

African Lawyers Initiative on compliance in business relations

Quick facts for this project:

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Project Summary

This project intends to enhance the level of transparency and accountability in business transactions in the energy sector in Africa. The goal of the project is two-fold:

- Strengthen the rule of law and good governance through the development and use of an Africa-wide Code of Ethics on anti-corruption efforts and compliance standards which is developed, implemented and championed by African lawyers in the public and private sectors for the benefit of local and international business, in particular in the energy sector in Africa.
- Training of private and public sector lawyers across Africa, primarily those employed in the energy sector, in the systematic application of the anti-corruption and compliance standards and the new Code of Ethics in business transactions.

Initially, it is planned to conduct comprehensive research and mapping to create a knowledge base for the development of a comprehensive list of anti-corruption and compliance instruments, as well as actors working in this field. This research, together with the support of experts and the establishment of an African Lawyers Anti-Corruption Steering Committee, will lead to the development of anti-corruption and compliance standards for African Lawyers, as well as a curriculum for a series of training courses on international, African regional and sub-regional anti-corruption instruments and methods of ensuring compliance. Through the Pan African Lawyers Initiative's interactive website, African lawyers will be able to pledge their adherence to the above-mentioned and new anti-corruption standards.

Description of Integrity Partner

The Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU) is a continental membership forum for African lawyers and lawyers' associations. PALU was founded in 2002, by African Bar leaders and eminent lawyers, to reflect the aspirations and concerns of the African people and to promote and defend their shared interests. It brings together the continent's five Regional and 54 National Lawyers Associations, whose Presidents constitute the PALU Council. It is the vision of PALU to see a united, just and prosperous Africa, built on the rule of law and good governance. Its mission is to advance the law and the legal profession, rule of law, good governance, human and peoples' rights and socio-economic development of the African continent.

Pan African Lawyers Union (<http://www.lawyersofafrica.org/>)

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Link to the website

<https://www.siemens.com/global/en/home/company/sustainability/compliance/collective-action/status-of-the-second-funding-round/palu.html>