

LOG-IN Africa

Kenyan Proposal

First Methodology Workshop

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1. Background

■ National governance

- ◆ System of government line Ministries, parastatals, Office of the President, Local Authorities, and Regional Authorities. This system is backed up by private institutions and actors that include civil society and private firms and organizations
- ◆ Public sector reform programme has been on-going since 1993, and is currently on the second phase which focus on Result Based Management
- ◆ Other aspects of reforms include: training and capacity building, ICT, financial planning and budgeting, procurement, accounting, audit and anti-corruption measures

■ **Local governance**

- ◆ **175 LAs composed of City, Municipal, Town and County Councils established under the Local Government Act Chapter 265**
- ◆ **LAs are charged with provision and management of services**
- ◆ **On-going local government reforms are focusing on financial reforms aimed at enhancing intergovernmental fiscal transfers, improving financial management, debt resolution, streamlining budgeting system and service provision capacity building**
- ◆ **The Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF) transfers 5 per cent of national income tax to LAs**
- ◆ **LAs have begun decentralizing service provision and engaging stakeholder participation**

■ **E-governance**

- ◆ **Kenya has launched an ambitious e-governance strategy in line with the national development strategy for wealth creation**
- ◆ **E-governance priorities include: institutional structural and operational reforms, review of regulatory and legal framework and development of a reliable and secure infrastructure**
- ◆ **The ICT e-governance priorities focus on communication channels which include; Government to Government (G2G), Government to Business (G2B) and Government to Citizens (G2C)**

2. Research Objectives

■ Overall objective

- ◆ To assess the ICT policy framework and the impact of ICT on local governance

■ Specific objectives

- ◆ Identify the socio-economic status of selected LAs and their level of coverage by the national ICT infrastructure
- ◆ Assess the governance structures, status of ICT (policies, strategies, standards, human capacity, hardware and software, networking, etc) and ICT initiatives/applications in selected LAs
- ◆ Assess the outcomes/impacts of selected ICT initiatives/applications on internal efficiency, service delivery, governance, and public participation
- ◆ Assess the key challenges in harnessing the benefits and impacts of ICT

3. Methodology

- **Review of relevant literature**
- **Round table discussions with Councilors, Chief Officers and business community**
- **Focus group discussions with ICT operational staff**
- **Key informant interviews with policy makers and Chief Officers**
- **Questionnaires for selected Central Government and LA staff**
- **Stakeholder workshop to discuss the draft final report**
- **Dissemination through publications**

4. Expected Outputs

- **An inception report, containing baseline information on the four selected Local Authorities, the assessment methodology to be used, the expected outputs and a work plan**
- **Data collection instruments based on the assessment methodology**
- **Progress reports (every six months)**
- **A mid-term report on the Kenyan study to be presented in the LOG-IN Africa mid-term review workshop**
- **A draft final report containing policy framework, the impacts of ICTs on local governance and recommendations to be presented to the Kenyan stakeholders**
- **A final report, incorporating comments from the stakeholders workshop and to be presented in final LOG-IN Africa workshop**
- **At least one publication in a refereed journal on the results of the Kenyan study**

5. Plan of Action

Activity	Timeframe
Inception report writing	Weeks 1 – 2, July 2006
Development of data collection instruments	Weeks 3 - 4, July 2006
Data collection from 4 local authorities	August 2006 – December 2006
Data analysis	January – March 2007
Progress reports writing	October 2006, March 2007
Mid-term report writing	April 2007
Draft final report writing	June - July 2007
Stakeholders workshop	September 2007
Final report writing	October 2007
Dissemination of research results, including publications in journals	October - December 2007

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