ENTITIES REPORTING TO THE MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

Name of Entity		Legislative Mandate	Nature of Operations
1.	South African Local Government Association (SALGA)	The Constitution of South Africa The Organised Local Government (OLG) Act The White Paper on Local Government The Municipal Systems Act The Municipal Finance Management Act The Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act	Lobby, advocacy and representing the interests of municipalities in legislatures and other policy-making and oversight structures. Engaging with various stakeholders in public debates and other platforms in the interest of local government. Employer Body that represents its municipalities in collective bargaining as stipulated in the Labour Relations Act. Capacity building by facilitating capacity building initiatives for municipalities and also representing municipalities' interests in the Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA). Support and advice services to enable municipalities to understand and interpret trends, policies and legislation affecting local government and implementation thereof. Strategic profiling: Elements here refer to enhancing the profile and image of local government as an important and credible agent for the delivery of services. Profiling needs to take place on a national level, but also in Africa and the rest of the world. Knowledge and information sharing to build and share a comprehensive hub of local governmental knowledge and intelligence. The knowledge hub is also a useful reference point for all who seek information on local governments.

	South African Cities Network (SACN)	Established as a section 21 company in terms of the South African Companies Act, 2008.	 Knowledge and information exchange, experiences and best practices on urban development and city management amongst members. Secretariat to oversee governance, administration and programme functions Active Board for oversight and championship. Providing thought leadership by producing and disseminating credible and continual research about cities and key urban themes. Enable and support cities to act and speak with one voice. Establish strategic relations locally, regionally and internationally to support the work of the network.
3.	Municipal Demarcation Board	 Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996) Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (Act 27 of 1998) Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 108 of 1998) Cabinet resolutions 	 Determine and re-determine municipal outer boundaries. Delimitation of wards for local government elections. Conduct capacity assessments of district and local municipalities to perform their functions and exercise their powers, and provide advice to MECs. Render advisory service in respect of matters provided for in the Municipal Demarcation Act. By way of Cabinet resolution, the MDB also assists government departments to align their service delivery boundaries to municipal boundaries.