

2ND AUC-NANHRI Policy Forum on the state of African National Human Rights Institutions

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The theme this year is : The Role of African National Human Rights Institutions in Preventing and Comparing Corruption.

Speaking on the first day of the Forum on the state of The [African Union](#) Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption, adopted in 2003, AUCPCC among Member States, Ms Martha Munthali Senior Policy Officer AUABC noted that the AUCPCC was adopted among other things, to promote, harmonize the policies & legislation between state parties for purpose of prevention, detection, punishment and eradication of corruption. She went on to say that only 40 African countries had ratified the convention and had hoped that by the end of this year being the Year on Anti Corruption, the 15 would have ratified.

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Speaking on behalf our Partners GIZ, Ms Karin Pluberg also had the following to say:

Corruption and human rights violations hinder progress in many developing countries; Governments are the primary actors in bravely fighting corruption and putting in place coherent mechanisms.

The role of NHRIs cannot be underestimated in this.

As a link between the public sector and civil society, they play an imminent role in safeguarding human rights and, more specifically, can play a monitoring role.

They can and should contribute to government work by representing the interests of the rights holders and reflect on the performance of the institutions and government policies put in place. I would therefore like to invite NHRIs to present their reports with a critical eye.