



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

May 2006

Steering Committee

Key developments included:

- Received responses from potential committee members who were contacted to sound out availability: agreement from one potential member, partial agreement from another (subject to approval from his Board) and two rejections due to change of positions.

Upcoming work includes:

- Follow up action is to be taken regarding those persons who have not as yet responded.
- A discussion will take place with the Steering Committee Chair regarding additional potential Committee members as well as the clarification of the role of advisers to the project.

Stakeholders

The key developments included:

- Given delays in agreement of some countries to participate in the project, it is proposed that the stakeholders meeting now be held following the completion of the Africa case studies in 2007. This will be discussed with the Steering Committee Chair and other DFID officials on 25 May.

Toolkit

Key developments included:

- The Project Director and Project Manager held further discussions with University College London (UCL) as well as World Bank staff on the approach and research methodology for the case studies and project.
- Good feedback was received from the project team members on the research methodology and approach.
- The draft Toolkit will be presented to DFID advisers on 25 May.

Upcoming work includes:

- The Toolkit will be finalised for field work commencing in July.

Case Studies

Key developments included:

- DFID asked that the case study in Tanzania be postponed until September. The National Archivist indicated that under the circumstances, October would be optimal.
- The ESAAG CEO followed up with the Accountants General in Zambia and Malawi.
- July dates for the Lesotho study visit were agreed with stakeholders and planning commenced for the field visit.
- Through DFID contacts, provisional agreement has been reached regarding the case study in Ghana, planned for July. While the Acting National Archivist and returning National Archivist are supportive of the project, some concern was expressed by the Accountant General regarding the impact of the project on time and resources. Despite this, he is seeking approval from the Minister of Finance to participate in the project.
- DFID have provided advice regarding Kenya and Zambia participation. The situation in Kenya will continue to be monitored. The DFID Office in Zambia has expressed concerns about the impact of the project on time and resources particularly in regard to a new Account General. The Project Director has responded that the project will have a minimal impact on time and resources.

Upcoming work includes:

- Ongoing discussions will be held with officials in the case study countries.
- Research assistants are to be agreed and appointed by the National Archives and Accountant General in each country; this is a priority for Lesotho and Ghana case studies to be held in July.
- Case studies to be conducted in September/October will be agreed.