

## REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING CORRUPTION

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### Objective

• To enlighten participants on the process of reporting and investigating corruption at KACC.

### Scope

- Organizational Structure of KACC.
- Organizational structure of Investigations and Asset Tracing Directorates Structure (IAT).
- Reports and Data Centre.
- Forensics Investigations Department.
- Operations Department.
- Intelligence Production Department.



## Introduction

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission is constituted by an Act of Parliament, namely; the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2003 (ACECA-2003). The mandate of the Commission is spelt out in section 7 of the ACECA-2003.

## Reporting

What is a report?

- an account of something seen, heard, read, done, or considered.
- Detailed accounts of information or statements, which may also include opinions and findings on a particular topic.
- a written document describing the findings of some individual or group;
- An organized collection of data, prepared for viewing or printing.
- The presentation of a formatted collection of information; can be presented on paper, on the web, on diskette, or online.

## Reporting

- The word reporting is defined as giving spoken or written account of something, conveying information about events or a situation or making a formal complaint.
- Those who report expect remedial action to be taken.
- Confidentiality must be maintained to protect those who make disclosures.
- A proper system of receiving and processing reports is crucial.

## Why report a crime ?

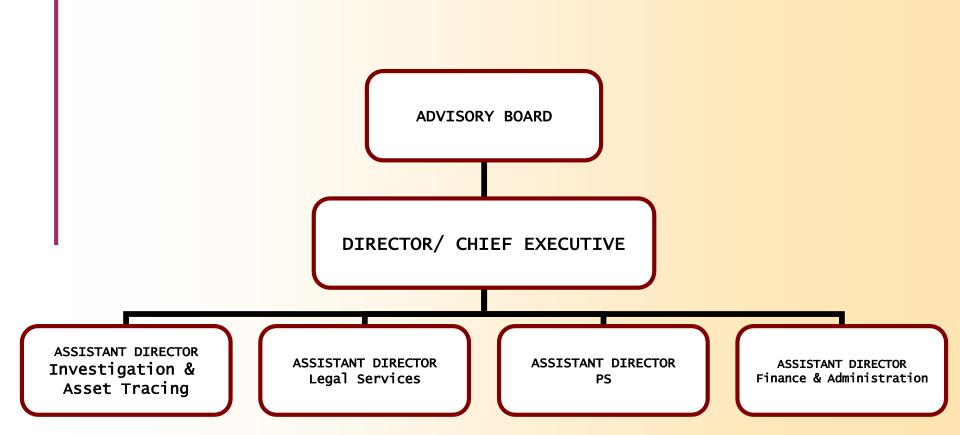
- To enable the offender to be arrested and punished
- To get help
- To stop a crime from happening
- Because crime should be reported
- To recover property/claims/compensation

## Mandate of KACC

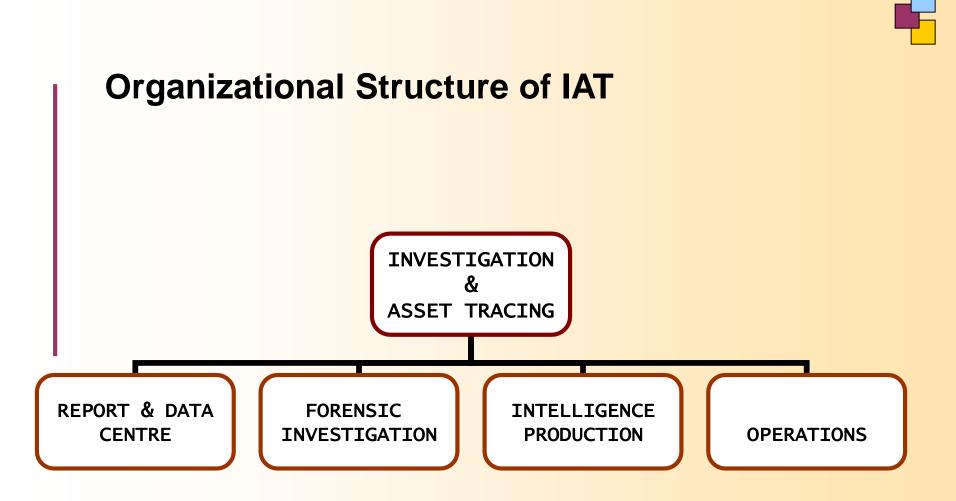
- To investigate actual corruption;
- To investigate any conduct conducive to corruption;
- To assist any law enforcement agency in the investigation of corruption;
- To trace illegally acquired public assets for the purpose of recovery.
- Section 7 of the ACECA-2003 outlines other mandates of the Commission in regard to prevention and public education.















