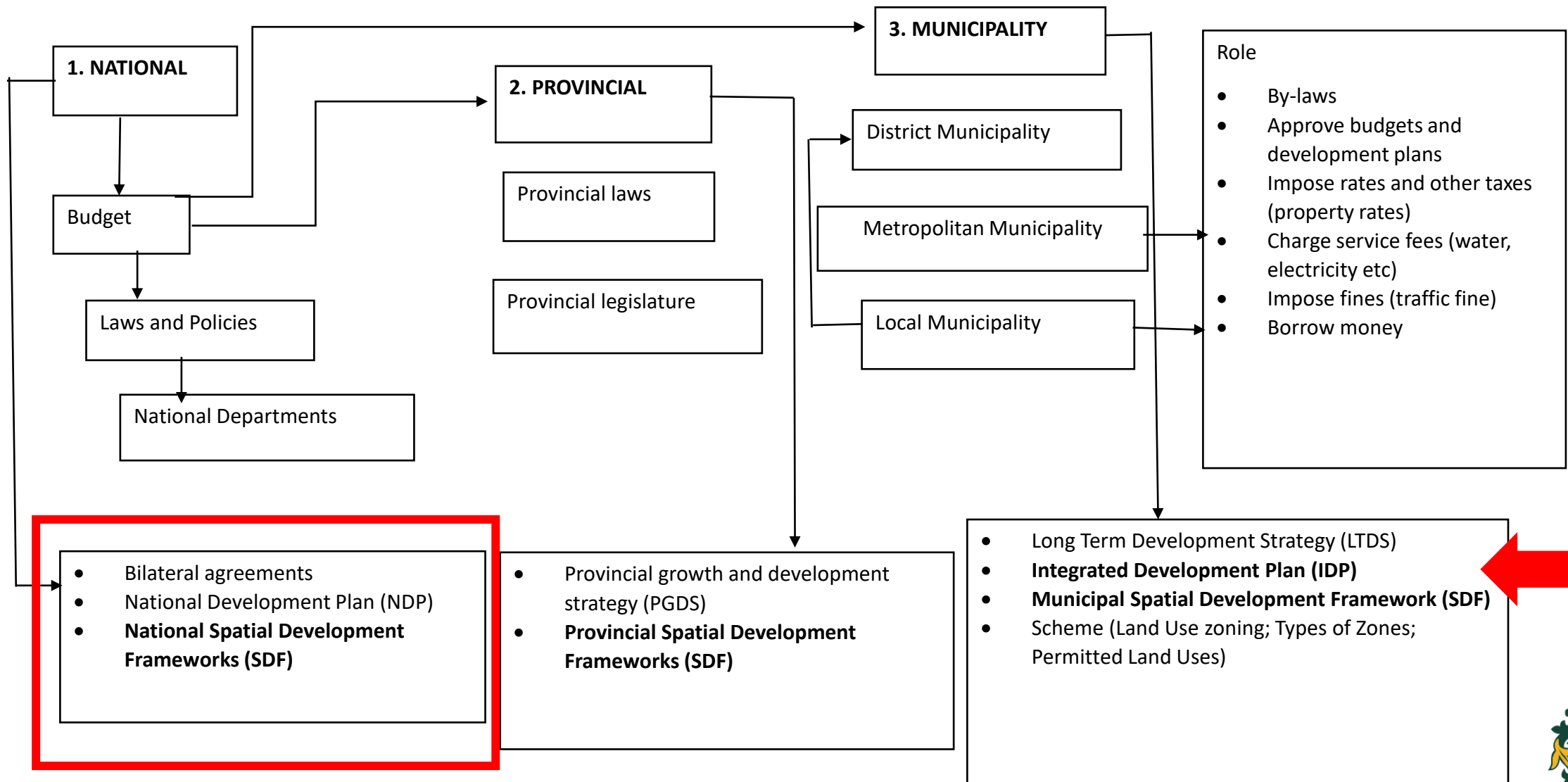


Context of South Africa

- ❑ SA's land area: 1.22 million km²
- ❑ Land border stretches a distance of 4 862 km, and the coastline covers a 2 798 km distance.
- ❑ Shares a land border with Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and eSwatini (Swaziland)
- ❑ 9 provinces, 44 districts, 8 metropolitan, 226 local municipalities, 3 capital cities.
- ❑ About 60 million people



Introduction



Introduction

- ❑ **Aim:** Analyse the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) of borderland municipalities in South Africa to determine how these plans respond to the issues arising from the border.

