ANTI-CORRUPTION IN AFRICA:
-Progress, Challenges and Prospects-

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OVERVIEW

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    - Institutional arrangements
    - Role and Contribution of civil society
- Main Challenges
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AFRICA IN A NUTSHELL

- **Area size: 30,221,532 km^2**

- **54 countries federated under the African Union (AU) and 8 Regional Economic Communities (RECs)**

- **Population: 1.1 billion** ([2013 World Population Data Sheet](#))

- **65% of the population below 35 years of age and 35% are between 15 and 35 years old** (African Union Commission)

- **Over 2000 languages (**UNESCO estimates**)**

- **GDP: $2.6 trillion** (2013 est.)

CORRUPTION TRENDS IN AFRICA

- **The estimated cost of corruption in Africa is much higher than the total combined amount of development aid it receives: over USD 150 billion lost annually (AfDB)**

- **More than 90% of African countries surveyed are perceived as highly corrupt or extremely so** (2014 Corruption Perceptions Index)

- **The police, among other law enforcement agencies, is perceived as the most corrupt public service by a large majority of citizens in Africa** (2013 Global Corruption Barometer)

- **Corruption remains one of the biggest barriers to Africa's development as it negatively affects the delivery of basic social services and economic activities.**

CORRUPTION TRENDS IN AFRICA

COUNTRY CONTRAST

TOP

Denmark
92

New Zealand
91

BOTTOM

Korea (North)
8

Somalia
8

CORRUPTION PROBLEM

GLOBAL PERFORMANCE

GLOBAL
Average score
43

69%
of countries score below 50 out of 100

G20 PERFORMANCE

G20
Average score
54

58%
of G20 countries score below 50 out of 100

RESULTS BY REGION

EU & WESTERN EUROPE
Average score **66**
Top: Denmark (92)
Bottom: Greece, Italy, Romania (43)

EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA
Average score **33**
Top: Georgia (52)
Bottom: Turkmenistan (17)

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
Average score **38**
Top: United Arab Emirates (70)
Bottom: Sudan (11)

ASIA PACIFIC
Average score **43**
Top: New Zealand (91)
Bottom: Korea (North) (8)

AMERICAS
Average score **45**
Top: Canada (81)
Bottom: Haiti, Venezuela (19)

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
Average score **33**
Top: Botswana (63)
Bottom: Somalia (8)

GLOBAL
Average score **43**

ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS IN AFRICA

Legal instruments

➢ **African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption :**

- ➢ **28 articles**
- ➢ **Topics/ Areas covered: Laundering of proceeds of corruption, corruption in the public service, illicit enrichment, financing of political parties, the private sector.**
- ➢ **Adopted in July 2003, entered into force in August 2006 and ratified by 35 countries to date**

➢ **AU Charter on Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration (Article 18)**

➢ **AU Charter on Values and Principles of Decentralisation, Local Governance and Local Development**

➢ **Sub-regional protocols (ECOWAS, SADC, EAC)**

➢ **National anti-corruption laws**

Institutional Arrangements

➢ **African Union Advisory Board against corruption**

- An autonomous organ established within the African Union (AU), in terms of Article 22 of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption.

- Created on 26 May 2009

- 11 Board Members supported by a Secretariat headed by an Executive Secretariat

- Mandate: *To promote and encourage the adoption of measures and actions by State Parties to prevent, detect, punish and eradicate corruption and related offences in Africa as well as to follow-up on the application of those measures and submit a report to the Executive Council on a regular basis on the progress made by each State Party in complying with the provisions of the Convention.*

➢ **National Anti-Corruption Agencies/Commissions**

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✓ **Awareness raising about the devastating effects of corruption**

- Using corruption measurement and assessment tools (CPI, GCB, NIS, etc.) as evidence
- East African Chapters have come up with the East Africa Bribery Index

