

The Secretariat is managed by an Executive Secretary. Its organizational structure, which conforms to the general policies and guidelines of the African Union is designed and staffed by professional, technical and administrative personnel.

H. Status of Ratification of the Convention on Corruption.

49 out of 55 } 89% States are signatories to the Convention

48 out of 55 } 87% States have ratified /acceded to the Convention

Countries which have not expressed their intention to be bound: Central African Republic, Cape Verde. Countries which are yet to ratify/ accede: Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Djibouti, Eritrea, Somalia, South Sudan and Eswatini

I. Official language of the Board

The official languages of the Board are those of the African Union. These are Arabic, English, French, Portuguese.

J. Seat of the Board

The seat of the Board is Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania.

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A. African union convention on preventing and combating corruption.

The member states of the African union adopted the African union convention on preventing and combating corruption (the Convention) at the Second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held in Maputo (Mozambique), on 11 July 2003. The convention entered into force on 5th August 2006, thirty (30) days after the deposit of the fifteenth (15th) instrument of ratification. To date forty Eight (48) countries have ratified the convention and are states parties to it.



B. Creation of the board

The board is the emanation of the Convention and it was created on 26th May 2009 under the Article 22 (1) of the Convention. This organ bases its work on the provisions of this legal instrument and in this regard, it is the unique continental organization mandated by the African union to deal with corruption and related themes in Africa.

C. Mandate of the board

The main mandate of the board is to promote and encourage the adoption of measures and actions by the State Parties to prevent, detect, punish and eradicate corruption and related offences in Africa as well as to follow up on the application of those measures and submit a report to executive council on regular basis on the progress made by each State Party in complying with the provisions of the Convention.

D. Mission of the board

The mission of the AUABC, which has clearly been stated on article 22(5) of the Convention is to:

- Promote and encourage adoption and application of anti-corruption measures on the continent;
- Collect and document information on the nature and scope of corruption and related offences in Africa;
- Develop methodologies for analyzing the nature and extent of corruption in Africa, and disseminate information and sensitize the public on the negative effects of corruption and offences;

- Advise government on how to deal with the scourge of corruption and related offences in the domestic jurisdictions;
- Collect information and analyze the conduct and behavior of multi-national corporations operating Africa and disseminate such information to national authorities designated under article 18(1) of the convention here of;
- Develop and promote the adoption of harmonized codes of conduct public officials;
- Build partnerships with the African Commission on Human and People's rights, African Civil society governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to facilitate dialogue in fight against corruption and related offences;
- Submit a report to executive council on a regular basis on the progress made by each State Party in complying with the provisions of the Convention;
- Perform any other task relating to corruption and related offences that may be assigned to it by the policy organs of the African Union.

E. Composition of the Board

The Board is composed of 11 members, each proposed by States Parties and elected by the Executive Council from a list of experts. The Board Members should be of:

- Highest integrity and impartiality.
- Recognized competence in matters relating to preventing and combating corruption and related offences.

For the election of Board Members, the Executive Council ensures adequate representation of women and equitable geographical representation. The members of the Board are independent personalities who serve in their personal capacity. They are appointed for a period of two years, renewable once. The first Board was appointed for the period 2009-2011.

F. The AUABC Bureau

The Board elects from among its members a Bureau comprising of Chairperson, a Vice- Chairperson and a Rapporteur. Members of the Bureau are appointed for a period of one (1) year. The Bureau ensures the planning and coordination of the activities of the Board necessary to execute its functions under Article 22(5) of the Convention. The Bureau may represent the Board in regional and international conferences or meetings related to its functions and mandate. The Bureau may, after informing the African Union Commission (AUC) and on behalf of the Board, conclude partnerships and cooperation arrangements with other organizations or regional or international institutions pursuing similar goals.

G. Secretariat of the Board

The Secretariat functions under the direction of the Bureau and the supervision of the Rapporteur. It has been established to provide substantive, professional, administrative, and logistical support to the Board. Specifically, the Secretariat organizes all meetings of the Board and the Bureau. It maintains registry of all documents and correspondence of the Board, and renders a general record-keeping function relating to its activities. It also provides the necessary technical support to Board Members in the execution their mandate.