Social Accountability Symposium

Exploring what it takes to enhance social accountability

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26th – 27th September, 2019
WELCOME TO THE SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYMPOSIUM!
It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Social Accountability Symposium. The symposium is organized by Transparency International Rwanda with the support of the Decentralization and Good Governance Program of the German Development Cooperation.

While citizens worldwide are increasingly becoming more insistent and confident in expressing and demanding their right to participate in public decision-making, the space for such participation is not always provided or it does not always lead to better governance. But worldwide, many good examples exist, where citizens were empowered to actually contribute to good governance and the fight against corruption. Although there is no “one-size-fits-all” approach, there are common success factors and good experiences all over the world.

The two-day symposium is organized to discuss impactful social accountability tools, frameworks and strategies in Rwanda, the region but also integrating global experiences.

We are happy that you join this journey and we are looking forward to jointly discuss experiences and our way forward!
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Ms Ingabire Immaculee - Chairperson of TI-RW
Ms Immaculée is a very active human rights defender mostly on gender issues and anticorruption. Her professional career includes working in media sector and civil society organizations. Ms Immaculée is among the twenty founding members of Transparency International Rwanda in 2004 and she was elected in March 2015 for the second term, as the Chairperson of Transparency International Rwanda. Marie Immaculée Ingabire holds a Master’s degree in Gender Studies and Human Rights (University of Pretoria – South Africa).

Ulrich Berdelmann, Programm Director of Decentralization and Good Governance Program, GIZ
Mr. Ulrich Berdelmann has an extended experience in Decentralization and Good Governance, with a specific focus on accountability and citizen engagement in development processes. He worked in Morocco, Benin, Niger, Cameroon and Middle East as lawyer and expert for decentralization and administrative reforms. The projects he worked with as Advisor, Consultant and Program Manager always had a component of social accountability, to ensure effectiveness and measure the impact for the development of society and citizens.
What are the four pillars of social accountability?

(1) organized and capable citizens’ groups
(2) an enabling environment, with government champions who are willing to engage
(3) cultural appropriateness
(4) access to information
OVERVIEW OF SESSIONS

26th September, 10:00 – 11:30: Social accountability tools – the Government, CSO and Development partners perspective

This session will assess experiences and challenges of existing social accountability tools developed by different stakeholders. What do we know about how these tools work? How do the different tools connect stakeholders to ensure good governance and service delivery?

Moderator: Erick Shaba, Independent Journalist and Moderator

Dr. Usta Kaitesi Rwanda, CEO of Rwanda Governance Board (RGB)

Dr. Usta Kaitesi is the Chief Executive Officer of Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) and a Non-Permanent Commissioner at the Rwanda Law Reform Commission. Dr Kaitesi holds a PhD in Law from the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, a Master of Laws from the University of Ottawa, Canada and a Bachelor’s degree from the then National University of Rwanda. She has published in the areas of law, human rights and gender.

Rueben L. Lifuka, Vice Chair of Transparency International

Rueben is currently the Managing Partner and Environmental Consultant with Riverine Zambia Limited. He is also a Director and shareholder Dialogue Africa. Rueben joined Transparency International Zambia in 2001 and he was elected to the Board of TI Zambia in 2005 as Vice President and later in 2007 ascended to the position of Chapter President. In 2017, he was elected Vice Chair for the TI Global Board.

Roisin Devale, Country Director, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)

Roisin Devale is the Country Director of Norwegian People’s Aid in Rwanda. Norwegian People’s Aid supports civil society organisations and citizens to participate in and influence the formulation and implementation of national and local policymaking, planning and governance. Under the PPIMA project, supported by Dfid and Sida, 15 civil society organisations work together to support citizens to raise their concerns with decision makers, to seek accountability and to engage citizens in local government planning and decision making.
OVERVIEW OF THE SESSIONS

26th September, 12:00 – 13:30: Parallel Session 1: Strategies to institutionalize the use of SA tools to promote inclusive governance

How can the supply and demand sides of social accountability ensure the sustainability and institutionalization of social accountability tools? What is needed to institutionalise social accountability?

Session chair: Sharon Mwangi, Deputy Programme Officer, Humanitarian Aid Integrity Programme

Sharon Njeri is a professional dedicated to making the aspects of project planning and implementation seamless. She is a Bachelor of Arts degree holder in Social Sciences (Sociology) from Moi University offering 5 years of experience in project implementation and administration.

Zengeni Simuchembu, Alliance for Community Actions Zambia

Mr. Simuchembu has played an essential role in the localisation of the social accountability approach to public resource management in Zambia. ACA is an NGO set up in 2013 which works towards the articulated vision of a Zambia in which all her citizens enjoy the full and equitable benefit of all her resources.

