

Survey on the effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

Background Information

1. Please enter country name in the space below

MAURITIUS

2. The name of the agency

*INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST
CORRUPTION (ICAC)*

3. The date of establishment

FEBRUARY 2002

4. Contact Information

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5. Webpage

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Legal Environment

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

PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT 2002 (PoCA)

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

Primary

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: *AML/CFT National Committee and the ICAC itself*

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

103 (Permanent & Pensionable) + 50 (Contract)

15. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)

Legal Division + 4 from CID

16. Number of investigators (if applicable)

69 (inclusive of 4 prosecutors + Director + 2 Assistant Director)

17. Number of cases handled annually (if applicable)

1300 Complaints Received – Approx 500 pursuable

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

ICAC is the only agency with such functions in relation to combating corruption and money laundering offences. However, the Police and the office of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) do also investigate and prosecute such offences

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?

PRIME MINISTER after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition

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

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. Set up under section 59 of PoCA which shall compose of 5 members by the Prime Minister and 4 members by the Leader of Opposition - Under Section 23 of PoCA. After charges if any are proven by a person who holds or has held judicial office

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

Yes No

If Yes, Please specify:

He shall be appointed for a term of not less than 3 years and not more than 5 years and shall be eligible for re-appointment

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: ***Number of Convictions & Number of Acquittals, Impact of Corruption Prevention Reviews or Law Reform. Number of Investigation Resulting in Repressive Actions***

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?

<i>Rs 140 M around US\$ 4.7 M</i>

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number of staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of investigations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify, <i>Specific Issues and Projects of the Corruption Prevention Department Approved by Parliamentary Committee</i>

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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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