

Integrity

Related Concept

Honesty, ethical, morality, sincerity



The fact that public service in Kenya has long been characterized by corruption and value-less leadership than by equitable, impartial, merit-based and efficient service delivery is indisputable. To create a new reality, the Constitution of Kenya 2010 entrenched the principles integrity, accountability, and good governance amongst the core values that bind all public officers in the performance of their duties, and at all times. The Kenya Dialogues Project recognizes that as a national value, integrity is an obligation both for those in public service as well as the citizens.

Honesty	Honorable in principles, intentions, and actions; upright and fair.
Ethical	Being in accordance with the rules or standards for right conduct or practice especially the standards of a profession.
Morality	Conformity to the rules of right conduct, moral or virtuous conduct
Sincerity	Freedom from deceit, hypocrisy, or duplicity; probity in intention or in communicating, earnestness



Integrity and the Constitution of Kenya 2010

It follows that chapter six (On leadership and integrity) is the heart and soul of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Chapter six sets quite high standards for state officers. It mandates that State officers conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the people; brings honour to the nation and dignity to the office, while promoting public confidence in the integrity of the office. State officers must be selected or elected on the basis of personal integrity and competence; the process should be free and fair. All state officers are required to exercise objectivity and impartiality avoiding nepotism, favoritism and corruption. They should be selfless, honest, disciplined and accountable and should avoid any form of conflict of interest.

The Kenya Dialogues Project (KDP) at SID is committed to creating a public covenant and leadership around four key promises of the Constitution of Kenya. The four promises are: **Public Participation, Integrity, Equality and Devolution**. They enshrine the constitutional vision of a democratic, just, equitable and economically prosperous Kenya. KDP supports active citizenship and responsive governance by building and promoting balanced, respectful and enriching relationships between the public, civil society and government. We create and support spaces for citizens and their leaders to interact in positive, forward-looking ways so as to solve shared challenges within shared communities



Actions sought by KDP to strengthen public participation at national and local level

- Improve citizens' confidence in their ability to positively influence development priorities and outcomes in their localities,
- Engineer attitudinal change and reduce misperceptions about public participation among both leaders and citizens,
- Strengthen existing spaces and frameworks for sustainable citizen participation,
- Avail accurate information to enable evidence-based, impactful citizen Participation