



The role of non states actors in anti-corruption and asset recovery

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Domestic Resources Mobilization has been identified by the African Non-State Actors (NSAs) as the second priority¹ of Economic and Financial Governance in which they feel a need for capacity development. Among the targeted resources, NSAs cite particularly assets derived from corruption, tax evasion, money laundering and illicit financial flows. The emphasis on these resources illustrates the strong demand for accountability and social justice expressed by citizens, which is one of the features of the dynamics of the landscape of governance in Africa in recent years (Afrobarometer 2013 ; IIAG 2013). One of the consequences is the commitment of these actors in campaigns to enhance the recovery of illicit assets as illustrated by the examples of Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, Zambia, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia and most recently Libya.

To respond this demand, the Africa Governance Institute (AGI) organized in Brazzaville (Congo) with the support of African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), from October 23 to 24, 2012, an experience sharing workshop and capacity development session of NSAs on Domestic Revenue mobilization. The meeting was attended by 60 NSAs from the 10 countries members of the Economic Community of Central African States - including both Fragile States and Middle Income Countries- (Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, DR Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad), Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia and representatives from Transparency International (TI), Global Financial Integrity (GFI) and from African Union Board on Anti-Corruption (AUBC). The meeting focused on the issue of the role of NSAs in the fight against corruption and stolen assets recovery to finance development of African countries. This guidance note is part of the follow up process of the face to face interaction engaged with NSAs in Brazzaville and aims to capitalize on the exchanges that took place there.