Rev. Ntawuhigimana Augustin, Initiative à la Participation Citoyenne (IPC)

Rev NTAWUHIGIMANA Augustin is a pastor from Kigeme Diocese of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, one of the five Civil Society Organisations members of IPC. He currently serves as the focal person of Kigeme Diocese in IPC activities and member of IPC Board of Directors. He has a master’s degree in development studies.
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26th September, 12:00 – 13:30: Parallel Session 2: Is technology transforming social accountability?
This session will assess the opportunities that technology provides for enhancing inclusive governance. We will also discuss the governments and CSOs’ perspective on existing online platforms: do we develop or improve existing underutilized platforms?

Session chair: Dr. Joern Fischer, Advisor, Decentralization and Good Governance Program, GIZ

Dr. Jörn Fischer is Advisor in the field of Citizen-State Relations at GIZ’s Decentralisation and Good Governance Programme (DGG) in Rwanda. Dr. Jörn Fischer holds a PhD in Political Science. His professional experience in development cooperation crosscuts through policy making, research and administration.

Local Administrative Entities Development Agency (LODA)

Titus Odiwuor Ogalo, Coordinator, Transparency International Kenya

Titus is a Political Scientist; currently working with Transparency International Kenya (TI-Kenya) as TI-Kenya’s Public Accountability Programmes Coordinator. Titus has over 6 solid Years’ experience working in advocacy and governance areas with elaborate focus on policy advocacy and legislative transformation for good governance, both at National and County Governments levels

Thelma Quaye, Project Manager, Smart Africa

Thelma Quaye is the Project Manager in charge of broadband and Internet initiatives at the Smart Africa Secretariat. One of the Key Projects she is leading is to draft a roadmap and create projects in form of a strategy for all the Smart Africa Member States which will ensure that Africa doubles her broadband penetration by 2025 to support the achievement of a single digital market by 2030.
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26th September, 12:00 – 13:30: Parallel Session 3: Fake News and Social Accountability

How does fake news impact social accountability outcomes and initiatives? How does inaccurate reporting affect the ordinary citizen and decision-making?

Session chair: Dr. Sam Kamau, Director of the Social Accountability Media Initiative

Dr. Sam Kamau is a media and communications scholar and practitioner based at the Aga Khan University’s Graduate School of Media and Communications. He is also the current Director of the Social Accountability Media Initiative (SAMI).

Emmanuel Mugisha, Executive Secretary of the Rwanda Media Commission

Mr Mugisha has a strong background in the Media Sector. He had relevant posts at Media High Council as: Legal Advisor, Director of Professionalism and Media Development; Ag. Executive Secretary of the Media High Council at different times. Served as a lead member of the technical team of 2013 media reforms that lead to the creation of RBA among others.

Dr. Frank Tanganika, Dean of the school of Mass Communication at East African University Rwanda

Frank Tanganika (PhD) has many years of experience as a lecturer. He also worked for a decade in the field of journalism as a reporter, sub editor, and managing editor at The New Vision, Kampala – Uganda, and The New Times, Rwanda respectively. Dr. Tanganika is currently the Dean of the school of Mass Communication at East African University Rwanda. He has also authored some Literary works namely “Kalisa’s Son and Other Short Stories From Rwanda”.

Edmund Kagire, Journalist

He is an award-winning Rwandan Journalist & editor currently working with KT Press & Kigali Today- one of the leading Rwandan news sites. Until the end of 2018, he worked with The East African & Rwanda Today newspapers. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Development studies from Makerere University, Uganda and several training courses in media.
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26th September, 15:45 – 17:00: Plenary Session: Social Accountability for Achieving SDGs - Leaving No One Behind
How can the supply and demand sides of social accountability ensure the sustainability and institutionalization of social accountability tools? What needed to institutionalise social accountability?

Moderator: Paul Banoba, Regional Coordinator East Africa Movement Support Team, Transparency International Secretariat

Paul Banoba is an Africa Regional Advisor based at the international Secretariat of Transparency International. His career spans 20 years working with multiple stakeholders from government, private sector, civil society and the media at both national and international levels, addressing development issues, and providing policy advice.

Yusuf Murangwa, Director General, National Institute of Statistics Rwanda (NISR), Mr Murangwa Yusuf is the Director General of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR). He is a professional statistician and operational researcher with more than 15 years of experience in statistics development. He has worked on a wide scope of statistics including: labour, education, economic, prices, agriculture, population and censuses and poverty statistics to mention but a few.

