

# Survey on the effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

## **Background Information**

1. Please enter country name in the space below

Costa Rica

2. The name of the agency

General Attorney's Office Of The Republic

3. The date of establishment

2004

4. Contact Information

Solicitor of Public Ethics , gilbertca@pgr.go.cr

5. Webpage

http://www.pgr.go.cr/

## **Legal Environment**

6. What are the main anticorruption laws of your country?

Ratificación de la Convención Interamericana contra la Corrupción, law number 7670.  
Creación de la Fiscalía Penal de Hacienda y de la función Pública, Law number 8221.  
Creación de la Procuraduría de la Ética Pública, Law number 8242.  
Ley contra la Corrupción y el Enriquecimiento Ilícito en la Función Pública, law number 8422.  
Ratificación de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas contra la Corrupción, law number 8557.  
Ley contra la Delincuencia Organizada, Law number 8754.

7. Does your government have a single or primary anticorruption strategy?

Is in the National Plan of Development.

8. Does your country have freedom of 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

## **Institutional Environment**

11. What are the main functions and operations of your agency? Please check all that apply

Research    Prevention    Investigation    Prosecution    Forensic    Accounting    Policy

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

Yes    No

If Yes, Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. 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

**14. Please enter current size of permanent staff in the space below**

16

**15. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)**

5

**16. Number of investigators (if applicable)**

1

**17. Number of cases handled annually (if applicable)**

On 2009 were proceeded 125 administrative investigations, 835 judicial processes and we intervened in 61 judicial processes

**18. Please enter the name of other agencies with similar functions.**

Doesn't exist another agency

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

Yes    No

**20. Are the human resource management, i.e. recruitment, promotion, termination built on the emphasis of staff integrity and professionalism?**

Yes    No

**21. Who appoints the head of your agency?**

Solicitor General of the Republic

**22. Who has the authority to remove the head of the ACA?**

Justice Minister

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

Yes  No

If Yes, Please specify:

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**24. Is the agency subject to judicial review?**

Yes  No

**25. Is the agency subject to expenditure reviews?**

Yes  No

**26. Does your agency publish an annual report of activities?**

Yes  No

**27. Does your agency measure performance?**

Yes  No

***If yes, against what 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
- Other, please specify

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

**30. Are employees protected by law from recrimination or other negative consequences when reporting corruption (i.e. whistle-blowing)?**

Yes  No

**31. Does your agency have a communication strategy?**

Yes  No

**32. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?**

Yes  No

**33. Is there a strategy in formulating partnership with outside agencies in fighting corruption?**

Yes  No

**34. Is there strategy in dealing with media?**

- Yes       No

**Resource Mobilization**

**35. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?**

- Yes       No

**36. What is the annual budget of your agency?**

General Attorney's Office of The Republic Annual budget is: ₡6.871.440.000 million colones. The Public Ethics Area haven't individual annual budget.

**37. Is the annual budget determined by (Please choose the answer/s that best fits your agency)**

<input type="radio"/>	Number of staff
<input type="radio"/>	Number of investigations
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input type="radio"/>	Other, please specify

**38. How much does it roughly cost to (please enter the dollar amount per stated activity)**

\$	File a case	\$	Manage a paper case	\$	Analyze a case
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**Is difficult to individualize the cost for activity because the Public Ethics Area doesn't possess an independent budget, we depend on the granted budget to the General Attorney's office of the Republic.**

**39. Any Donor Involvement?**

- Yes       No

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

- Yes       No

**Social Environment**

**41. Does your agency offer a mechanism for citizens to report anonymously complaints or offer information on corrupt activities?**

- Yes       No

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

- Yes       No

**43. Does your agency produce regular public reports of its activities?**

- Yes       No

