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Effective Public Sector Accountability

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Agenda - Effective Public Sector Accountability

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Introduction

- For effective development and Citizens trust in government, there must be good governance.
- Governance is based on good leadership, respect for the rule of law and due process, accountability and transparency in the operations of government.
- Good governance is critical to growth of the economy and the backbone of good governance is compliance with the law and code of conduct

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- Article 10 of the CoK introduces the Principles of Good Governance
- Article 73 of the CoK introduces Leadership and Integrity
- Article 232 of the CoK provides for the values of public service
- Mwongozo Code, developed in response to the challenges faced in governance of parastatals entrenches the principles and values of public service and best practice in corporate governance.

Current Situation

- In 2GL regimes with only 45% (No 21) Governors re-elected for a 2nd term
- The burden of inherited pending bills currently estimated at 100B.
- Lack of credit against LPOs and LSOs issued by county governments greatly incapacitating the youth who have no capital and a low credit score
- Huge wage bill due to duplication of duties and large number of redundant staff
- Big 4 projects are majorly devolved, despite inadequate resource allocation

Key Challenges

1. Poor planning
2. Poor IFMIS implementation
3. Low budget absorption
4. Erratic exchequer releases
5. Corruption
6. Quality of audit reports

Quality of Audit Reports

Trends on Quality of County Executive Audit Reports					
Opinion	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	
Unqualified	0	0	0	1	Clean report - underlying documentation agreed with the financial statements
Qualified	6	13	25	34	Found some problems but they were not pervasive (not widespread or persistent)
Adverse	17	11	16	5	Reviewed the County's documentation, but problems found were pervasive and would require considerable changes to rectify
Disclaimer	24	23	16	7	Unable to fully review the County's documentation due to unavailability of substantial amount of information

Initiatives by CGL to promote Public Sector Accountability

1. Public sector reforms
2. Performance Management Systems
3. Staff Training and career development
4. Use of ICT & data in planning and decision making
5. Suppliers Development

Emerging Issues

1. PFM Act 107 2(b)

- Section 107 of the PFM Act sets out fiscal responsibility principles in conjunction with the PFM (County Governments) Regulations 2015 Section 25
- Article 196 of the PFM Act details the penalties involved for failure to comply with PFM Act

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2. Role of Regional Blocs in development of County economies
3. Increasing County allocation to 45%
4. Winner-take-all method of elections
5. Achieving The Big 4

Recommendations

1. Develop a tracking system for the implementation of Audit recommendations
2. Establishment of a multi agency professionals body
3. Establishment of a whistleblower policy at ICPAK
4. Enforcement of PFM Act 107 (2b)

In Conclusion

