

Information overload and knowledge deficit:

Lessons from the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre

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# Knowledge Management for Anti-Corruption: Problems, Perspectives and Prospects

(Summary Note with Peer Review)

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## Who we serve:



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## **A series of concerns:**

- **Information overload**
- **Knowledge insufficient for the need of pro-integrity reform**
- **Bilateral agencies, not good learning institutions**
- **Practitioners are constantly reinventing the wheel**
- **Strategy formulation most often happens in a vacuum.**

## **The failure to learn and share:**

- **Lack of resources**
- **Field staff are extremely pressed for time**
- **No systems for harvesting information**
- **Some people do not want to share their knowledge**
- **Rotation of staff**

## U4 Resource Centre is responding to these challenges:

- Projects Database
- Resources
  - Theme Pages
    - Public Finance Management
    - Health and Education
    - African Anti-Corruption Commissions
    - Donor Coordination
    - Knowledge management
    - Corruption in Emergencies
    - Political Will
  - Selected literature
  - Tool kits
- Links
  - Web-sites
  - Organisations
- Services
  - Helpdesk
  - Training

## **What changes are needed within agencies:**

- **Agencies must open up**
- **Build on established knowledge**
- **Employ people with KM skills**
- **Resources must be made available to KM activities**
- **Review incentives for sharing**
- **Staff rotation practices**

## How internet based resource centers help?

- **Resource centers must be developed further**
- **Resource centers must make alliances with academia and civil society in order to act as a link to practitioners**