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KACC Blamed for Legal Gaps in Anti-Graft War

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Transparency International (TI) has faulted the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC) and the Government for failing to implement laws and strategies to fight corruption.

Two newly released reports by TI have challenged Kenyans to develop mechanisms to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of KACC.

Kenya has been grouped along with eight other African countries that are accused of ignoring the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and the African Union Convention (AUC) on Preventing Corruption. They are Algeria, Burundi, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo and Uganda.

One report, International Conventions Work in Africa, showed that the countries lacked political will to implement reforms and comprehensive national strategies to combat corruption.

The study analysed the countries' anti-corruption measures and highlighted the shortcomings in their reform processes.

The second report, the Country Review of Legal and Practical Challenges to Domestication of the Anti-Corruption Convention released in Berlin this week, TI recommended that the country's civil society, media and Parliament through relevant committees develop tools for monitoring KACC and other Government bodies set up to fight corruption.

The report states that the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act gave KACC and its director independence from direction by any other authority. The only organ of Government that KACC is accountable to is Parliament, the report stated.

The report also recommended that the role of prosecuting corruption cases be transferred from the Attorney General to KACC.

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