



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

Monthly Report

June 2006

Toolkit

In order to facilitate the research programme, a toolkit is being 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 has been completed and updated based on information and feedback from development experts at DFID and the World Bank and from advisers at University College London.

Upcoming work includes:

- Copies of the context and methodology chapters of the Toolkit will be distributed to advisers and Steering Committee members for information and comment, and the document will be updated after the first case study has been completed.

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:

- Not all of those approached to become members of the committee have replied, and they will be contacted again so that the membership of the committee can be finalised.

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.

Stakeholders

There are 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). Key developments included:

- A meeting is scheduled between the Chair of ESAAG, the Project Manager and a senior member of the research team in Pretoria on July 28

Upcoming work includes:

- The possibility of a meeting with NEPAD and of involving the National Archivist of South Africa in Pretoria on July 28 is being explored.

Case Studies

Case studies are to be conducted in six sites in Africa and two in Asia. Key developments included:

- Planning continued regarding the case study in Lesotho. The study will take place between 10 and 28 July. Terms of Reference have been prepared for the consultants. Details of the Project have been forwarded to the Public Service Department, which has responsibility for the Human Resource System and personnel information.
- Through DFID, tentative agreement has been reached regarding the Case Study in Ghana. A meeting is being organised between the acting National Archivist and the Accountant General to try and expedite full agreement. A moratorium on consultants visits will be put in place 15 September to 15 November and the study must take place prior to these dates.
- The Chair of ESAAG again followed up with the Accountants General in Zambia and Malawi. A letter has been sent from the Project Manager to the Permanent Secretary, Public Service Management Division to try and expedite matters in Zambia.
- The situation in Kenya will be monitored and advice is being sought from the World Bank Task Team Leader on public sector reform.

Upcoming work includes:

- Ongoing discussions are being held with officials in Zambia and Malawi.