

International cooperation to combat corruption and bribery

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ICAC MANDATE

01

**Investigation
and prosecution of
corruption and money
laundering offences**

02

**Prevention and
education**

03

**Declaration of assets-
receiving, processing,
verification and
monitoring of assets**

International Cooperation entrenched in section 20 (1) (I) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PoCA) 2002 provides the legal basis for the Commission to develop cooperation with international agencies and partners in the fight against corruption and money laundering.



NEW LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Financial Crimes Commission (FCC) Act 2023 –
FCC Act makes provisions to reinforce international collaboration in the fight
against financial crimes.



**Section 6 (2) (b) of the FCC Act 2023 –
Functions and powers of Commission states that –**

“the Commission shall cooperate, collaborate and establish links with local, regional and international institutions, agencies, organisations or bodies with a view to fostering local, regional and international cooperation in the fight against financial crimes...”

FORMS OF COOPERATION

- **Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA):** a type of formal collaboration – the process may be very long and tedious and may allow criminals to escape from the net
- **Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs):**
 - 9 Anti-Corruption bodies from African Continent & 1 from Asian Continent
 - Undertake joint activities
 - Sharing of knowledge and experience
 - Provision of technical assistance for example ACC Seychelles
 - Sharing of information and intelligence in the conduct of investigations
 - Provide spontaneous information for the detection, substantiation and prevention of corruption and money laundering
 - MoU with the Office of Integrity and Anti-Corruption (PIAC) of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
- **Informal Cooperation - International Platforms/Meetings:**
 - Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE)
 - International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre (IACCC)
 - OECD Law Enforcement Officials (LEO) and Global Network of Law Enforcement Practitioners against Transnational Bribery (GLEN) meetings

COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION ON INVESTIGATIONS

- In November 2020, the ICAC and the Special Crime Unit (SCU), Denmark signed a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) agreement to:
 - facilitate the exchange of information during investigation and in connection with the subsequent prosecution process.
 - facilitate discussion between the two parties concerned regarding both strategic aspects of investigation cases and any legal issues.



COLLABORATION WITH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

ICAC is working closely with the following regional and international organisations, among others:



**Southern African
Development
Community**



**African Union
Advisory Board
Against Corruption**



**Commonwealth
Association of African
Anti-Corruption
Agencies**



**the United Nations
Office on Drugs and
Crime (UNODC)**



IACA



- **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)**
- **Enforcement Directorate (ED), Ministry of Finance**
- **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**

BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- International Cooperation is mutually beneficial.

01

Keep abreast of new developments in the field

02

Exchange of skills, expertise and experiences

03

Benefit from the experiences and expertise of sister agencies

04

Develop and increase avenues for technical support

05

Demonstrate strong advocacy for issues of regional/international importance

CONCLUSION

- International cooperation has been mutually beneficial.
- With the upcoming FCC, our efforts regarding international collaboration will be reinforced due the extended mandate under the new law which will allow for among others, collaboration not only regarding corruption and money laundering but also fraud and other forms of financial crimes.



Thank you

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