



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

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Toolkit

In order to facilitate the research programme, a toolkit has been developed to ensure that the quality and quantity of the information collected meets a high and consistent standard. Key developments for the month included:

- The Toolkit was successfully tested in the field during the first case study in Lesotho.

Upcoming work includes:

- The Toolkit will be amended and updated following the initial case studies.

Steering Committee

A steering committee is being formed to monitor the overall methodology and the outputs at each stage of the project against work plans and ultimately to advise on the development and dissemination of the deliverables. Key developments for the month included:

- Two people agreed to participate on the Committee. Currently, we are awaiting confirmation from two more potential members.

Upcoming work includes:

- A discussion will take place with the Chair of the Steering Committee regarding the nature of the communications with the Committee and the date for its first meeting.
- Arrangements for holding the meeting by video conference will be confirmed.

Stakeholders

Relationship-building with the two partner stakeholder organisations, the Eastern and Southern African Association of Accountant Generals (ESAAG), the Eastern and Southern African Branch of the International Council on Archives (ESARBICA) continues to develop

through regular telephone and email contact. In addition, key developments for the month included:

- A meeting planned for 28 July with the Chair of ESAAG in Pretoria after the conclusion of the Lesotho case study was not able to take place due to a change in schedule.
- A meeting took place between the National Archivist of South Africa (Treasurer of ESARBICA) and the Project Manager in Johannesburg to confirm support of the project.

Upcoming work includes:

- A meeting will be arranged with NEPAD and a meeting with the Chair of ESAAG will be rescheduled.

Case Studies

The present plan is that case studies are to be conducted in six sites in Africa and two in Asia, although the number of sites to be covered is still under consideration. Key developments for the month included:

- The case study in Lesotho took place between 10 and 28 July. This included productive discussions at the Ministry of Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Ministry of Public Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Ministry of Education (including the Teachers Services Department), Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology and Ministry of Local Government. In addition, access to, and analysis of, a selection of pay and human resources records (manual and electronic) took place at various ministries. Discussions were also held with expatriate and local advisers from the Public Financial Management Programme, the Ministry of Finance, EU, Irish Aid, DFID and GTZ.
- Dates for the case study in Ghana were agreed. This case study is scheduled for 7 to 25 August.
- Tentative agreement was reached on the case study in Tanzania. We expect to finalise agreement to conduct the study in October.

Upcoming work includes:

- Ongoing discussions on case study participation and schedules will continue to be held with officials in Zambia and Malawi.
- We will follow up on the situation in Kenya with the World Bank Task Team Leader on Public Sector Reform.