#### Introduction

- As mentioned earlier, the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act 2003 established the Kenya Anti Corruption commission
- Section 7(1) (2) empowers the Commission to receive reports / Complaints on (real) or suspected corruption.

### Why Report Corruption

- It requires joint efforts between members of the public and government to fight corruption
- To enable Anti-corruption agency know where and how corruption takes place, identify risk areas and recognize patterns and trends in Corruption
- To enable the anti-corruption agency to investigate or undertake corruption prevention and education work.





### **Functions of the Reports and Data Centre**

- 1. To receive all reports of suspected or real corruption.
- 2. To analyze complaints by making reference to the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act and the Public Officer Ethics Act.
- 3. To classify and prepare case summaries on complaints received
- 4. To refer complaints to other investigative agencies and government bodies to deal as per section 7(3) of the ACEC Act, 2003





- 5. Develop and manage an appropriate database of reports made to the Commission.
- 6. Generate statistics on cases reported to the Commission.
- 7. Forward cases of corruption to other departments of the Commission for further action.





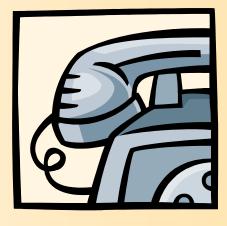
### **Sources of Corruption Reports**

- 1. **Complainants:** A party that makes a complaint, files a formal charge or raises concern about something they believes to be amiss. They are aggrieved, affected and/or have interest.
- 2. Informants: Person who provides information to law enforcement agencies without necessarily having direct interests in the matter. They provide the best information because: they are experts in their areas/professions, have access, witnessed or were party to the offence before opting out and /or have been victims but prefer anonymity.
- 3. Government Departments/Ministries; PSs, KENAO, EMU, Inspectorate of State Corps.
- 4. Parliamentary Reports-PAC / PIC
- 5. The Media

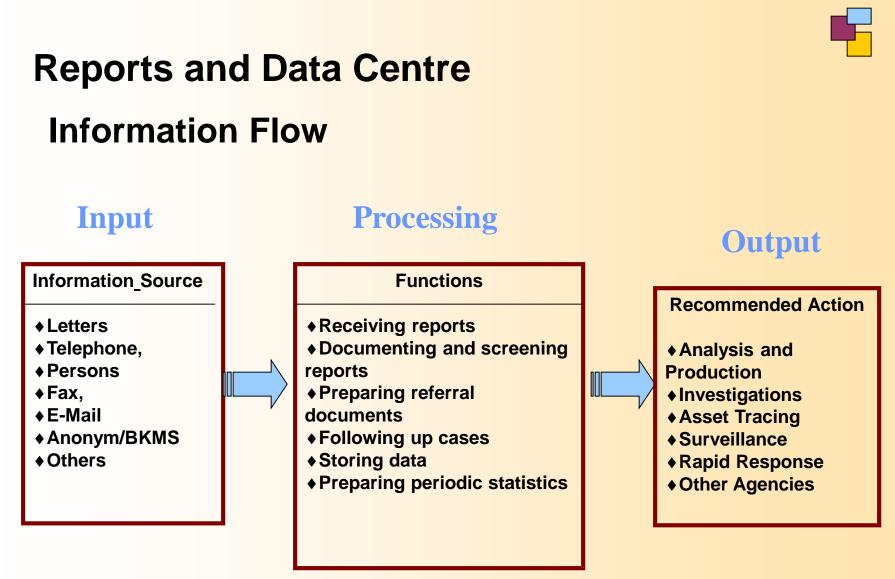


### **Modes of Receiving Reports**

- 1. In Person
- 2. Telephone
- 3. Fax
- 4. E-Mail
- 5. Letters
- 6. Media
- 7. Reports from other Government bodies
- 8. Corruption report boxes
- 9. Anonymous Reporting System- (BKMS)









## STATISTICS OF REPORTS

- 2003 No of reports received 3392within mandate- 303
- 2004 No of reports received 2838
   within mandate-195
- 2005/06 No of reports received 7888-within mandate 1183 (15%)
- 2006/07 No of reports received 8188 within mandate 1637(20%)
- 2007/08 No of reports received 4485 within mandate1121(25%)

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- 2008/09 No of reports received 4335 within mandate 1270 (29%)
- 2009/2010 No. of reports received 4, 372 out of which 1, 282 (29 %)were within mandate.

