REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

PREVENTION DOES NOT LEAD TO PROSECUTION
SAY NO TO CORRUPTION BY TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS!
PREVENTION PARTNERS

JOINT EFFORTS CAN PREVENT CORRUPTION AND IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS THEREOF
Namibia has adopted an Anti-Corruption Commission Strategic Plan (2010 - 2014), which embodies the mandate of the Anti-Corruption Commission, as articulated in Article 94 of the Namibian Constitution as well as Section 3 of the Anti-Corruption Act of 2003, to fight and prevent corruption in Namibia.

Namibia has also adopted a National Strategy on Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism, which purpose is:

- a) to fully implement and comply with international obligations;
- b) to ensure that Namibia has an effective legal framework to combat Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism (ML/TF); and
- c) for Government to monitor progress with the implementation of the above obligations.
At present, the ACC has an establishment which is headed by the Director and he is supported by a Deputy Director.

There has been various reviews of the anti-corruption framework or applicable legislation and various gaps have been identified. In addition, a review of related legislation, by the FATF and ESAAMLG, have been conducted and as a result Namibia now has a new Financial Intelligence Act of 2012 and a Prevention and Combatting of the Funding of Terrorist Activities and Proliferation Act.

The Strategic Plan of the Anti-Corruption Commission lays out a framework of four years (2010-2014), after which a new strategic plan with updated priorities will be adopted and current areas of focus revisited.
The ACC has a Directorate of Public Education and Corruption Prevention, whose core responsibilities include:

1) to educate the public on the harms of corruption and to foster ethical values, through training and integrity related workshops that are tailor-made to the needs of target groups; and

2) to identify weaknesses and shortcomings in the systems, practices and policies of public and private bodies and advise on the changes to be effected thereto in order to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of corruption. In 2008, 18 review workshops and training sessions were conducted in all 13 regions. In 2009 there were 10 trainings and, in 2010 four trainings were conducted by the ACC. The ACC conducts corruption training for all categories of civil servants, but not elected officials.
The ACC conducts an intensive communication and awareness-raising campaign, that includes billboards, brochures, flyers, television ads and other materials. For example, flyers explain how to report and recognize corrupt practices. There are publications explaining the ACC Act and other legislation and user-friendly copies of the ACC Act are distributed to the public. Materials are also disseminated to local authorities, and there is a school awareness program for secondary schools in the country.

The ACC examines the practices, systems and procedures of public and private bodies to facilitate the discovery of corrupt practices and to secure the revision of practices, systems and procedures that may be prone or conducive to corrupt practices. 3 preventive reviews focusing largely on existing legislation were conducted in 2009 and two were held in 2010 in five regions of Namibia.
During the year 2012/13, the ACC held seminars and workshops with various Stakeholders such as the public and private officials, youth groups, traditional Leaders and church leaders as well as various officials from non-governmental Organizations. The objective of these workshops and seminars is to sensitize the officials and Public on the dangers and evil of corruption and equip them with relevant Information on corruption.

The number of people who participated in workshops during this period exceeded 640 participants, 300 of whom were youth leaders.

During the same period the ACC conducted five seminars for youth leaders between 05 and 13 March 2012. The seminars targeted head boys and girls from Learner Representative Councils, Student Representative Councils, Youth Organizations and Youth Coordinators from the Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sports and Culture. A total number of 169 participants attended the seminar. During these seminars, educational material was distributed.
The number of learners sensitized during the ACC awareness raising campaigns amounted to:

- 4050 at primary school level;
- 2299 at secondary school level;
- 1600 at Regional Career Fairs

**THE FOCUS REMAINS ON THE STARTING AT GRASSROOT LEVEL**
Examples of Namibia's collaboration with international and regional organizations in the area of Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) include:
- The Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) Memorandum of Understanding on AML/CFT;
- The SADC Memorandum of Understanding on AML/CFT; and