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Outcome Statement for The IGAD Regional Consultative Workshop on Building Alliance Against Corruption

1-3rd June 2023

Introduction

The Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in collaboration with African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC) convened a three-day consultative workshop with its Member States namely Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia and South Sudan in order to consult and build alliance against corruption.

The objective of the workshop was to:

- Promote the ratification, domestication and implementation of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC);
- Enhance technical skills in advocacy against corruption, anti-money laundering, Illicit Financial Flows, asset recovery, and legal practices in anti-corruption.
- Forge regional alliance against corruption and create regional platform amongst the MSs anti-corruption institutions.



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- Draw lessons from other Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and build consensus on the importance of developing an IGAD regional protocol against corruption;
- Chart the way forward on how best to prevent and combat corruption and provide mutual support amongst IGAD member states.

The deliberations centred around the mandate and functions of the AUABC, the role of AUCPCC in promoting the fight against corruption as well as discussion on aspects of Illicit Financial Flows (IFF) and Anti-Money Laundering. Further experiences were shared on how anti-corruption protocol of SADC and ECOWAS and the East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities have facilitated the work around anti-corruption in the regional communities.

The following are the observations, key outcomes and recommendations that arose from the presentations and deliberations during the workshop:

1. The African Union Convention on Preventing and Combatting Corruption is a critical tool in promoting the eradicating corruption on the continent, therefore IGAD and its Member States should promote its ratification, domestication, and implementation.
2. IGAD should strengthen its partnership and collaboration with AUABC, RECs and EAAACA on anti-corruption efforts to promote the fight against corruption in its community.



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3. Political will is critical in the fight against corruption however it must not be used as shorthand for anti-corruption policy failure.
4. Recommends that AUABC advocate to the RECs such as IGAD to commit a certain percentage of national budget to fund Anti-Corruption Authorities as part of demonstrating political will to fight corruption.
5. There is need to promote peer-to-peer learning and information sharing among anti-corruption authorities in areas such as, but not limited to, asset recovery and anti-money laundering.
6. There is need to build a platform for information sharing amongst Member States on organised crime as it relates to corruption and building capacity on new technological innovation.
7. There is need for IGAD and AUABC to facilitate capacity building of Member States to effectively combat corruption.
8. There is need for strong collaboration among agencies, anti-corruption networks and other law enforcement agencies to promote knowledge and skill transfers on anti-corruption issues.
9. IGAD should engage the Heads of States and Government of its members on setting anti-corruption agenda through amplifying linkage between corruption and peace and security in recognition of the contextual challenges around IGAD region.



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10. Recommends that a regional platform comprising the National Anti-Corruption Agencies and other law enforcement agencies within IGAD be established to facilitate inter agency collaboration, sharing of information and best practices.
11. IGAD to develop a Regional Anti-Corruption Protocol to facilitate mutual legal assistance, coordination and collaboration among National Anti-Corruption Authorities, law enforcement agencies within IGAD, set anti-corruption standards and provide guidelines for its members.

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