Bonny Mukombozi, Project Manager, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO). Bonny Mukombozi is a Researcher, a Journalist and a Policy Analyst. At VSO, he supports the Social Accountability Core approach which seek to reinforce Social Inclusion, Social Justice and Gender Equality as essential issues for effective development work in health, livelihood, education and other programs as per VSO vision.

Donald Ndahiro, SDG Advisor, SDG Center for Africa. Donald joined the SDGC/A at its establishment in July 2016, moving from work he was doing with the MDGs at community level. He is the SDGs Advisor on agriculture and food security. He works on policy analysis and advice on interventions related to improving African agriculture and food systems.
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27th September, 9:45 – 11:00: The Voice of Citizens

Moderator: Dr. Sam Kamau, Director of the Social Accountability Media Initiative
In this session, citizens have the opportunity to present their projects and ideas on how to enhance social accountability in their everyday life.

Students from Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology will present their “Anti-Corruption-App” ACAP that they have developed in school. The presenters are: Abimana Odile, Kirabo Monica, Izi Nkusi Angela

Emmanuel Niringiyimana, young citizen who got engaged in the countries’ development by building a road for his community.

Ingabire Egidie, a journalist who graduated in Journalism & Communication from the National University of Rwanda (NUR). She worked as Chief Editor with Rwandan Parliament Radio (Inteko Radio) for 2 years and currently working as Senior Producer and Presenter at The National Television (Rwanda Broadcasting Agency).
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27th September, 11:30 – 13:00: Plenary Session: Designing and Enhancing Citizen-Led Governance
Where do we see the future of citizen led governance? Which enabling environment do we need to create/design to achieve this? Reflection on lessons learnt and future opportunities.

Moderator: Samuel Kimeu, Executive Director of Transparency International Kenya, Mr. Samuel Kimeu is the Executive Director of Transparency International-Kenya. Mr. Kimeu is also serving as an elected member of the Board of Transparency International since October 2017 and an elected Member of the African Union Advisory Board on Anti-Corruption (AUABC) since July 2019.

Cris Ayebare, Strategic Technical Advisor, Ministry of Local Government

Apollinaire Mupiganyi, Executive Director of Transparency International Rwanda, Since 2007, Mr. Apollinaire Mupiganyi works with the Transparency International movement and is Executive Director of the Rwandan chapter since April 2009. Mr. Apollinaire Mupiganyi holds a Masters’ Degree in Business Administration with a major in management, from Neuchatel University (Switzerland)

Ulrich Berdelmann, Programm Director of Decentralization Good Governance Program GIZ, Mr. Ulrich Berdelmann has an extended experience in Decentralization and Good Governance, with a specific focus on accountability and citizen engagement in development processes. He worked in Morocco, Benin, Niger, Cameroon and Middle East as lawyer and expert for decentralization and administrative reforms. The projects he worked with as Advisor, Consultant and Program Manager always had a component of social accountability, to ensure effectiveness and measure the impact for the development of society and citizens

Prof. Levi Zeleza Manda, communication and media researcher, He is a Malawian communications and media researcher, trainer, communication campaign and human rights media advocacy strategist, public awareness specialist, and journalist. He has over 25 years’ experience in journalism education and training.
WRAP-UP

Paul Banoba, Regional Coordinator East Africa Movement Support Team, Transparency International Secretariat

CLOSING CEREMONY

Ms Ingabire Immaculee - Chairperson of TI-RW

Rueben L. Lifuka, Vice Chair of Transparency International Global Movement

Prof. Shyaka Anastase, Minister of Local Government
**EXAMPLE OF TI-RW’S SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECTS**

**CCCs** are groups of citizens with high degree of integrity, credibility, social acceptability, and leadership capacity to inform, motivate and mobilize citizens in challenging corruption and promoting integrity in service delivery at the local levels.

The **Suggestion Boxes (SB)** project started in 2011. Today, SB are installed at local administration buildings in **59 Sectors of 11 Districts in Rwanda**. The CCCs mobilize their fellow citizens to fill in a questionnaire about service provision and possible corruption encounters. This allows TI-RW to monitor compliance of service provision at Sector level with the Standard Service Charter and to gather information about corruption in local administration. Both projects are supported through the giz Decentralization and Good Governance program.
WHO WE ARE

Transparency International Rwanda (TI-RW) is a Rwandan civil society organization created in 2004 and became accredited as national chapter of Transparency International in September 2011 and is since then part of the Transparency International movement. In our work we focus on four thematic pillars:

1. Preventing and combating corruption,
2. Promotion of rule of law, transparency and accountability,
3. Communication building and evidence-based advocacy,

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