KENYA’S ROADMAP ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND OPEN DATA

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The Republic of Kenya is situated in East Africa.

It 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 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

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