- ❑ **Objectives:**
 - ❑ To identify the borderlands municipalities in South Africa
 - ❑ To assess the SDF chapter of the Integrated Development Plans (IDP) of borderland municipalities in South Africa

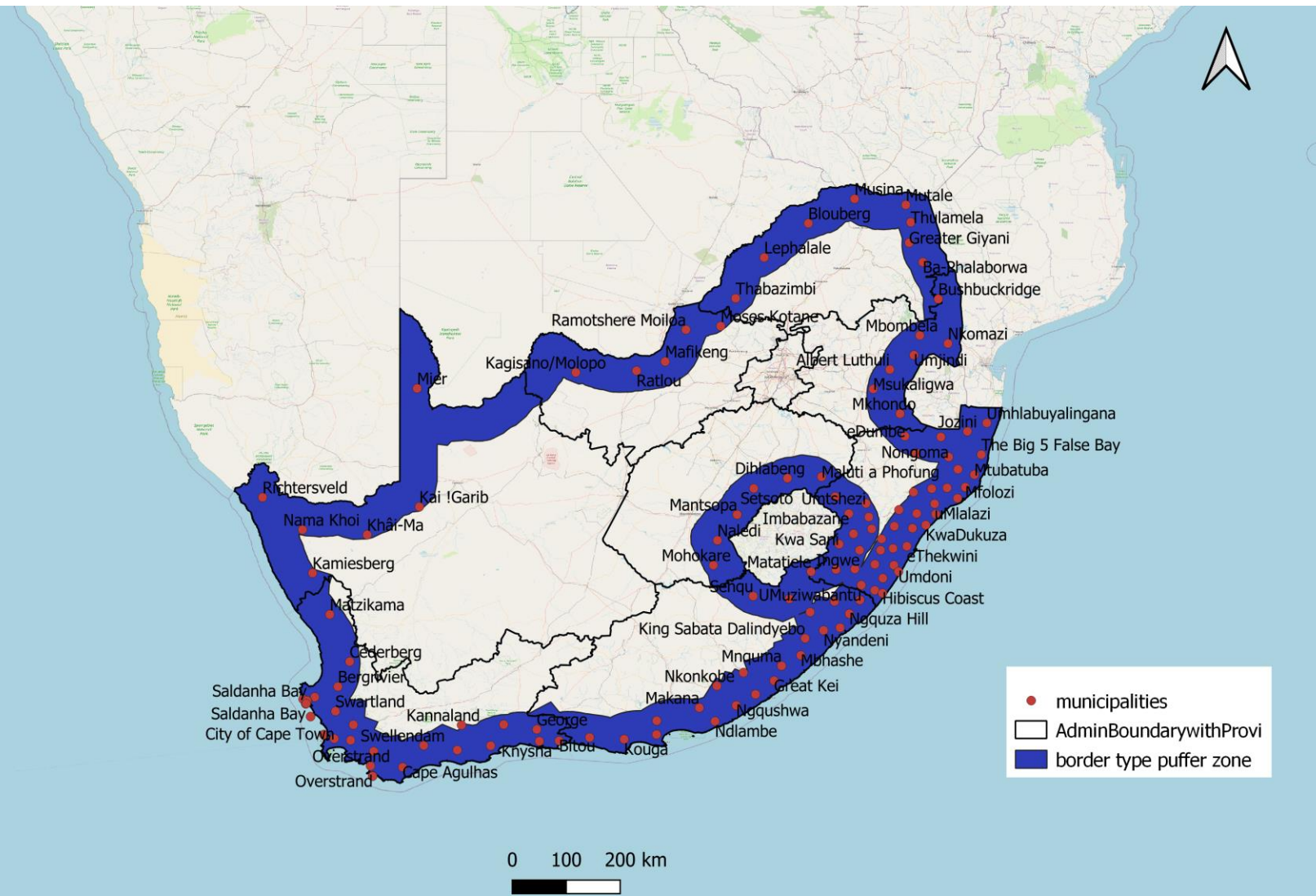
- ❑ **Contribution:** find ways in which municipal Spatial Development Plans can be used to inform the Border policies at the national level on contextual border challenges and possible strategies for addressing these challenges.



