

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

## Background Information

1. Please enter country name in the space below

Mauritius

2. Name of the agency

Independent Commission Against Corruption  
(ICAC)

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

April 2002

4. Contact Information

Marine Road, Quay D, Port Louis  
icacoffice@intnet.mu

5. Website

www.icac.mu

## Legal Framework

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

Prevention of Corruption Act 2002, as amended.  
Financial Intelligence and Anti-Money Laundering Act.  
Year of Entry 2002

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

The Government strategy is through the statutory functions of ICAC under the Prevention of Corruption Act and also through the Government Programme. It is updated regularly, at least once every year.

8. Does your country have right to information legislation?

Yes  No

But the Constitution already guarantees freedom of expression and all information readily available except those prohibited by law e.g. Cabinet Minutes.

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?

Yes  No

12. Is your agency protected from political interference by law?

Yes  No

## Institutional Framework

13. What functions does your agency perform?

*Please check all that apply*

Research  Prevention  Investigation  Prosecution  Forensics  Auditing  Policy

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

Yes  No

If yes, please specify: **ICAC coordinate the efforts both in private + public sectors.**

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?

**132 staff on Permanent Establishment. 9 staff on secondment. 33 on contract. Yes counted separately**

17. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)

7

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

89

**19. Number of support staff (if applicable)**

47  
Including Drivers, Attendants, Office Secretaries

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

About 80% of staff are on Permanent Establishment & 20% on contract

**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**

14,642

**b. Number of investigations conducted**

5,791

**c. Number of investigations completed**

6,184

**d. Number of cases recommended for prosecution**

443

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

375

**f. Number of convictions**

134

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

January - October 2014: 104 activities/events touching 7190 participants directly

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

Rs 231,370.16

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

None

**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 Prime Minister after consultation with the Leader of Opposition

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

The Parliamentary Committee, set up under Section 59 of the PoCA 2002. Details are at **Annex A.**

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

The Director-General does not report to anybody as far as operations are concerned. However, he reports to the Parliamentary Committee in respect of utilisation of resources.

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

Yes       No

If yes, please specify: He shall be appointed for a term not less than 3 years and not more than 5 years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

**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
- ☑ Number of Corruption Prevention Reviews completed
- ☑ Number of recommendations made
- ☑ Number of follow-up reviews conducted
- ☑ Implementation Rate
- ☑ Number of public bodies implementing the public sector anti-corruption framework
- ☑ Number of anti-corruption tools/best practice guides developed/implemented/reviewed

**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?**

**Local Training**

- Reconciling efficiency and Fraud avoidance in the Public service
- Data Protection Legislation
- Formation of Trusts and administration
- Leading Effective Teams
- Effective Oversight of capital Markets: Compliance, Examinations Investigations and prosecutions of securities Fraud and Abuse
- Data protection a must for today's business
- Workshop: Explanatory workshop on Budapest Convention
- Fraud Prevention and Detection workshop
- Training on Green IT Governance

**Foreign Training**

- Training Programme in Methods, tools and practices on Corruption and Anti-Corruption Measurement and assessment - Bostwana, Gaborone
- Training course on Interview techniques - Bostwana, Gaborone
- Singapore Anti-Corruption Strategy - Singapore
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- 6<sup>th</sup> Interpol Global Programme on Anti corruption an Asset Recovery - Nigeria
- Training Programme for Heads of Public/Community Education and Corruption Prevention - Bostwana, Gaborone

**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

Subject to Government Revenue Grant

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

Budget 2014 - Rs 183.4 Million	
	Rs
Staff Cost -	152,450,000
Services & Supplies -	19,000,000
Other Operating Cost -	10,450,000
Office Equipment & Furniture -	1,500,000

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

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

The budget is statutory mandated. The estimates are debated and approved by the Parliamentary Committee.

50. Is there any receive any financing from donors?

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?

Developed specially for ICAC. Case Management system. Developed by a software company based on requirements and specifications from the Investigation Division.

## 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?

Yes  No Monthly on its website

## Innovation

55. Does your agency use any IT tools to

- Facilitate reporting of corruption and fraud by citizens (like [www.Ipaidabribe.org](http://www.Ipaidabribe.org) )
- Share information with citizens about its own activities
- Share and/or obtain information for its own investigations

- d. Other – please explain - The IT Cyber lab is operational for the following
- Securing of digital evidence and peripherals,
  - Acquisition of digital evidence from storage devices,
  - Examination of digital exhibits,
  - Drafting reports on findings obtained from storage sources and interpreting them with a view for court presentation,
  - Assisting CID staffs on site for securing of digital evidence whenever so required,

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

- Yes       No