

Background

- Introduction of the 10th principle dec 2004 round tables
- Recognition that Malawi's reputation on the corruption index had slipped from 42 to 90
- Govt was committed in fighting corruption but private sector had not joined the fight against corruption
- Agreement to hold a one day leaders forum on Building Alliances to Eliminate Corruption

Main outcomes of the leaders forum

- For an independent taskforce to be established, which would drive the action plan forward.
- To review existing codes and the adoption or development of a code of conduct for the private sector and state enterprise in Malawi to promote a zero tolerance approach to corruption.
- The initiating of an independent body that would build value around, or incentivise, a zero tolerance policy on corruption - particularly as it related to the supply chain of larger companies, state enterprise and government procurement.

More outcomes

- A recognition of the need to strengthen corporate governance practices of both private and public sector businesses in Malawi.
- The development of a system for publicising all major procurement contracts and transparent processes for deciding on successful bids.
- The formation of a government working group to highlight inefficiencies in the system that create loop holes for engaging in corrupt practices, and devise ways of eliminating such inefficiencies.
- For government to look to ratify the AU Convention on Corruption
- For donors to provide greater support for multi-sector alliance building initiatives

Advantages

- Issue based approach encouraged companies that were not initially interested to join as they saw the relevance of being apart f the network
- Possibility to develop practical solutions where ownership was with business
- Putting the principles into action

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