Source: Capricorn FM News



Methodology (Haggett Index)



Source: Norbert APÁTI, 2022

□ The delimitation of the borderlands is based on the Haggett form index: $F = 1,27T/d^2$; F = Haggett form index; T = area of the country; d = is furthest points of the country

➤ $F = 1,27 (1213090) / (1821^2) = 0,46$

□ Width of the buffer zone: $P = F * (T/K)$; F = Haggett form index; P = width of the buffer zone; K = circumference of the shape; T = area of the shape

➤ $P = F * (T/K) = 0,46 (1213090/6320) = 89 \text{ km}$



Methodology (IDP & SDF)

- ❑ n= 50
- ❑ Keyword-based document analysis: Border, Frontier, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and eSwatini (Swaziland)



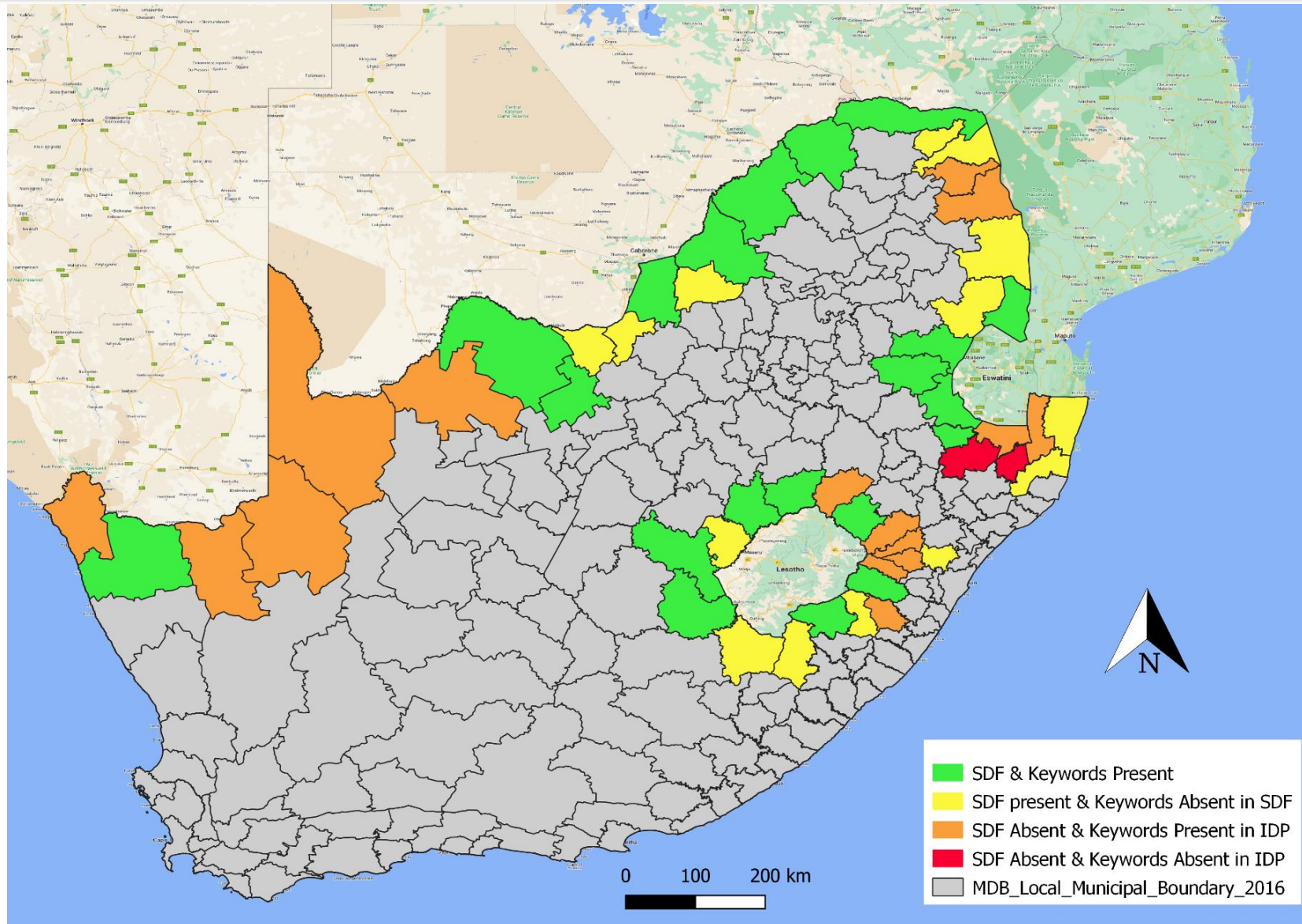
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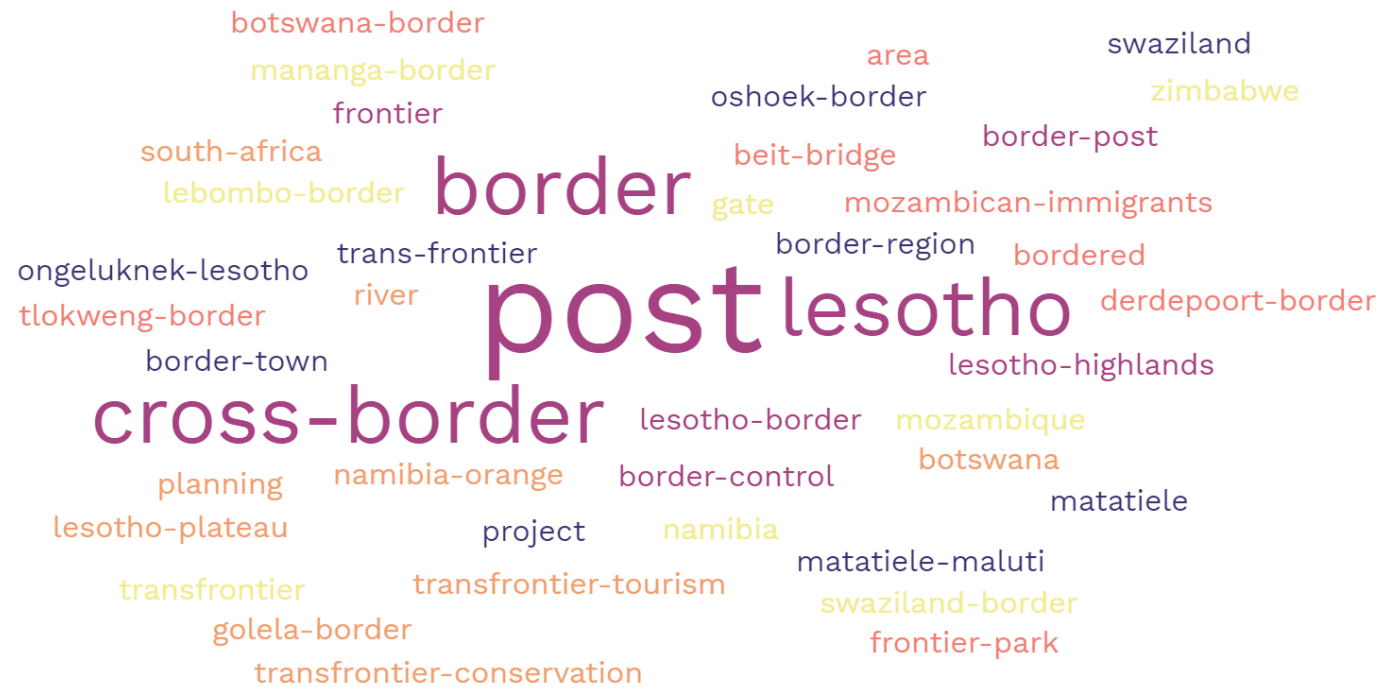
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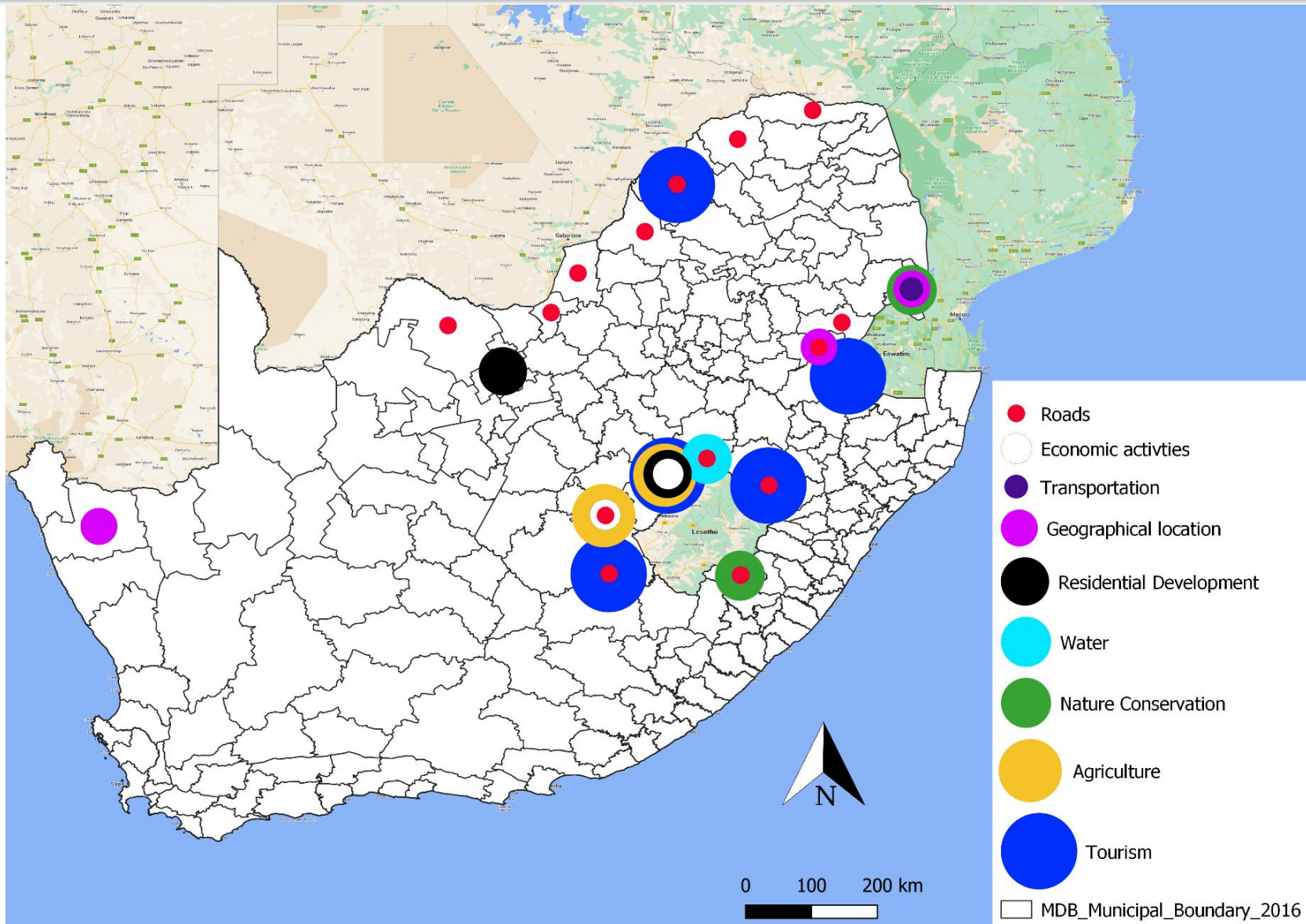
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Conclusion

- SDF chapter is not always obvious. Some municipalities referred to SDF and provided minimal or no reasonable details about the SDF chapter in the IDP
- Municipal SDFs chapters show inadequate response to the existence of the border, which is not sufficient to inform border policy at the national level about the contextual border issues and potential strategies.
- Borderland municipalities should include a subsection in the SDF chapter dedicated to addressing borders issues
- Lesotho-South Africa border is the most promising for future cross-border cooperation initiatives
- This study is an ongoing work to determine the best how spatial development plans can be used to inform border policies at the national level, SDF was the first analysis.
- Research gap: further analysis of both IDP and SDF policy document



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