## Action/advice on reports received

- Taken up by KACC
- Referred to other Investigative Agencies
- Referred to Public Service Organizations
- To avail more information
- Advised on right authority to report matter to
- Advised to seek civil redress
- No further Action by KACC



## **Forensics Investigations**

### Introduction

The Department is responsible for: -

- Investigating allegations of (macro) corruption and economic crimes.
- Investigating the extent of liability for loss or damage of any public property for purposes of recovery





## **Operations**

### Introduction

The Department is responsible for: -

- Fighting micro-corruption through sting (trap) operations and integrity testing.
- Provide backup physical and technical support to Forensics Investigations/ Intelligence Production and other Investigative Agencies
- Security of staff and facilities for the Commission
- Responsible for emergency and business continuity plans





## **Intelligence Production Department**

### Introduction

• The Department is responsible for collection, collation and dissemination of Intelligence on corruption and economic Crimes.



## MODES OF INVESTIGATIONS

- TWO APPROACHES
- ➢ Proactive



## **PROACTIVE TECHNIQUE**

- Intelligence-Led Anti-Corruption Model (ILACOM)
- It is a management decision-making model that is intended to provide a forum within which decision-makers can draw upon tactical and strategic intelligence advice.
- It is a systematic process of identifying priority areas for proactive interventions
  - Strategic Assessment
  - Tactical Assessment

#### Project Driven

- Devolved funds (Pro-poor funds)
- Corruption in public procurement
- Corruption in revenue collection
- Law enforcement corruption
- Service delivery points

## **Reactive Investigations**

 These are investigations done after the alleged corrupt activities have been committed more of historical and covers areas of devolved funds, procurement and revenue collection

#### Challenges

- Impact of influential personalities
- Political and public pressure
- Closed circle of subjects
- Nature of evidence historical
- Sensitivity of investigations
- Politicization of investigations
- Investigation transnational
- Legal



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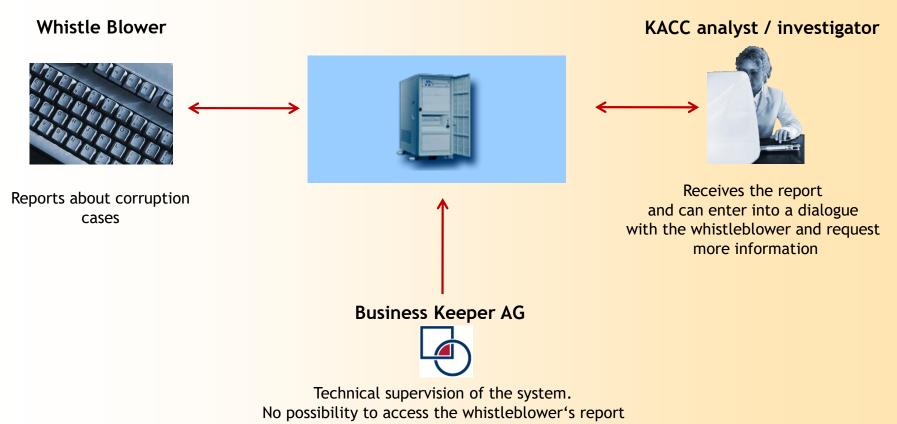


#### Introduction

- Web based reporting system that provides a secure and anonymous mode of reporting corruption which is available through Business Keeper Monitoring System (BKMS)
- The System is accessed through the Official KACC Website www.kacc.go.ke
- Target Group Civil Servants, White Collar Crime, General Public
- The BKMS system has provided a very suitable platform for reporting corruption anonymously without fear of 26 victimization or persecution



#### How **BKMS** works









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## **BKMS challenges**

- Low computer literacy levels and limited access to computers
- Low internet speeds affect usability
- Limited connectivity to electricity / internet especially in rural areas
- Relatively expensive internet access

## Protection for those who report

 ACECA s.65 offers protection to those who make report or give assistance to investigators.

 Witness Protection Act,2006-currently being implemented by the Witness Protection Unit in the AG's Office.



## Conclusion

- People with information on corruption must be encouraged to report.
- Precaution against retribution is crucial especially in cases of official corruption. The informant must be protected e.g. by ensuring anonymity and confidentiality upon receipt of the report and during investigations.





## **Report Corruption To**

The Director/Chief Executive Kenya Anti- Corruption Commission Integrity Centre Milimani Road/Valley Road Junction P.O Box 61130-00200 <u>Nairobi</u>

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## **Parting Shot**

Changing a corrupt society and attitude takes time and it is a long process. Indeed, fighting corruption is a war, Henceforth, you shall be among the chosen soldiers to fight it.





# THANK YOU Q & A

