

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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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**