



***Fostering Trust and Transparency in Governance: Investigating and Addressing the Requirements for Building Integrity in Public Sector Information System in the ICT Environment***

**Monthly Briefing Note**

**April 2006**

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**Steering Committee**

Key developments included:

- The Project Director and Manager further discussed logistics and composition of the Committee with Chair Stephen Sharples.
- Potential committee members were invited to participate and contacted about availability.

Upcoming work includes:

- Steering committee participation will be confirmed, and advisers to the project will be agreed with the Chair.

**Stakeholders**

Key developments included:

- The Project Manager and Lead Researcher held discussions with the ESAAG CEO and ESARBICA's President. The ESAAG CEO sought and received the formal approval of his Board for participation in the project. The President of ESARBICA presented the project to the members at their annual meeting and received warm endorsement for the project.
- To ensure good attendance, it was decided in consultation with the partner organisations that the stakeholder meeting should be held no earlier than September, when it would be possible to present two case studies for discussion to the maximum number of potential attendees.

Upcoming work includes:

- Liaison with the partner organisations about planning for the stakeholder meeting.

## **Toolkit**

Key developments included:

- The Project Director and Project Manager continued to work closely on the project approach and research methodology and to set standards for the format and style of reporting. They also sought advice from senior researchers at University College London (UCL) on the approach and research methodology for the case studies.
- The draft research methodology and approach were circulated to the project team members for discussion.

Upcoming work includes:

- Advice will be sought from DFID and World Bank staff regarding the research methodology, eg, the collection of quantitative data and performance indicators.
- The draft toolkit will be presented to DFID and World Bank advisers in late May and finalised in June for field work.

## **Case Studies**

Key developments included:

- Stakeholders from Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Lesotho and Ghana were invited to participate in study.
- The Accountants General in Tanzania and Lesotho agreed to host case studies.
- The Acting Accountant General in Kenya declined to participate at this stage, although the appointment of a new Accountant General may change this situation.
- Discussions are underway with the Accountants General and the National Archivists in Ghana, Malawi and Zambia.

Upcoming work includes:

- Ongoing discussions will be held with officials in the case study countries to agree participation and visit facilitation.
- Planning will be carried out for the Tanzania and Ghana case studies, which are expected to be carried out in July.
- The situation in Kenya will be monitored. Uganda will be invited to participate if Kenya is not able to do so.