

# **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AGAINST CORRUPTION :THE ROOTS**

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# **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

- To ensure that transparency alleviates corruption, information must not only reach and be received by the public, but the public must act upon obtaining the information to affect the behavior of potentially corrupt agents. Government transparency is a government's obligation to be open, accountable and honest with citizens on how it is conducting business and spending taxes.**

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- **The Public Service Anti-corruption Strategy is informed by the following principles to root out corruption: a. The need for a holistic and integrated approach to fighting corruption, with a balanced mixture of prevention, investigation, prosecution and public participation as the platform for the strategy. Some excellent ways to show community members your commitment to transparency and accountability in local government interactions include:**
- **Open Budgets. ...Public Disclosures. ...Public Meetings and Hearings. ...Online Portals and Databases. ...Open Data Initiatives. ...Live Streaming of Meetings. ...and Timely and Regular Updates.**

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- **Specifically, in terms of corruption, the principle of accountability holds that states have a duty to respect, protect and fulfil rights. In the case of an alleged violation of rights, they must investigate, prosecute and provide an effective remedy.**
- **In general, accountability is taking responsibility for a particular action or goal. We see public sector accountability as “the appropriate people taking responsibility for working towards appropriately defined results.**

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- **WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO PARTICIPATE IN  
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- **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

