

Anti-corruption Authorities Initiative: Survey on the Effectiveness of Anticorruption

Background Information

1. Please enter country name in the space below

Cameroon

2. Name of the agency

National Anti-Corruption Commission

3. Date of establishment (please include any predecessors if relevant)

11th March. 2006

4. Contact Information

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Legal Framework

6. What are the main anti-corruption laws in your country?(please include year of entry into force)

- **Constitution of Cameroon:** Amendment of constitution of Cameroon by Law N° 96-06 of 18 January 1996 completing the 1972 Constitution of Cameroon requires the filling of a statement of assets and liabilities for all public officials.
- **Declaration of assets and properties:** Law N° 2006/3 of 25/04/2006.
- **Penal Code:** Law NO 65 LF -24 of 12 November, 1965; Law N° 67-LF-1 of 12 June, 1967); Law N° 177/23 of 6 December, 1977; Law N° 72 – 16 of 28 September, 1972.
- **Criminal Procedure Code:** Law N° 2005/007 of 27th July 2005.
- **Special Criminal Court:** Law N° 2011/028 of 14 December, 2011.
- **Bank confidentiality:** Law N°2003/004 of 21/04/2003;
- **Financing of political parties and election campaigns:** Law N°2000/015 of 19 December 2000.
- **Sanctioning of Corrupt Magistrates:** Decree N° 95/048 of 1995.
- **National Anti-Corruption Commission:** Decree N° 2006/088 of 11 March 2006.
- **National Governance Programme**
- **Cameroon Tax Code**
- **Cameroon Public Service Code**
- **Cameroon Public Procurement Code**
- **UN Convention against Corruption** ratified by Cameroon on 25th April 2004.
- **UN Convention for the fight against transnational organized crimes.**
- **African Union Convention on the fight against corruption.**

7. Does your Government have a single or primary anti-corruption strategy? When was it last updated?

Yes. Cameroon has a National Anti-Corruption strategy. It was elaborated in 2010 and adopted by the government in 2011. The implementation is underway using the Rapid Results Initiatives. A second volume of the strategy, still awaiting adoption by the government, was elaborated in 2012.

8. Does your country have right to information legislation?

Yes No

9. Does your country have conflict of interest legislation?

Yes No

10. Does your country have a financial disclosure system to help prevent conflicts of interest?

Yes No

11. Does your country have statutory or constitutional provisions granting immunity from criminal prosecution to elected or appointed officials? The Head of State, Members of parliament and Senators.

Yes No

12. Is your agency protected from political interference by law? It is an independent structure.

Yes No

Institutional Framework

13. What functions does your agency perform?

Please check all that apply

Research Prevention Investigation Prosecution Forensic Auditing Policy

14. Is there one agency in charge of coordinating AC efforts across agencies?

Yes No

If yes, please specify: **National Anti-Corruption Commission**

15. Does your agency have the ability to share information or data with

(a) Other agencies within your Government, and

Yes No

(b) Government partners from other countries?

Yes No

16. Please enter the current size of permanent staff. Do you have secondees? If so, are they counted separately?

79 persons as of 13/11/2014

17. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)

02

18. Number of investigators including legal advisors (if applicable)

26

19. Number of support staff (if applicable)

20. Are staff positions permanent? Or subject to periodic renewal? What percentage of each?

Permanent

21. Does your agency keep records on its investigative activity? If it does not, go to question 22 If yes, please show the information you have on the following

a. Number of complaints received

1665 in 2014 as of 13/11/2014

b. Number of investigations conducted

c. Number of investigations completed

d. Number of cases recommended for prosecution

e. Number of cases prosecuted by –i) Your agency ii) DPP, AG, or other separate office

f. Number of convictions

22. Please state the number of learning activities and outreach events organized by your agency (if applicable)

Over 20 between January and October 2014

23. Please state the value of assets recovered by your agency (if applicable)

50 513 844 242 FCFA, approximately 101 027 688 US

24. Please enter the names of other agencies with similar functions as this ACA

National Financial Investigation Agency
Supreme State Audit

25. Does your agency have a system to monitor performance of staff?

Yes No

26. Are human resource management actions, i.e., recruitment, promotion, and termination based on staff integrity and professionalism?

Yes No

27. Are new vacancies for your own agency announced publically?

Yes No

28. Are the results of these recruitment processes announced publically by your agency?

Yes No

29. Who appoints the head of your agency?

The President of the Republic

30. Who has the authority to remove the head of the ACA?

The President of the Republic

31. To whom does the head of your agency report to?

The President of the Republic

32. Is there any term limit for the head of the ACA?

Yes No

If yes, please specify: **Three years, renewable once.**

33. Is the agency subject to judicial review?

Yes No

34. Is the agency subject to expenditure reviews?

Yes No

35. Does your agency measure "performance"?

Yes No

If yes, against which indicators?

Number of investigations conducted

Number of investigations concluded

Ratio of number of investigations/staff

Percentage of total budget allocated to outreach activities and communication.

Number of outreach activities delivered

Others, please specify

36. In practice is your agency protected from political interference?

Yes No

37. Does your agency keep a comprehensive skill list of its staff?

Yes No

38. Is the staff provided with regular training and refresher training to ensure that their skills are up-to-date?

Yes No

39. What training has your agency received from foreign organizations or international agencies in the past year?

Training on the detection, prevention and repression of corruption; on cyber criminality; on detecting and fighting foreign corruption; on managing archives and declaration of patrimony.

40. Are employees protected by law from recrimination or other negative consequences when reporting corruption (i.e. whistleblowing)?

Yes No

41. Does your agency have a communication strategy?

Yes No

42. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?

Yes No

43. Is there a strategy for formulating a partnership with outside agencies to fight corruption?

Yes No

44. Is there a strategy for dealing with the media?

Yes No

45. In practice does your agency has sufficient powers to carry out its mandate?

Yes No

46. Has your agency requests for additional powers or authorities pending in the parliament or before the executive?

Yes No

Resource Mobilization

47. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?

Yes No

48. What is the annual budget of your agency?

2 700 000 000 FCFA, approximately 5 400 000 US Dollars.

49. The annual budget is determined by (please choose the answer(s) that best fit(s) your agency)

<input type="radio"/>	Number of staff
<input type="radio"/>	Number of investigations
<input type="radio"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Number of staff and planned activities

50. Is there any restriction to receive any financing from donors? *Must be accepted by the Head of State.*

Yes No

51. Does your agency use a computerized system to handle cases?

Yes No

If yes, was it developed especially for your agency or was it purchased off-the-shelf? Are you willing to recommend to others? What is its name and where did you obtain?

Social Framework

52. Does your agency provide a mechanism for citizens to report complaints anonymously or provide information on corrupt activities?

Yes No

53. Does your agency or government provide a hotline to report corruption?

Yes No

54. Does your agency produce regular public reports of its activities? Annually? More frequently? Less? *Annually*

Yes No

Innovation

55. Does your agency use any IT tools to

- a. Facilitate reporting of corruption and fraud by citizens (like www.Ipaidabribe.org)
- b. Share information with citizens about its own activities
- c. Share and/or obtain information for its own investigations
- d. **A website. An email.**

56. Does your agency use social media to raise awareness on corruption among the public?

Yes No