

KENYA'S ROADMAP ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND OPEN DATA

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KENYA

- The Republic of Kenya is situated in East Africa
- Covers 580,367 square Kilometers with a population of around 45 million people.
- The supreme law of the Country is the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.
- Access to Information held by state is guaranteed under the Constitution bill of rights.



- The Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) (Ombudsman) established under the Constitution
- It has the oversight and enforcement of Access to Information Act, 2016.
- It addresses issues of maladministration in public sector.



Importance of the Act

- Enhance accountability and transparency of Government institutions through disclosure of information.
- Enhance and create awareness of citizens in access to information to enable them participate in governance.
- Enhance the fight against corruption in public institutions
- Foster unity through openness in Government projects and contracts.
- Correct misinformation



PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE

- Proactive Disclosure by public institutions is a mandatory requirement under the Act including donor funded projects and partnerships.
- The government issued Executive Order No. 2 of 2018 by the President that outlines the information that should be proactively disclosed.
- CAJ circular no. 1 of 2019 to public entities to proactively disclose as per the Access to Information Act.
- Kenyan government joined OGP and is implementing the 3rd National Action Plan with emphasis on open data.



WAY FORWARD

- ① Finalization of the CAJ Access to Information Act Regulations
- ① Creating partnerships and linkages with stakeholders and donors on open data.
- ① Increase citizen awareness program.
- ① Enhance CAJ institutional capacity.
- ① Carry out robust training of Public officers on Access to Information.