✓ **Empowering citizens**

- Providing reporting mechanisms and supporting actions to counter corruption. Advocacy and Legal Advocacy Centres (ALACs) have been very useful in this regard
- In Africa, there are 18 ALACs active in 12 countries
- Since the creation of ALACs, more than 16000 people have been assisted by ALACs across the continent

✓ **Promoting transparency, integrity and accountability in government**

- Encourage and advocate for the enforcement of international Conventions and treaties as well as national laws and policies (UNCAC, AU Convention, Regional Protocols)

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✓**Promoting clean business**

- Using corruption measurement and measurement tools (TRAC, BPI)
- Only a few African TI Chapters are active in this area

✓**Engaging Youth and Education**

- Africa is the most youthful continent – about 65% of its population is below 35 years old (http://africa-youth.org/)
- It is projected that by 2020, out of 4 people in Africa, 3 will be on average 20 years. (http://africa-youth.org/)
- More than 50% of the youth in Africa is estimated to be illiterate while millions of young people remain unemployed (www.africanecnomicoutlook.org)
- Young people are negatively impacted by corruption which impedes development efforts (Housing, health, education, employment, etc.)
- Corruption threatens the present and future development of Africa's major population group.

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✓ **Engaging Youth and Education**

Key TI interventions in Africa

- **Youth corruption and integrity surveys;**
- The online survey targets young people aged between **15 and 35 years**.
- Focus areas:
  - Assessing **how the youth encounters corruption** (in which sectors, in which forms, and the impact on their lives)
  - Identifying and exploring **ideas by the youth on counteracting corruption** and understand how they **share/access information and ideas**
  - Raise awareness of the youth on corruption and transparency, as well as TI's work
- Countries involved so far: Liberia, Senegal, Zambia and Zimbabwe

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Key TI interventions in Africa

- **Youth integrity Camps;**

▪ The Camps bring together youth leaders from various sectors and different countries in Africa to learn and share experiences and ideas on fighting corruption and promoting integrity.

▪ Target audience: Youth aged between 18 and 35 years old

- Social Entrepreneurs Initiative: Encouraging and supporting the use of technology and innovation to promote transparency, accountability and integrity

TI IN AFRICA

West Africa

Active Chapters:

Ghana, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria Senegal, Sierra Leone

Outreach countries:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea Conakry, Mali

East and Horn of Africa

Active Chapters:

Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda

Outreach countries:

Tanzania, South Sudan

Central Africa

Active Chapters:

