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Climate Governance Integrity Programme REDD+ corruption risks and TI work

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Corruption?

- “Corruption is an insidious plague that has a wide range of corrosive effects on societies. It undermines democracy and the rule of law, leads to violations of human rights, distorts markets, erodes the quality of life and allows organized crime, terrorism and other threats to human security to flourish.”

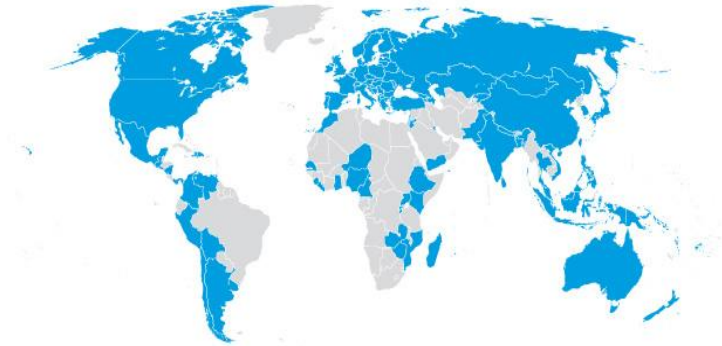
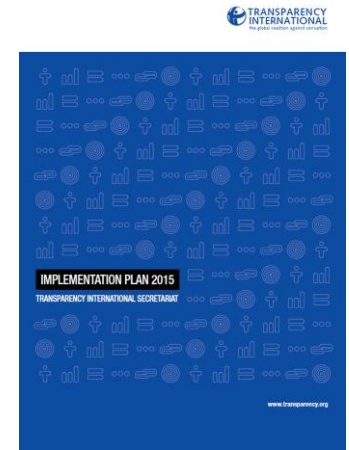
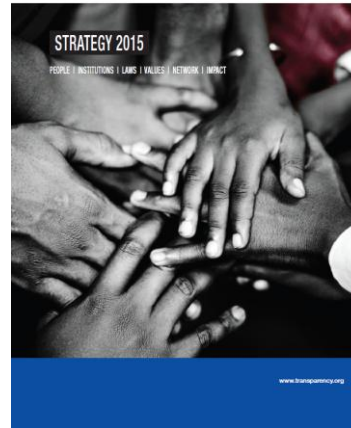
Kofi A. Annan, UN Convention Against Corruption, 2004

- “the seriousness of problems and threats posed by corruption [...] jeopardizing sustainable development”

UN Convention Against Corruption, 2004

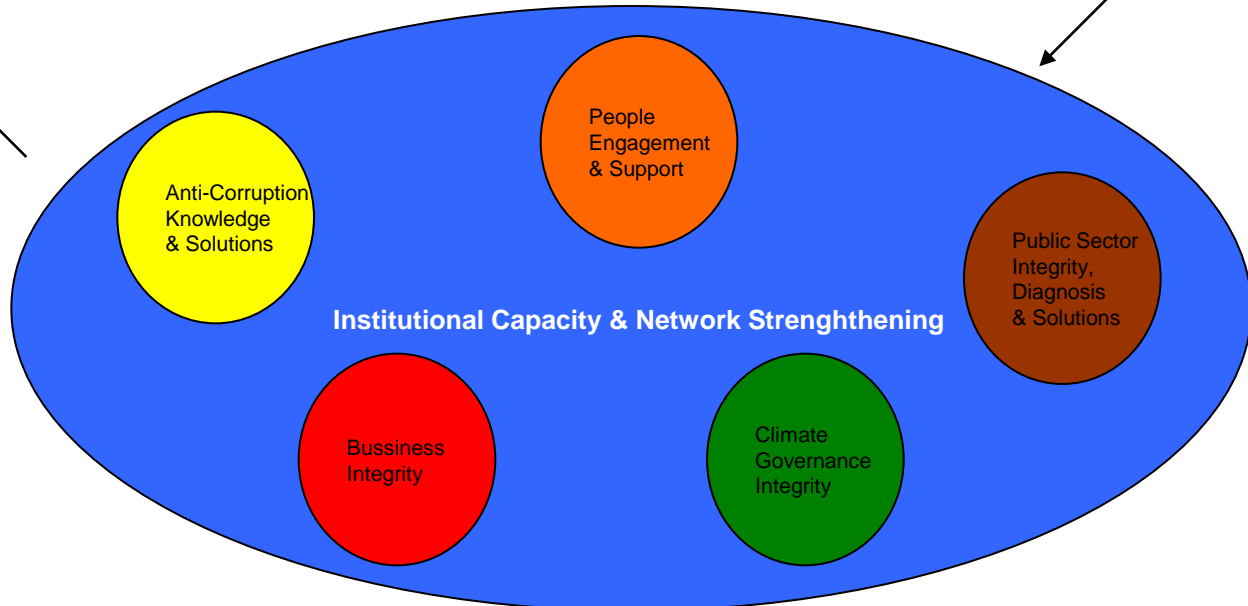
- Ti defines corruptions as
the abuse of entrusted power for private gain

