

Fostering partnerships to Fastrack UNCAC implementation

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Feedback on the February meeting in Nairobi

- Held on 13th to 17th February 2017
- The meeting aimed at fostering partnerships and creating a regional platform to Fastrack the implementation of the UNCAC in support of achievement of SDG16 in East Africa
 - Meeting focused on 4 thematic areas;
 - Financial investigations
 - Whistleblower protection,
 - International Cooperation and
 - Procurement



- Delegates were drawn from Members of the East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (EAAACA), senior policy makers from the Eastern Africa region, development partners and **Civil Society Organizations** from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Djibouti and South Sudan
- Civil Society Organizations gave written submissions on the thematic areas and submitted beforehand
- A side meeting was held to deliberate and agree on the main points which were later shared with all the delegates



- Most of the CSO contributions were incorporated in the outcome statement that was issued after the forum
- The idea for the Africa Regional platform was shared with the CSOs and most of the participants encouraged to send in their details for incorporation



Challenges faced by CSOs

- Inadequate access to information that would support demand for accountability
- Lack of adequate resources to carry tangible interventions
- Inadequate Political good will -Enactment of legislations that hinder operations by Civil Society
- Targeting of CSOs that are vocal in demanding for accountability
- Government preferences- Engagement with private sector as opposed to CSOs



Opportunities that a regional platform can provide for CSOs to engage on anti-corruption

- Information sharing for learning purposes- Learn from the experiences of other CSOs regarding their involvement in the implementation of the UNCAC and its Review Mechanism by reading about their contribution, obstacles they encountered as well as lessons learned and best practices
- Tracking of anti-corruption events in the region to inform their participation and contribution at the events
- Providing contacts for point persons for ease of collaboration



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