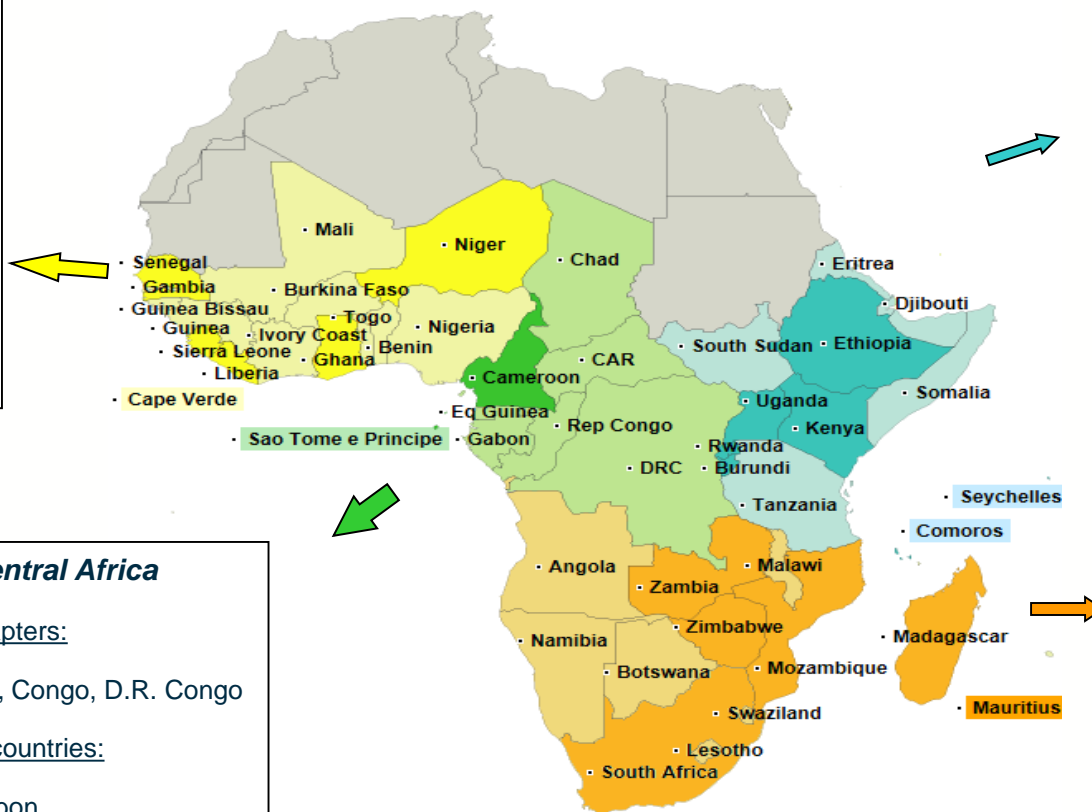Cameroon, Congo, D.R. Congo

Outreach countries:

C.A.R, Gabon

Southern Africa

Active Chapters:

Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Outreach countries:

Namibia, Botswana

MAIN CHALLENGES

- Poor enforcement of anti-corruption laws

- Anti-corruption are not sufficiently independent and they are poorly resourced (personnel, funding, equipment)

- Access to information remains very restricted even where related laws exist.

- Civil society space is increasingly under threat

YOUTH INTEGRITY CAMPS

- **Francophone Youth Integrity Camp, Yamoussoukro, 9-12 December 2012**
- Jointly organised by TI and UNDP
- Over 30 youth leaders from Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Niger, Senegal and Togo participated.

YOUTH INTEGRITY CAMPS

- **Anglophone Youth Integrity Camp, Lagos, 23-27 September 2013**
- Jointly organised by TI, UNDP, Nigeria's Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
- 70 youth leaders from the Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone

YOUTH INTEGRITY CAMPS

- **Francophone Youth Integrity Camp, Grand Bassam, 12-16 December 2013**
  - ▪ Jointly organised by TI and UNDP
  - ▪ 76 youth leaders from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Senegal, and Togo.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS INITIATIVE OF WEST AFRICA

✓ The SEI for West Africa was launched in early 2014 in partnership with Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), modelled on the IACC SEI.
✓ Winners:

- ***Not to corruption in my school*, Alexise Ouédraogo, Côte d'Ivoire**
  ➢ An awareness-raising film campaign for school children
  ➢ The films will portray the realities of corruption and the immediate consequences for those around you.

- ***Tell-it-True*, Lawrence Yealue, Liberia**
  ➢ An SMS reporting system for schools developed by Accountability Lab
  ➢ A confidential, anonymous SMS suggestions box throughout academic campuses in Monrovia
  ➢ Information coming through the TELL system is discussed on a periodic basis within the academic administration.

- **Visual Data, Victor Akwinande & Olayiwola Bello, Nigeria**
  ➢ Platform for visualizing and encouraging manipulation and utilization of open data with mobile and online solutions
  ➢ Aim: To trigger discussions around public procurement and expenditure among Nigerian citizenss.

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OTHER GOOD PRACTICES

✓**Rwanda:** Partnership between the TI Chapter and the Police

✓**Niger:** The Chapter trained members of the recently established anti-corruption authority and is consulted on important anti-corruption matters

✓**Niger:** the Chapter has established autonomous anti-corruption clubs in 260 of the 266 municipalities in the country.

✓**Ghana:** the Chapter has established Social Auditing Clubs in many parts of the country.

✓**Sierra Leone:** The Chapter seats in the national committee of the Open Government Partnership

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