

## **AFRICA CAUCUS PRE-CONFERENCE FORUM**

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### *I. Brainstorming Outputs*

The following proposals were suggested by the participants in the “Africa Caucus Forum”:

1. Strengthen the role of the media in the fight against corruption, including capacity building and tailored training for journalists.
2. Creation of regional “solidarity circle” of individuals actively working in their respective countries to reduce corruption.
3. Institute a “Media Award” to the best initiative on the fight against corruption.
4. Clarification and evaluation of follow up mechanisms to the ongoing initiatives, specifically in the framework of the Africa Peer Review Mechanism, to improve governance and fight corruption.
5. Increase support to ongoing regional and sub-regional anticorruption initiatives.
6. Evaluate outcomes of ongoing regional initiatives to fight corruption.
7. Creation of a knowledge sharing network on the different types of corruption and the best strategies to combat them.
8. Governments should present consolidated financial statements of public expenditures to parliament.
9. Improve transparency in procurement processes.
10. Support multi-stakeholder capacity building initiatives aimed at improving governance and reducing corruption.
11. Support training for civil society organizations on how to identify and implement measurable actions to fight corruption.
12. Support the inclusion of governance and anti-corruption ethics in education (high school and university levels).
13. Improve regulatory environment (including fiscal policy) for private sector development.
14. Include good governance and anticorruption measures in poverty reduction initiatives.
15. Identify most vulnerable sectors for corruption and support implementation of public policy reform to improve the control of corruption in these sectors.
16. Support initiatives dealing with cross border corruption.
17. Promote networking of anticorruption agencies to share best practices.
18. World Bank should improve in sanctioning corrupt companies involved in WB projects.
19. Support reforms to ensure an independent judiciary.
20. Support efforts to protect “whistle blowers”.
21. World Bank should increase support to civil society organizations working in the fight against corruption.
22. Improve controls to cross border capital movement.
23. Harmonize banking and financial legislation.

24. Improve donor coordination on governance and anticorruption initiatives.
25. Promote the role of Auditor General's office in the Public Management and Accountability in African governments.

*II. Resolution [working group of March 14, 2007]*

(a) We agree to create a **Governance and Anti-Corruption Task Force for Africa** which will undertake the following:

2.1. Priority Focus

2.1.1. "Catch them Young"

Support the inclusion of governance and anti-corruption ethics in education (high school and university levels) [12]

2.1.2. Media

- Strengthen the role of the media in the fight against corruption, including capacity building and tailored training for journalists [1]
- Institute a "Media Award" to the best initiative on the fight against corruption [3]

2.1.3. Pan African Network

- Promote networking of anticorruption agencies to share best practices [17]
- Creation of regional "solidarity circle" of individuals actively working in their respective countries to reduce corruption [2]
- Support reforms to ensure an independent judiciary [19]
- Support training for civil society organizations on how to identify and implement measurable actions to fight corruption [11]

2.2. Secondary Focus

- Improve regulatory environment (including fiscal policy) for private sector development [13]
- Harmonize banking and financial legislation [23]
- Improve controls to cross border capital movement [22]
- Support initiatives dealing with cross border corruption [16]

2.3. Tertiary Focus

- Evaluate outcomes of ongoing regional initiatives to fight corruption [6]
- Increase support to ongoing regional and sub regional anticorruption initiatives[5]
- Identify most vulnerable sectors for corruption and support implementation of public policy reform to improve the control of corruption in these sectors [15]

(b) We commit to meet in Africa in the very near future to (i) define a practical structure and actionable initiatives to implement; (ii) identify and enlist credible patrons [elder statesmen] and support.

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