Introduction to TI



● Countries and territories with a Transparency International chapter

Current as of June 2011



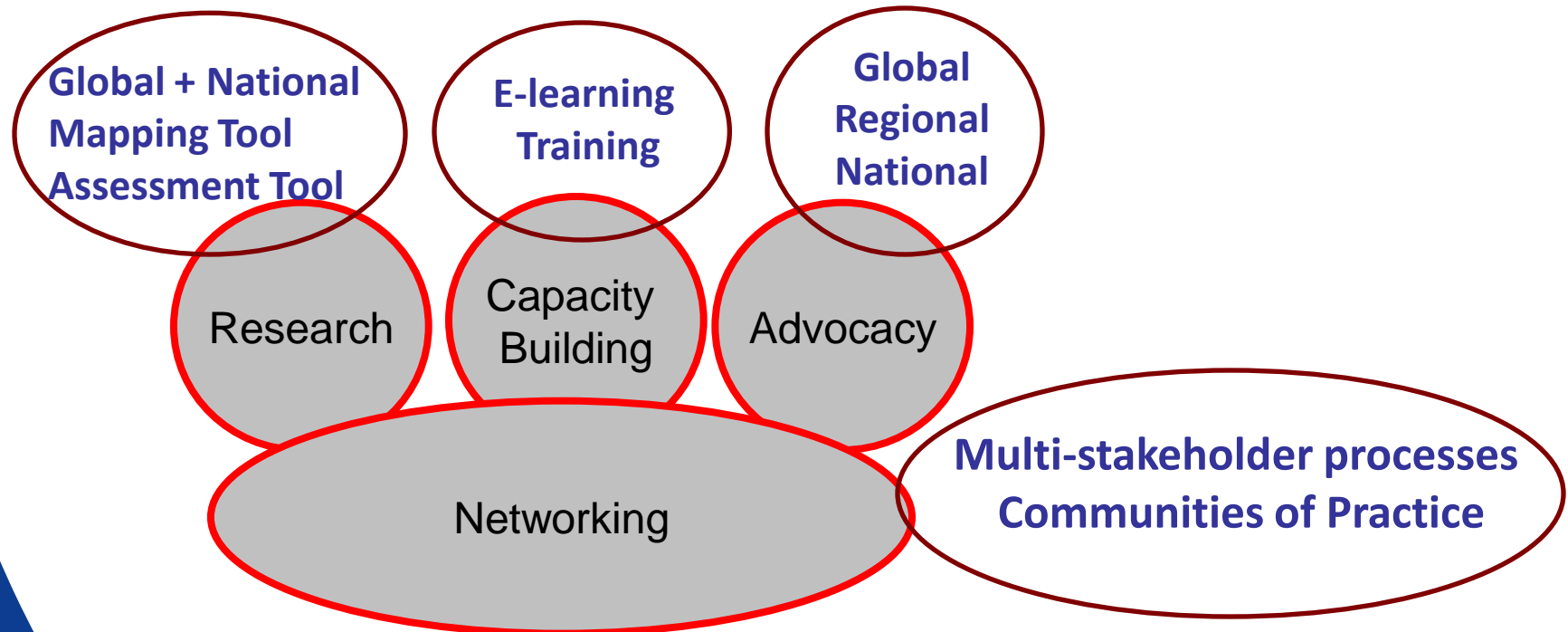
Overview of TI Climate Governance Integrity Programme



Purpose and aims

Minimize opportunities for corruption and corruption risk in public finance for adaptation and mitigation actions...

...by promoting transparency, accountability and integrity:



Overview of TI Climate Governance Integrity Programme



Why corruption threatens REDD+



(1) Existing corruption

- endemic corruption
- difficulty in sustainable forestry governance
- lack of transparency / clear property rights

(2) REDD+ new opportunities

- very large financial flows
- technical nature of the carbon finance

1+2 = Potential to undermine the objectives of REDD+

- no reduced deforestation
- no decreased poverty nor improved livelihoods
- lost of trust among local actors / donors / investors
- increase of emissions
- violation of human rights, alienation of communities

Why corruption threatens REDD+



1. Financial system

No decision yet (Market? Funds?): all sources should be safeguarded from corruption

2. Reference levels and MRV

Progress made on ensuring a transparent process in place: emphasis needs to remain

3. Safeguards

Reporting on safeguards: accountability mechanisms on performance

Why corruption threatens REDD+



1. Policy legislation and regulation

- National decisions on carbon ownership (PNG)

2. Financial and economic flows

- Payments for Ecosystem Services syphoning off money (Vietnam)

3. Application activities

4. Performance monitoring and reporting

- Independency of verifiers (Global)

5. Enforcement

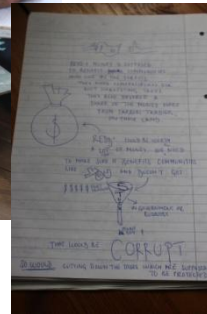
Experience of the PAC REDD Project



A Manual for Assessing Integrity in the Development and Implementation of Forest Carbon Projects and National REDD+ Strategies.



Manual Prepared By:
theIDLgroup



REDD+ GRAPHIC EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

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PROJECT

Educational materials for Transparency International to use in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam, aimed at mitigating corruption risks in the design and roll-out of REDD+ in those countries. The information will educate communities on climate change and the impacts and meaning of REDD+ and graphically portray how communities can assert their rights and be involved in the planning, design and implementation processes with their local governments, and safeguard against corruption.

SCOPE

The materials will be a brochure that folds out into a poster (see sample at right). The information will be portrayed graphically with little text, with the understanding that there are language and literacy barriers. Printing will happen in the local countries.



Our strategy in Sub-Saharan Africa: overview



- Targeted countries: Cameroon, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- Outreach countries: Central Africa Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania
- Goal: contribute to REDD+ governance effectiveness through anti-corruption strategies
- Objectives:
 - increase the adherence and respect of anti-corruption principles and safeguards
 - strengthen public and private sector policies to respect anti-corruption safeguards in the conduct of REDD+

Merci de votre attention !

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