



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW GUIDE: STATE AND NON-STATE ACTORS

Purpose

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ETHICS AND INTEGRITY DIRECTORATE

Section 1: Organisational Dimensions

1. Please briefly explain the mandate of your organisation.
2. What was the rationale behind the introduction of the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Act? (*Probe: situational analysis prior to enactment? Actors involved in formulation*)
3. To what extent does the EID have adequate resources to effectively carry out its mandate?
4. Does the EID work with public watchdog agencies, business and civil society organisations on anti-corruption initiatives? (*Probe: examples where cooperation was achieved? Who initiated initiative?*)
5. Are there provisions in place to ensure that the public can access information about the activities and decision-making processes of your organisation? (*Probe: is information provided in a clear and detailed manner? Is information published online and/or in print?*)

Section 2: Asset Declaration Management System

1. Asset verification is a critical aspect of any asset declaration system. How does the EID carry out this process?
2. How does the EID provide support to declarants to address concerns around low or non-compliance?
3. Concerns have previously been raised by some Members of Parliament and sections of civil society about the confidential nature of the DALA (i.e., lack of public access to submissions), resulting in doubts about its effectiveness. Are these concerns justified? Why?
4. What could be done to improve the current asset declaration management system?

Section 3: Monitoring

1. Please briefly explain the EID's monitoring function.
2. What have the EID's experiences been in carrying out this function? (*Probe: capacity to monitor*)
3. Has the EID been successful in enforcing sanctions and penalties for low or non-compliance?
4. What are some of the reasons behind declarants failing to abide by submission guidelines and deadlines?

5. What are your views regarding the use of electronic or online declaration systems? (*Probe: plans to digitize the system and timelines*)

Section 4: Recommendations

1. Any recommendations to strengthen Botswana's anti-corruption legal and institutional framework?

DIRECTORATE ON CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIME

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW GUIDE: THE DCEC

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Section 1: Organisational Dimensions

6. Please briefly explain the mandate of your Division.
7. To what extent does the DCEC have adequate resources to effectively carry out its mandate? (*Probe: budget proposal determinations to executive/legislature? Provision to acquire further funding from its own activities e.g., confiscation of assets*)
8. To what extent does the DCEC work with public watchdog agencies, business and civil society organisations on anti-corruption initiatives? (*Probe: examples where cooperation was achieved? Who initiated initiative?*)
9. Are there provisions in place to ensure that the public can access information about the activities and decision-making processes of your organization? (*Probe: if information is provided in a clear and detailed manner? Is information published online and/or in print?*)
10. What would you consider as the DCEC's significant strengths and weaknesses in combatting corruption?

Section 2: Anti-Corruption Legislative and Institutional Environment

1. Do you think existing anti-corruption laws (e.g., Whistleblowing Act, Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Act, and PICA) are effective in practice? Why do you think so? (*Probe: implementation challenges and successes*)
2. Which institutions or actors (both state and non-state) are involved in the formulation of anti-corruption laws, policies or programmes in Botswana? (*Probe: institutions involved in formulating Whistleblowing Act and DALA*)
3. Which factors do you think **support** the Government of Botswana's efforts to implement its anti-corruption reforms? Why do you think so?
4. Which factors do you think **hinder** the Government of Botswana's efforts to implement its anti-corruption reforms? Why do you think so?
5. Please explain the DCEC's relationship with each of the following agencies and entities: (1) Ethics and Integrity Directorate, (2) BURS, (3) Ombudsman, (4) DIS, (5) FIA, (6) Business Botswana, (7) Trade Unions, (8) BOCONGO, (9) MISA Botswana

Section 3: Recommendations

2. Do you think establishing an anti-corruption coalition (a multi-sectoral body between the public, private and non-governmental sectors) could assist in combatting corruption in Botswana?
3. Any other recommendations to strengthen Botswana's anti-corruption legal and institutional framework?

NON-STATE ACTORS

Section 1: Organisational mandate and involvement in anti-corruption work

1. Please briefly explain the mandate of your organisation
2. Does your organisation have a working relationship with either of the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) or the Ethics and Integrity Directorate (EID)? If so, how would you describe this relationship in terms of successes and challenges? Examples?
3. Has your organisation contributed to the formulation of any of Botswana's anti-corruption laws, policies or programmes? If so, what was the manner of engagement and were your views adopted?
4. What would you consider as your organisation's key constraints?

Section 2: Factors that support and undermine the implementation of Botswana's anti-corruption efforts

1. Which factors do you think **support** the Government of Botswana's efforts to implement its anti-corruption reforms? Why do you think so?
2. Which factors do you think **hinder** the Government of Botswana's efforts to implement its anti-corruption reforms? Why do you think so?
3. What are your views regarding the implementation of anti-corruption laws such as the Whistleblowing Act of 2016 and Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Act of 2019?

Section 3: Collaboration and interagency coordination

1. Do you think anti-corruption agencies like the DCEC and EID are doing enough to engage non-state actors in the fight against corruption? Why do you think so?
2. Do you think non-state actors are given adequate space and support by government to contribute to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of the country's anti-corruption efforts? Why do you think so?
3. Do you think anti-corruption agencies work well among themselves to combat corruption in the country? Why do you think so?

Section 4: Recommendations

Any recommendations to strengthen Botswana's anti-corruption legal and institutional framework? (*Probe: use of digital technologies, establishment of a multi-sectoral anti-corruption coalition*)